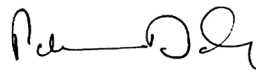


# Executive Report

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

February 2025

Paralympian Medallist Unveiled as Parade Grand Marshal for Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2025

Limerick City and County Council Celebrates Wins at fDi European Cities and Regions of the Future 2025 Awards

Friendship Agreement Unites Limerick and Savannah in Cultural and Economic Partnership

Limerick City and County Council Traffic Wardens Begin Six-Month Trial of Body-Worn Cameras

Route to Proceed to Statutory Planning Process for Wickham Street to Clare Street Active Travel Scheme

Adare Bypass Update: Contracts Signed as Works Advance on 'Vital Infrastructure'

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## Office of the Mayor

### Some highlights for the month of February were:

- I met the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, TD, and signed the contract for the Adare Bypass Design and Construction
- I hosted the Mayor of Savannah, Georgia, and signed the Declaration of Friendship Agreement between Limerick and Savannah, Georgia, USA
- I signed the contract for nine Residential Units in Church Glen, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick
- I finalised the Mayoral Fund Framework 2024/2025
- We had our first meeting of the Homelessness and Drug Addiction Expert Group
- I attended the Lord Mayor, Councillor Micky Murray's, Installation Dinner at Belfast City Hall

- Meeting with Healthy Limerick
- Meeting with Director General
- Attended an IPB Dinner with the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly in Athlone

### 05 February

- Attended and delivered a speech at the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly in Athlone

### 06 February

- Attended the Meeting of the Limerick Chamber Quarterly Updates
- Meeting with representatives from LBS Partners
- Meeting in connection with Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company (DAC)
- Meeting with the Director General
- Meeting regarding Limerick Person of the Year
- Meeting with the Homelessness and Drug Addiction Expert Group
- Meeting with the Director of Service, Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Attended the Erasmus+ Celebration Evening at the Northside Youth Space, Ballynanty, Limerick

### 07 February

- Attended and made a speech at the launch of the Caherconlish National School Safe Routes to School Scheme
- Meeting with the Director of Service, Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

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

#### 01 February

- Meeting with Katie McNeil, Head of the Scottish Government in Ireland

#### 02 February

- Attended an 'All We Have are Days' festival event in Newcastle West and Kilmallock

#### 04 February

- Internal Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Received an update on the SMART Homes Working Group

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- Attend a Consultation Workshop on the Corporate Plan
- Meeting with the Director of Housing
- Meeting regarding the Mayor's Ball
- Meeting with Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services

## 10 February

- Internal Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Meeting with the City Centre Revitalisation Task Force
- Meeting regarding planning of Mayor's Ball
- Follow-up meeting with Limerick City and County Council Healthy Limerick colleagues

## 11 February

- Meeting in connection to Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC
- Attended Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC Board Meeting
- Meeting with colleagues from Housing Directorate
- Meeting with Head of Human Resources
- Attended a photoshoot to mark the Council's successful registration to ISO 450001
- Meeting with Director of Service, Housing, and Director of Service, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Meeting with the Chair of Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)
- Meeting with Director General
- Meeting with Acting President, University of Limerick
- Attended the Limerick Chamber Strategic Partners Dinner

## 12 February

- Meeting with Councillor Sharon Benson
- Colbert Quarter Monthly Meeting
- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Architect
- Planning for Savannah delegation
- Meeting with Director General and Deputy Director General regarding Mayoral Programme
- Meeting with internal Senior Planner
- Meeting with Director of Service, Planning and Place-Making
- Phone call meeting with Special Advisor
- Phone call with Limerick Chamber Chief Economist/Director of Policy
- Planning for Mayoral Ball

## 13 February

- Visited and delivered a speech at Limerick School Project
- Attended the opening of Mini India Grocery and Chatori Deli
- Mayor's Ball Meeting
- Meeting with Director of Service, Housing
- Meeting with Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of Transport
- Meeting regarding SMART homes

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## 14 February

- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly Meeting in Waterford
- Attended the AIB Business Luncheon

## 17 February

- Meeting with Councillor Pádraigh Reale
- Internal Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Meeting with Kirkland Investments
- Meeting with Property Management Services
- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Architect
- Meeting with Senior Executive Officers, Corporate Services and Trade and Investment
- Meeting with Marty Hogan from the Savannah Delegation

## 18 February

- Visited Saint Nesson's National School, Mungret
- Signed the contract for nine Residential Units in Church Glen, Ballylanders, Co. Limerick
- Lunch with the Mayor of Savannah
- Attended a roundtable discussion with the Savannah delegation
- Attended a Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to sign the Declaration of Friendship Agreement between Limerick and Savannah, Georgia, USA
- Attended a dinner with the Savannah delegation

## 19 February

- Attended a meeting with Kilmallock Town Traders
- Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Senior Executive Engineer in Kilmallock to receive an update on Merchant House and Riverside Park
- Meeting with Councillor Martin Ryan regarding housing and water boil notices
- Attended the launch of Limerick Voice newspaper in The Glucksman Library, University of Limerick
- Meeting with the Office of Public Works
- Meeting with MeDeMap Citizen's Parliament Advisory Board

## 20 February

- Attended a seminar to discuss the progress and ambitions of the national rail programme and on the future of rail transport in Ireland's Mid-West region in the Strand Hotel, Limerick
- Meeting with the Public Parks Expert Group
- Meeting with Regeneration Communities
- Meeting with Southpiar Properties
- Meeting with Directors of Service, Planning and Place-Making; Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development; and Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Meeting with Festival and Events Team
- Meeting with representative from Bon Secours Hospital Group
- Attended a Fashion Show Fundraiser for Shannon Rowing Club
- Attended the opening of a solo exhibition by Daniel Tuomey in Ormston House, Limerick

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## 21 February

- Attended a meeting with the organisers of the 'All We Have Are Days' Festival
- Attended the Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Group meeting
- Attended a Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council
- Attended and made a speech at the Limerick Literary Festival in honour of Kate O'Brien
- Attended and took part in a three-way panel discussion at the Insurance Institute of Limerick Annual Black-Tie Dinner in the Savoy Hotel, Limerick
- Meeting with Administrative Officer, Corporate Services
- Attended Innovate Limerick/Film in Limerick Premiere of Feature Film 'Bonhoeffer' in the Belltable, Limerick

## 26 February

- Meeting with LBS Partners
- Meeting with Property Management Services
- Meeting with the Office of Public Works
- Meeting with Colbert Quarter Oversight Steering Group
- Meeting with Vice-Chair, Irish Cycling Campaign
- Spoke at the Environmental Air Quality Event in the Strand Hotel

## 27 February

- Meeting and interview at Gardens International
- Meeting with Roches Street Traders at Gardens International
- Video Shoot to promote Limerick IT Summit
- Meeting to execute Adare Bypass Design and Construction Contract
- Attended and delivered a speech at the Limerick City Fairtrade Committee Prize-Giving Ceremony for Schools Fairtrade Poster Competition 2025
- Meeting with Director of Service, Planning and Place-Making
- Meeting with representatives of Thomond Park Stadium and Live Nation
- Attended Saint David's Day Celebrations in Limerick

## 22 February

- Attended the Lord Mayor, Councillor Micky Murray's, Installation Dinner at Belfast City Hall

## 24 February

- Meeting with representative of Munster Rugby
- Internal Meeting with Limerick City and County Council Management Team
- Attended a meeting with LBS Partners
- Attended a Private Workshop for Elected Members - Update from Uisce Éireann
- Meeting with the Director General
- Meeting in connection with Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC

## 25 February

- Meeting with the Director General
- Meeting with GRID Finance
- Meeting with Head of Marketing and Communications

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## 28 February

- Meeting with Marie Keating Foundation regarding the Mayor's Ball
- Contract signing for the Adare Bypass Design and Construction in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick
- Meeting regarding SMART Housing update on Arthur's Quay Prototype and progress update





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## Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services

### 1. Finance

#### Commercial Rates and Loans

##### Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2025	
As at 28 February 2025*	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755 *
Accruals €	66,173,038 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	19,218
Writes offs/ Waivers €	20,515
Total for Collection €	69,702,060
Amount Collected €	14,060,015
Arrears €	55,642,045
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	1,244,490
% Collected	20.5%

Debtors Loans	
As at 28 February 2025*	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699 *
Accruals €	163,289 ^
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	431,988
Receipts €	362,607
Arrears €	69,381
% Collected	84%

\* Subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2024

^ Accruals not updated for loans for February 2025

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\*\* The Date for Making the 2025 Rate was 28 January 2025

#### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

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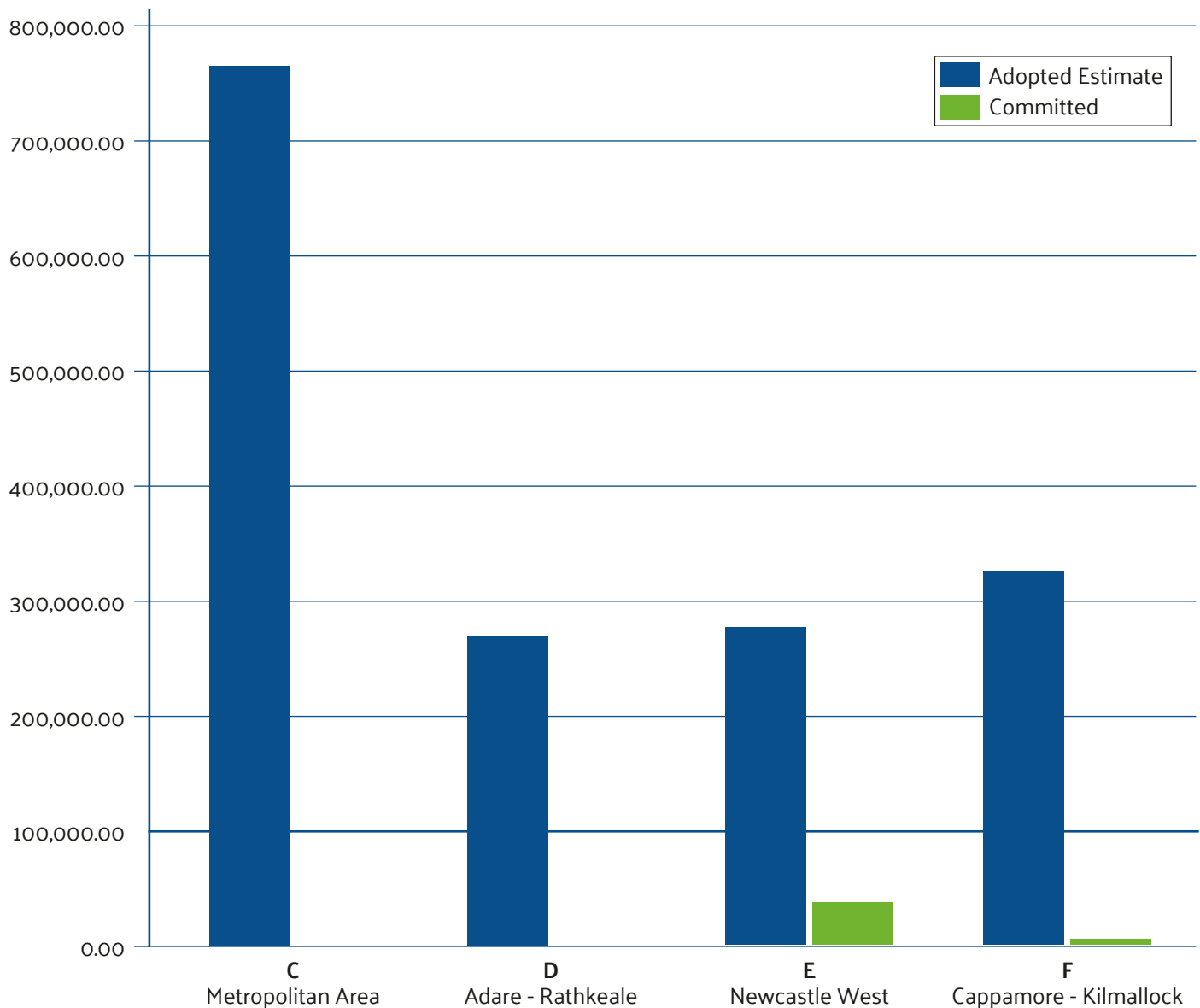


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## General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 28 February 2025



### Municip (Code) + (Text)

### Value Adopted Estimate (€)

### Value Committed (€)

C Metropolitan Area

763,300.00

0

D Adare - Rathkeale

270,000.00

0

E Newcastle West

278,600.00

38,836

F Cappamore - Kilmallock

327,600.00

2,217

**1,639,500.00**

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## 2. Trade and Investment

- On 18 February, a delegation from Savannah, Georgia, USA, led by Mayor Van R. Johnson II, visited Limerick City and County Council. During a Special Meeting of the Plenary Council at the Council's Offices in Dooradoyle, Mayor Johnson and the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, signed a Friendship Agreement to promote mutual understanding, tourism, and economic development between the two cities.
- Mayor Johnson expressed a strong commitment to fostering economic, tourism, and cultural ties, highlighting the significant Irish heritage within Savannah. He noted that many residents bear surnames like Hogan, Barry, and McCarthy, reflecting deep ancestral connections to Limerick.
- The Savannah delegation included key figures from sectors such as trade, transportation, city management, tourism, finance, and business development. Over their two-day visit, they engaged in discussions with local stakeholders, including representatives from the IDA, Limerick Chamber, Enterprise Ireland, and local educational institutions. The itinerary also featured presentations, site visits, and a focus on exploring collaborative opportunities, such as establishing a direct flight route between Shannon and Savannah.
- Lidl opened a new state-of-the-art Limerick store located off the Groody Road, beside Limerick Educate Together Secondary School and the new Bon Secours Hospital which is under construction. The new Lidl store represents the first major retail offering in the area and has created 30 permanent retail jobs for the local community.
- The Trade and Investment Team attended the Limerick Chamber Small and Medium Enterprises Seminar, which was attended by EU Commissioner, Michael McGrath. The event discussed the key challenges facing Europe and their implications for Ireland and the business community.

## 3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran five Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics during the month for Limerick-based businesses, which were attended by 77 business owners from across the City and County.

In February, LEO Limerick approved:

- Two Digital for Business supports to help Limerick business incorporate digitalisation strategies into their business models.
- Three Green for Business programmes were provided to Limerick enterprises to assist them map out their sustainability journey.
- Two Trading Online Vouchers to assist Limerick companies who want to trade online.
- One Market Explorer grant to assist Limerick businesses with their exporting strategy.
- 27 One-to-One Mentoring sessions with LEO Limerick Business Consultants.
- During the month of February, Enterprise Ireland announced the number of jobs created by Local Enterprise Office supported enterprises for 2024. In Limerick, there was a net gain of 178 jobs in businesses supported by LEO Limerick.

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## 4. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

### Munster Regional Communications Centre (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 February
No. of call-outs 01.02.2025 - 28.02.2025	1,609	568	2 minutes, 4 seconds (124 seconds)	2,195

## 5. Innovate Limerick

### Enterprise Infrastructure

- Engine Collaboration Centre, Engine and N21 Business Park, Rathkeale, remain at 100% occupancy. The Old Bank Abbeyfeale is at 95% occupancy.
- Treaty Software joined Engine Collaboration Centre.

### Enterprise Collaboration, Networking and Education

#### Enterprise Events

- In February, the Engine Collaboration Centre hosted over 60 attendees at more than 20 events, meetings in the event space. The events covered a wide range of areas including start-ups, film, business networking, and enterprise growth, offering valuable opportunities for businesses to collaborate, share ideas, and expand their reach.

#### Notable Events Hosted:

- Discover Limerick Strategy Meeting (04 February)
- Local Enterprise Office Limerick Meetings and Workshops (LEO) (02,06,12,13, 18, 20, 21,25 and 26 February)
- Crew Academy Training (08/09/10 February)
- Maverick Team Meeting (11 February)
- IDA Ireland (12 February)

- Sanctuary Runners (12 February)
- First Credit Crew Event (15 February)
- Enterprise Ireland Meeting (17 February)
- Innovate Limerick Strategic Planning Meeting (19 February)
- Mid West Regional Skillsnet (26 February)
- IDA (26 February)
- Mayo County Council (27 February)
- Enterprise Ireland (27, 28 February)
- Land Development Agency (11 February)

### Partnership and Collaboration

During February, Innovate Limerick partnered with government agencies and policymakers, to help develop Limerick enterprise ecosystem. Examples include:

- The **Welsh Government** St David's Day Celebration Event attended by the Head of Innovate on 27 February.
- **Mayo County Council** visited Innovate Limerick for knowledge sharing and to meet with the Head of Innovate on 27 February. Attending from Mayo County Council were Joanne Grehan, Director of Service, Economic Development and Community Engagement; Dominick Healy, Project Manager, Ireland West Strategic Development Zone, and John Magee, Head of Enterprise, LEO Mayo.
- **Research Development Innovation (RDI) Hub** five-year Anniversary at the RDI Hub in Killorglin, Co. Kerry, attended by the Head of Innovate Limerick

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- **Enterprise Ireland** hosted a “Meet The Business” sessions, offering essential support for start-ups and business growth.
- **IDA –Multinational Information Event** – IDA provided a briefing to multinationals in the Mid West on supports available through IDA.
- **Axis BIC** used the collaboration space to meet business and guide on venture capital and business growth strategies, helping businesses secure funding and scale.
- **Local Enterprise Office (LEO)** held workshops and met with businesses on site to provide mentoring, training, and organise events to support local businesses.

## Enterprise Education

A student from the International Business course in the University of Limerick commenced a six-month Co-Op placement with Innovate Limerick

## Engine Hubs

- The number of Hubs in the network is 19, **The Pavilion**, Adare, Limerick; **Spark Hub**, Roxboro, Limerick; **Croom Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **The Yard**, Newcastle West, Limerick; **Engine**, Limerick; **Engine Collaboration Centre**, Limerick; Broadford ; **The Boat Club**, Limerick; **Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **Engine Tipperary Digital Hub**, Tipperary Town; **Bruree Food Units**, Limerick; **Kantoher Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **Rathkeale Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **The Old Bank Abbeyfeale**, Limerick; **HQ Tralee**, Kerry; **ACM Castleconnell**, Limerick; **Ballyhoura Heritage**, Limerick; Doon, Limerick; **Ballybrown/Clarina Community Centre**, Limerick and **The Phoenix**, Tralee, Kerry.

## Hub Networking

Successful Client and Tenant introductions in Manor Fields, Adare, and Clarina/Ballybrown, resulting in tenancy take-up.

## FILM IN LIMERICK

Film in Limerick had an exciting and productive February with substantial local and international engagement.

Below is a summary of the key highlights:

### Bonhoeffer European Premiere

The highly anticipated European premiere of Bonhoeffer, a €22m Irish-Belgian co-production, took place at the Belltable in Limerick. The event was a major success, drawing over 250 attendees. The film, directed by Todd Komarnicki, explores the life of theologian and anti-Nazi dissident, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Parts of the movie were filmed in Limerick, including locations like the Georgian Quarter, Cleaves Factory and Pery Square.

### Berlinale and European Film Market (EFM)

As part of its international outreach, Film in Limerick attended the Berlinale Film Festival and the European Film Market (EFM), one of the top film markets globally. Local producer, Tara Doolan, pitched her Screen Ireland-backed TV project Bluebell Fields, while screenwriter, Richard Lynch, presented his feature script The Crier at the event.

### Sound Masterclass with Oscar Winner

In February, 120 students from Munster’s Third Level colleges participated in a soundmaster class led by an Oscar-winning expert. This educational opportunity was a significant boost for students in the region, providing direct access to high-level industry knowledge.

### Crew Academy at Dublin International Film Festival

Film in Limerick supported local talent through Crew Academy’s participation in the Dublin International Film Festival, an important event for networking and showcasing talent.

### Work Placements at West Cork Studio

Another important initiative was offering work placements on film productions at West Cork Studio. This opportunity provided invaluable hands-on experience for emerging talent in the industry.

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## Transportation and Mobility

### 1. Travel and Transport Strategy

#### BusConnects Network Improvements

During February, representatives from the National Transport Authority BusConnects Team, and their Consultants, visited Limerick as part of the design stage planning for BusConnects Limerick. Staff from Limerick City and County Council met with the BusConnects Team over four days to assess locations for new bus stops and terminals.

#### Road Safety Working Together Group – Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of the Limerick Road Safety Working Together Group took place on 25 February. At the meeting, the group received updates on the Speed Limit Review/Implementation and the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan.

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.

#### Park Road Bridge, Corbally / Rhebogue

An application for planning consent for the refurbishment of Park Road Bridge has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála. The proposed works consist of:

- Removal of the bridge deck and support beams and replacing them with a new deck and beams at the same location.
- All associated site development works.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. Submissions or observations to be made in writing to An Bord Pleanála.

#### New Bloodmill Road, Towlerton - Re-Alignment and Completion

This project has progressed very well under contract with Priority Construction.

#### Improvements to R506 Cappamore Road Junction with R445 Dublin Road

Construction of this project has now commenced under contractor, P&D Lydon.

### 2. Active Travel

#### Projects On Site

**Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Upgrade of footpath from cul-de-sac to Scoil Íde continuing. Boundary wall construction adjacent to private properties ongoing, landscaping at junctions near completion.

**R510 Quinn's Cross to Raheen, Limerick:** Works continued to progress on site. Concrete slip-form segregation kerb to cycle lane laid from St. Nessian's National School to Mungret Gate junction. Public lighting installation ongoing.

**St. Patrick's Road, Singland, Limerick:** Works substantially completed. Includes installation of both controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian crossings; junction tightening works; installation of raised tables; new kerbing.

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## Other Projects

**TUS to City Centre, Moylish, Limerick:** Discussions with landowners ongoing before contractor appointment.

**Plassey Park Road, Castletroy, Limerick:** Cycle signal heads and options continuing to be reviewed.

**Holland Road, Castletroy, Limerick (National Technology Park):** Part 8 design being progressed on foot of non-statutory public consultation process.

**Castletroy Link Road:** Project lodged with An Bord Pleanála.

**Corbally Road Safe Routes to School, Corbally, Limerick:** Design meetings with Consultants ongoing.

**Wickham Street to Clare Street, Limerick:** 'Yellow' route selected to proceed via statutory processes.

## 3. Mid West National Road Design Office

The Adare Bypass Design and Construction Contract was signed at a reception held at the Council's Corporate Headquarters, Merchant's Quay, hosted by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, in the presence of the Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy and Minister for Transport, Darragh O'Brien, T.D. The contract was awarded to the Sisk Sorensen Joint Venture, comprising John Sisk & Son (Holdings) Ltd. and Sorensen Civil Engineering Ltd., and is funded by the Government of Ireland through the Department of Transport.

The Government is investing approximately €150 million to deliver the bypass.





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## Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development

### 1. Culture

#### Libraries, Gallery, Museum, & Arts Office

##### Library

##### City Library at Barrow House

- On Ireland Reads Day, 22 February, Limerick City Library hosted members of Limerick's Writespace Writing Group. Writers included Sarah Moore Fitzgerald, Dan Mooney, Hilda McHugh and Eoin Devereux.
- Foireann Comhlúadar Luimnigh facilitated a bilingual Comic Book Workshop, as Gaeilge, on 22 February.
- Mid-West Advancing Recovery in Ireland Education Service (ARIES) facilitated a two-part workshop series on Anxiety on 18 and 25 February.
- A series of weekly Personal Development classes, organised by PAUL Partnership and facilitated by Fusion Training, began on 10 February.
- The current session of weekly Digital Skills training classes, with expert tuition from the volunteers from Age Action Ireland, concluded in February.
- ALONE, the organisation which supports older people to age at home, set up an information stand in the lobby of City Library on 06 February to introduce the organisation to prospective volunteers.
- On 27 February, Third Class from Presentation National School visited the Library as part of the 'Time to Count' programme run by Business in the Community Ireland.
- Mid-term Arts and Crafts session for children took place on 21 February.
- There were 10 book club meetings with University of the Third Age, Phoenix, Spiral, Teenage and Children's groups.
- A one-off seasonal Pop-Up Book Club took place on 25 February.
- The University of the Third Age's Irish Language Conversation and Crafting groups continued to hold their regular meetings.
- Groups visiting the City Library during the month included Doras and English language students from Rightword Language School.
- Fifth Year History students from Limerick Educate Together Secondary School visited on 11 February.
- Class visits included children from Scoil Íosagáin, St. Mary's, and Presentation, St. John the Baptist, St. Patrick's Boys and Bohermore during the month.
- A group of pre-school children from Poppins called on the morning of 24 February for a special library visit and story time.
- The Wednesday morning toddler story time continued.

##### Kilmallock Library

- A new weekly English Conversation Club, led by Ballyhoura Development, commenced on 11 February for those wishing to improve their spoken English skills.
- Yoga Classes continued on Friday mornings supported by Ballyhoura Development CLG.
- 'Walk and Talk' group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet every Wednesday.
- Craft Group sessions took place each Thursday morning.

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- Bridge classes continued on each Wednesday.
- Little Readers met on 26 February for a fun-filled session of stories, songs and craft.
- Ongoing visits throughout February from St. Joseph's Foundation to use the Magic Table as part of the Happiness Programme.
- Foróige Children's Book Club commenced weekly meetings on 25 February.
- Junior Class from Scoil Fhionáin National School, Kilfinane, visited the Library on 25 February for a special session of songs, story time and crafting.
- Children from Glenbrohane National School visited on 28 February to browse for books and enjoy an activities session, including a quiz and book hunt, followed by crafting.

## Newcastle West Library

- Youth Book Club for ages 10 to 13 continued to meet in the library on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Ongoing use of Sensory Space.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents.
- Headway Ireland meeting every Friday morning 10am to 11am.
- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.
- Story time with pupils from Courtenay Boys National School took place on 19 February.

## Dooradoyle Library

- Valentine's Day was celebrated with 'Blind Date with a Book' for adults and 'Books Under Wraps' for junior readers. A themed story time, song and craft-making session was provided for children from Little Wonders Preschool, Clarina, on 11 February.
- Limerick Branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association held their monthly meeting on 12 February.
- Twin Hearts meditation sessions commenced on 13 February.
- Himalayan meditation sessions continued on Friday evenings at 6pm.
- Dooradoyle/Raheen Men's Shed exhibition 'Working Together,' was on display until 14 February.
- Limerick Art Society's spring exhibition of paintings opened on 17 February.
- Helium Arts, the national children's art and health charity, facilitated an art workshop on 20 February.
- Fighting Words facilitated a story-writing workshop for Second Class pupils from St. Paul's National School on 24 February.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group held its monthly meeting on 28 February.
- The library continued to host an information stand from Southill Family Resource Centre on the first Thursday of the month.
- Two Book Clubs continued their regular meetings.
- Dooradoyle knitting group 'Close Knit Friends' continued weekly.
- Class visits included students from St. Clement's College, Scoil Mháthair Dé, Red Hill School and HSE Training Services, Limerick.

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## Watch House Cross

- On 12 February, a group of pre-school children from Busy Kids Crèche visited the library for stories, nursery rhymes and songs.
- The library welcomed twice-weekly visits from Little Seeds Childcare.
- Age Action Ireland began their one-to-one digital skills training classes on 20 February.
- Mid-term break activities included a family movie screening of 'Incredible Pets 2,' a Lego workshop and story time session.
- Ireland Reads Day was celebrated on 22 February with a 'Staff Picks' book display and 'Design Your Own Bookmark' craft event for children.
- The weekly Parent and Toddler group continued to meet on Friday mornings during the month.
- Both Thursday and Friday morning book clubs met at the end of February.
- Class visits included Senior Infants from Thomond Primary School and a visit from their English as an Additional Language (EAL) class, which included children from Ukraine, Bolivia and Saudi Arabia.
- Castletroy College paid a visit on 26 February with a group of First and Second Year students from the Special Educational Needs (SEN) classes.
- Weekly activities, including Thursday Story time and Crafty Saturdays, continued.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 69 bookings during February and 219 visitors.

## Local Studies

- There were 58 onsite visits, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection, and there were 48 remote queries.
- Several new titles were added to stock.

## Abbeyfeale

- Craft Group continued to meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

## Adare

- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group continued weekly.
- Children from St. Nicholas' School visited the Library on 04 February for a themed St. Brigid's Day arts and crafts session.
- On 07 February, the Montessori Group from Wilmot's Childcare enjoyed a story time and colouring session at the library.
- First and Fourth Class children from Scoil Naomh Iósaf attended Valentine's arts and crafts sessions on 11 and 12 February.
- On Valentine's Day, children from St. Nicholas' National School and Scoil Naomh Iósaf participated in creative and engaging Valentine's craft sessions.
- Adare Active Retirement Group visited the library for a presentation on library services.
- 2020 Book Club members held their monthly meeting on the last Thursday of February.
- Children from Our Lady's Abbey National School visited on 28 February, where they learned how to make friendship bracelets.

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## Other Branches

- **Foynes** – had four class visits from St. Senan's National School during the month.
- **Glin** – the Community Singing Group, Craft Circle and two Book Clubs continued their regular meetings throughout February.
- **Rathkeale** – The Junior and Senior classes from Church Street National School took part in book cover design workshops on 14 February. These workshops were facilitated by artist and author, Celina Buckley.

## Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- LCGA continued to exhibit BOULDER MILT: Seán Cotter and 'Culchie boy, I love you /Grá mo chroí thú, mo chábóigín féin: Songs From the Leeward Slope': Kian Benson-Bailes. In addition, a selection of works from the Permanent Collection was exhibited on a rotating basis.
- A review of Seán Cotter's exhibition featured in the Irish Arts Review.
- The Director worked on a short programme to mark the 40th anniversary (1985-2025) of the opening of LCGA.
- Artist in residence, Anna O'Leary, continued to provide workshops for secondary school students, focusing on the Kian Benson Bailes' exhibition, Culchie Boy I love you.
- LCGA continued to collaborate and facilitate meetings and workshops with University of the Third Age (U3A) throughout February.
- LCGA continued to work with local and national organisations for forthcoming workshops and events.
- LCGA continued to work in collaboration with Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and Limerick City and County Council on the Herisol Project.

- LCGA continued to negotiate the loan artworks from the Permanent Collection to national and international organisations. The National Collection of Contemporary Drawings (NCCD) was loaned to the newly established Súil Gallery in Ennis, Co. Clare.
- LCGA continued to meet with artists and curators scheduled to be part of the 2025 and 2026 exhibitions programme.
- 4,365 visits were recorded for the month of February.

## Limerick Museum

- In February, Limerick Museum hosted an exhibition named River Songs by visual artist and town planner, Ann Mulcrone. River Songs referenced the historic 1837 Navigation Maps of the River Shannon, held in Limerick Local Studies. The exhibition used the maps to explore the emotional connection between place, environment and memory.
- On 17 February, the Museum's long-standing collaboration with the Thomond Archaeological and Historical Society continued and the Curator gave an illustrated lecture on The Mayors of Limerick since 1197, which attracted a large attendance.
- On 22 February, the Curator gave a lecture on Florence Vere O'Brien (1858-1936) at the annual Amazing Lace Symposium in the Absolute Hotel, which was organised by the Friends of Lace Limerick.
- On 28 February, in conjunction with the River Songs exhibition, the Museum hosted a public conversation with Ann Mulcrone, artist, and Jean Ryan, art historian.
- The pop-up exhibition, Objects of the Revolution in East Limerick, continued in the Museum throughout February.

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## Limerick Arts Office

### Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2025

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2025 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 February, 12 letters of support were issued:

- 11 to support Arts Council of Ireland applications (Opera, Dance, Music, Theatre, Film, and Visual Arts).
- One to support a Culture Ireland application (Theatre).

### Grants Under the Arts Act

- The Grants Under the Arts Act closed for applications at 12 Noon on 12 February. These grants are open to artists, community and voluntary groups to promote the arts and provide access to arts for Limerick. The total grant budget is €20,000 and grants offered average between €150 - €500, with a maximum of €1,000 being offered in exceptional circumstances. A total of 59 applications were received.

### Individual Arts Bursary, Theatre Bursary, and Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Awards Schemes 2025

- Limerick Arts Office invited applications from professional artists based in or operating substantially within Limerick City and County Council's administrative area who wished to be considered for a Bursary of up to €4,000 for Individual Arts and Dolores O'Riordan Music, and €5,000 for Theatre for the development of work/professional skills, in any art form, including Visual Arts, Circus, Dance and Literature, Theatre and Music. The closing date for applications was 12 Noon on 12 February.
- A total of 58 applications were received - 33 Individual Arts, 18 Dolores O'Riordan Music, seven Theatre.

## Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme (formerly Made in Limerick Grants Scheme)

- A total of 68 applications were received under the Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme, which closed for applications on 05 February. These grants were open to Limerick-based creative practitioners, organisations and communities of place and interest to submit applications. They were assessed on 24 February by an independent expert panel.

### Opportunities

- Creative Limerick, with the Arts Office, launched a Request for Quote for an event co-ordinator to support the development and delivery of Limerick Cruinniú na nÓg 2025.
- The Drama League of Ireland Summer School Bursary 2025 opened for applications. Limerick Arts Office is offering one non-residential bursary to attend the Drama League of Ireland Summer School 2025 at the University of Limerick. This bursary will cover one week's tuition (lectures, workshop etc.), to a maximum value of €390 (members) or €440 (non-members). The purpose of this bursary is to support professional development.

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## 2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	190
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	12
Derelict Sites Cases opened	20
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	31
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	9
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	8
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	8
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	14

system of community-led and other food initiatives. It is hoped that this mapping will help address food insecurity, ensuring access to nutritious food for vulnerable populations as well as contribute to policy change strategies. A Food Finder Event was held at the Pavilion, University of Limerick, on 27 February. This event focused on proof of theory.

### Migrant Health and Wellbeing

- Community music classes continued in Hospital National School. Community music programmes provide numerous benefits to both migrant and local children, particularly in terms of integration, including social inclusion, cultural exchanges, language development, emotional and psychological benefits - to name just a few. This project is a collaboration between Hospital National School, Music Generation and Mid-West Simon and is funded by Healthy Limerick.

### Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in Limerick City and County delivered a range of activities throughout February. The focus remained on the following:
  - Improving health outcomes,
  - Addressing health inequalities,
  - Supporting community engagement through distinct programmes and projects.

### MoveWell Programme

#### MoveWell Chronic Condition Programme

- Sessions took place throughout February, supporting individuals managing chronic conditions through supported exercise sessions.

## 3. Community Development

### Healthy Limerick

#### Social Health and Education Project (SHEP)

- A 12-week Personal Development through Music programme commenced with Doon Men's' Shed. SHEP tutors deliver this programme.

#### Limerick Food Partnership

- An Interim report on the "Food Finder" project has been submitted to Healthy Limerick. This project is a collaboration between Limerick City and County Council, Limerick Food Partnership and the University of Limerick. The initiative is in the process of developing a real time data-driven food mapping

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## Limerick Growing Communities

- King's Island Family Planting Morning.
- A community-planting event took place on 19 February supporting local environmental and biodiversity initiatives.

## Geodome Project St. John the Baptist Boys' National School

- Planning and community engagement activities continued in February.

## ADAPT Wellbeing Garden Room

- Structural completion and furnishing of the garden room took place in February.

## Midwest Simon Community

- Work continued on the Midwest Simon Oak Lodge Community Kitchen, ensuring continued engagement and delivery of wellbeing and nutrition programmes.

## Southill Healthy Relationships Programme

### Programme Delivery

- The programme is ongoing, delivering a number of sessions that support positive relationship-building and wellbeing.

## Citizen Research and Community Engagement

### Mental Health Ireland and Garryowen Community Development Programme

- Citizen research and community engagement activities continued throughout February, supporting community-led health initiatives and engagement.

## Period Equity Programme

### Workshops

- Period Equity Workshops were delivered at Limerick Youth Service on 20 February.

## Migrant Women's Menstrual Health Programme

- A session, given by Christine Lane was held at the Clayton Hotel, with 50 attendees engaging in discussions on menstrual health and access.

## Period Equity Vending Machines

- 49 vends were recorded across 28 sites in February, reflecting continued engagement with the project.
- All activities align with the strategic objectives of Sláintecare Healthy Communities, ensuring continued delivery of community activities which support improved health and wellbeing outcomes across Limerick City and County.

## Bin Waivers Scheme

- The Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme applications continued to be assessed during February. Out of the total 4,244 received, 3,864 have been issued during the scheme's open period, with a small number of applications still in progress.

## Public Participation Network (PPN) Limerick

- Membership of PPN Limerick continues to grow and stands at 237. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN [website](#) and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- The Secretariat continued to fulfil its functions, with a meeting held on 24 February.
- PPNL continued to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members



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## 4. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

### Integration, Health and Wellbeing Supports

The Ukrainian Accommodation Response Team continued to administer the “Offer a Home Programme” across Limerick City and County. Below are figures for the period to the end of February:

Properties	February 2025	To Date
Offered	6	239
Inspected	6	239
Allocated /People Housed	3 / 6	157 / 493
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	1	76
Not yet Ready	2	2
To be matched	2	2

### Integration Supports

#### Ongoing Visits to Accommodation Centres

The Integration Support Team continued to regularly visit accommodation centres to meet with residents, offering information support clinics to address their queries and provide guidance on accessing services and resources. These centres include Riverhouse, Ballysimon, Fernbank Designated Accommodation Centre, Knockalisheen, Coonagh Travelodge among others.

- 29 visits were made to the above accommodation centres.
- Nine information sessions were held with residents.
- 87 residents were supported with different issues in all of the centres.

### Assessment of Needs

- The Integration Team continued to conduct initial and ongoing assessments to determine the needs of the residents during weekly visits to International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs) accommodation centres in Limerick.

### Referral to Services

- The Integration Team continued to connect and signpost clients and migrant residents in Limerick with key relevant services such as housing authorities, healthcare providers, schools, social welfare services, Non-Governmental Organisations etc.

### Community Engagement

- The Integration Team continued to encourage and support migrants in the participation of the local community activities in Limerick City and County in order to accelerate their integration and reduce isolation.

### Ongoing Case Management

- The Integration Team continued to maintain regular contacts with clients and migrant residents, especially those living in IPAS and BOTPs accommodation centres, in order to monitor their progress, address new issues and challenges, and adjust appropriate supports as necessary.

### Collaboration with Stakeholders

- Working closely with government agencies, non-governmental organisations and local communities to coordinate support services - the Integration Team assisted PAUL Partnership in providing Manual Handling Training free-of-charge to a number of BOTPs and IPAS clients in Limerick city and county.



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## Weekly Newsletter designed by Integration Team

- This weekly newsletter is issued and shared with managers and staff at the BOTPs and IPAS accommodation centres and all the residents. The newsletter is written in both English and Ukrainian languages and contains key services, courses, training, employment opportunities, and English language classes taking place in Limerick city and county.

## Documentation and Reporting

- The Integration Team continued to maintain accurate records of interactions with clients, attendance of meetings with different stakeholders and services and support provided to migrant residents to ensure proper case management.

## 5. Tourism

### Tourism General

- Discover Limerick PASS (Official Sightseeing pass for the city and region of Limerick.) - The Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council is collaborating with Fáilte Ireland on a digital marketing campaign for the Discover Limerick Pass for 2025 and businesses interested in joining this initiative have been invited to contact [tourism@limerick.ie](mailto:tourism@limerick.ie).

### Limerick Greenway

#### Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

- Ardagh Station House, Barnagh Station House and Newcastle West Car Park: Detailed design in progress.
- Fuller's Folly, Newcastle West: The Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council, in collaboration with the Office of Public Works, are proceeding with the refurbishment of Fullers Folly in Newcastle West.

- Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued throughout February and included the following:

- Limerick Greenway featured in an article about the Kingdom of Kerry Greenways in *The Kerryman*, as well as a number of other publications including: *Wexford People*, *Bray People*, *Enniscorthy Guardian*, *New Ross Standard*, *Wicklow People*, *Gorey Guardian*, *Drogheda Independent*, *The Sligo Champion* and *Dundalk Argus*, on 12 February promoting the West Limerick and Kerry area as a "perfect spring getaway" destination this year.
- Influencer Trip with Dublin-based Fitness Influencer, Siobhán O'Hagan, on 21 and 22 February, with Siobhan staying and dining in Adare as well as cycling the Abbeyfeale to Barnagh Section of Limerick Greenway and promoting the local towns, villages and businesses in the area. Siobhán's friend, Influencer Leanne Moore, joined her on the trip and promoted Limerick Greenway on her Instagram page also.

- Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:

- A Happy St. Brigid's Day post on 01 February, encouraging the public to explore Limerick Greenway over the Bank Holiday weekend while also highlighting the start of spring which symbolises both hope and renewal.
- A post highlighting the opening hours of Limerick Greenway carparks for the month of February on 05 February.
- A post on 11 February promoting the Discovery Points along Limerick Greenway, particularly between Ardagh and Newcastle West, and encouraging the public to experience these, particularly those off the route in the local towns and villages.
- Town Spotlight Posts for February, which included Rathkeale House Hotel and Abbeyfeale Slí na Sláinte walking route.

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- A post celebrating Valentine's Day 2025, on 14 February, promoting Limerick Greenway as a space to go with loved ones.
- A post on 18 February highlighting Limerick Greenway as a must-do and for inclusion on a to-do list if travelling around Ireland in 2025.
- A post on 20 February encouraging those attending the Limerick Literary Festival in the city over the weekend to make the short trip to Limerick Greenway for some fresh air and even some inspiration.
- A post asking Limerick Greenway users to do Limerick Greenway their way and to share their experiences by tagging the Facebook and Instagram pages where their experiences would be re-shared on the pages.

## Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01 February to 28 February:

### Facebook

Reach: 8,392

Profile Visits: 436

New Page Followers: 8

### Instagram

Reach: 2,319

Profile Visits: 360

New Page Followers: 119

### Google Ads

Clicks: 1,198

Impressions: 13,311

## TOURISM INDUSTRY TRADE EVENTS

- Staff of the Tourism, Festivals and Events Department attended and operated a Tourism, Festivals and Events Information Stand on behalf of Limerick City and County Council at the Holiday World Show Limerick 2025 hosted at Limerick Strand Hotel on 08 and 09 February.

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

The What Next Festival 2025 of dance took place from 10 - 15 February. Audiences experienced a selection of fresh and inspiring works featuring current modern dance. Featuring both national and international performances, there was a varied programme including workshops and talks. Some of the highlights included The Body Symphonic, a solo performance by Aerowaves and Twenty25. The Parsley Collective performed their newest show, Un-One-Ing as well. Other events included the upbeat world Music Céilí dance that consisted of different dance styles from around the world, finishing with traditional Irish Céilí dances.

The Limerick Literary Festival 2025 took place from 21 - 23 February. The festival returned to the Belltable with a poetry exchange event on the Friday. The festival launch night was opened by Author, Donal Ryan, and a performance from opera singer, Sarah-Elle Murphy. Across the weekend, multiple authors were interviewed about their new books including Karen Fitzgibbon, Ciaran O'Driscoll, Delphine Minoui and Anna Abney. They also had an event portraying Heaney in translation marking the publication of *'The Translations of Seamus Heaney'* hosted by Niall MacMonagle. The Kate O'Brien Award winner, Orlaine McDonald, was selected for her book 'No small Things.' Other events included a discussion with famous Irish economist, David McWilliams, about his latest book 'Money.'

The 2025 Amazing Lace Symposium began with a talk from the Limerick Museum Curator on Florence Vere O'Brien. The Keynote on the day was 'Ars Panicalensis- Italian embroidery on net,' a feature on Italian lace tradition. A number of talks were given about the traditions of lace, as well as workshops and discussions ranging from 'Bobbin Lace for complete Beginners' and 'Conversations and Networking - Laces of Ireland,' providing a wide range of knowledge on lace for all enthusiasts to enjoy and share.

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## All We Have Are Days Festival

*All We Have Are Days Festival* is a new cultural festival for the St. Brigid's Weekend that is sponsored by the Mayoral Fund. Featuring artists such as Ruth Negga, Lisa Hannigan and Sinead Gleeson at St. Mary's Cathedral, Anna B Savage and Prima Volta Presents Jar Jar Jr and many more. This new winter music and arts festival is set to grow in the future and is a welcome new addition to the festivals calendar in Limerick.

## 5. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### Industry Events

The Inbound Tourism Operators Association of Ireland (ITOA) Workshop 2025 took place in Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, on 25 February. Discover Limerick DAC was represented by the Sales and Business Development Manager. The event provided a fantastic platform to strengthen relationships with existing partners and develop new relationships for the future.

### Friendship Agreement - Limerick and Savannah

On 19 February, the Commercial Director and Sales and Business Development Manager, Discover Limerick DAC, attended a round table discussion at The Absolute Hotel, Limerick, with the delegation from Savannah, Georgia, USA, led by Mayor of the City of Savannah, Van R. Johnson II, and representatives from the business, tourism and arts community.

The Declaration of Friendship aims to foster mutual understanding, promote tourism and encourage economic development through shared initiatives and projects.

## Discover Limerick DAC Strategy Development

On 04 February, Discover Limerick DAC hosted its first full team gathering with team members from across Adare Heritage Centre, King John's Castle, Lough Gur and support services. All staff participated in workshops to set out the Discover Limerick DAC company values.

### Sarsfield Barracks New Recruits

On 14 February, King John's Castle welcomed 15 new recruits as they marched into the city where they were handed their new rank markings and berets as they officially joined the ranks of Munster's only infantry battalion. They were welcomed onsite by personnel from Sarsfield Barracks, family and friends.

### St. Brigid's Weekend

On 02 February, Lough Gur Visitor Centre celebrated St. Brigid's weekend with an afternoon of poetry readings by local poets and authors



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## Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

### 1. Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

#### Economic Regeneration

The Outreach to Employment Project Group held its monthly meeting to review initiatives in the previous year, including the Jobs Fairs which have been running in each of the Regeneration areas over the last three years. Feedback from evaluation surveys was discussed with a focus on a tailored approach to meet specific group's employment, training and further education needs.

#### Social Regeneration

The five Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Group (LSAMG) sub-committees have met and reviewed Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) 2025 applications. Applications were reviewed by the sub-committee with responsibility for each of the Economic and Social Intervention Fund themes: Community; Education and Learning; Health, Wellbeing and Ageing Well; Families and Youth at Risk; and Employability and Work. 97 projects across 55 organisations were recommended for consideration by the LSAMG prior to progressing to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for decision.

#### Community Activities

##### King's Island

- A Safe Pass course was delivered for the community through the St. Mary's Community Adult Education Group, held in King's Island Community Centre.
- Regular activities, including Crafty Mondays, Family Learning, Drumming, LEGO Club took place at the Community Centre. Attendance and engagement for these remain positive.

- An Energy Awareness workshop was held in St. Mary's National School.

##### Moyross

- Limerick Sports Partnership delivered a suite of programmes in Moyross during the month. These take place at a variety of venues, including the Moyross Youth Academy, Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) and Corpus Christi Primary School Hall. The activities included MoyFit, Good2Go, line dancing and the popular Boxercise classes. These are open to men and women of all ages from the community who are seeking to maintain or improve their exercise levels.
- The Centre has recently installed a new sensory space contained within the Little Seeds Childcare.

##### Southill

- Southill Hub advertised two roles, Chef Manager and a Cafe Assistant, during February.
- Southill Hub continued to host weekly clinics with the Council, enabling members of the local community to engage with the Council at a convenient location.

##### Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group hosted a Valentine's Day themed pop-up restaurant on 15 February. A total of 32 guests were welcomed and enjoyed a three-course meal, with live music. The Community Companions played a key role in organising this event which was warmly received by the community.
- The Group also hosted a global staff training day for 65 individuals to support staff understanding of the overall organisation.

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## Physical Regeneration

### Housing Developments

- Works progressed on the 24 units of infill housing scheme at Carew Park and Delmege Park/Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Snagging works on the completed public realm and traffic calming elements of the Moyross Avenue upgrade continued.
- Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield (Phase 2), Southill, construction works were continued by contractor, Jada Construction Ltd., with snagging of the units ongoing.
- Work on the preparation of the Part 8 Planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development, Moyross (22 units), continued during the month.

### Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 121 (47 houses in Moyross) nearing completion with snagging ongoing.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 houses in St. Mary's Park) progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill) nearing completion with snagging ongoing.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) progressing on site with the contractor.
- Tender documentation for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill / Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross) currently being assessed by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## House Refurbishments

### Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- Scheme 2 and 3 – the remaining six houses in Lot 4a progressing towards substantial completion in Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 2025.

### Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 1 (three houses) progressing on site with substantial completion scheduled for Quarter 3 2025.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) progressing on site with substantial completion scheduled for Quarter 3 2025.

### Minor Refurbishments

- Three properties, two in St. Mary's Park and one in O'Malley Park, received approval to appoint contractor.
- One property in Moyross received approval to commence the tendering process.
- Nine properties awaiting Departmental approval for refurbishments. Six of these are in St. Mary's Park, five are in the O'Malley Park area and the remaining one is in Moyross.
- Scoping for other properties in Regeneration areas continued throughout February.

## Infrastructure Projects

### Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the preparation of a detailed design of the scheme.
- Arboriculture Impact Assessment completed to the south of Childers Road, in an area adjacent to the Galvone Industrial Estate.

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## Limerick Local Sports Partnership

- Limerick Local Sports Partnership programmes continued. These included Aqua Revive for Men, Swimmin' Women, Couch to 5K and Chair Yoga. The venues are across Limerick with attendees from a variety of fitness backgrounds.
- Men on the Mat commenced in Tait House. This is a tailored programme aimed at men over the age of 55.
- Couch to 5K programmes commenced in both Dooradoyle and Castletroy – this six-week programme is both a fitness group and a community, aimed at improving physical activity levels and creating a social buzz while doing so.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit [www.limericksports.ie](http://www.limericksports.ie)

## Council Sporting Facilities

### Limerick Regional Athletics Hub

- Limerick Regional Athletics Hub welcomed 1,241 individual users to the track.
- West Limerick Athletics Club and St. Mary's Park Athletics Club continued their weekly training at the facility.
- Local club, Monagea Ladies Football Team, was also at the Hub during February, undertaking fitness training.

### Rathbane Golf Course

- Energy Upgrade Works and improvements to the accessible WC in the Clubhouse were completed.
- An application for a grant to paint the clubhouse was made under the Local Enhancement Programme. Limerick City and County Council and Limerick Local Community Development Committee welcomed applications for funding under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Local Enhancement Programme 2025.

- Weather hampered use of the facility, with the course closed for seven days during the month. Frost also caused the delay of start of play on five further days.
- With the impact of the weather, a number of regular competitions were postponed. 986 rounds were played during the month, with 72% of these coming from members.

### Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Tenders for the refurbishment of the pool, health suite and changing village areas were returned.
- There was a total of 1,467 Pay-as-You-Go uses of the amenity during the month, with the swimming pool proving the most popular. It accounted for 75% of those visits.
- The number of members is 1,101, and a total of 8,922 visits were recorded by members during the month.
- Swimming lessons from 15 local and citywide schools continued.

## 2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Snagging and commissioning of the completed upgrade works continued on site with contractor, Martins Construction Ltd.



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## Housing

### 1. Housing Support Services

#### Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,851
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	452

#### Closed Housing Applications

	February	Year to Date
Closed Applications	52	104

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 February	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	3	4
Newcastle West	2	4
Metropolitan District	17	32
Cappamore-Kilmallock	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>48</b>

#### Refusals

	No. of Units February	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	2	6
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
61	12	41	8



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## Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	608
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	621
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	1

## Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,889 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	25
No. of Amendments	300
No. of Cessations	31

## Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€3,820,868	€12,471,265	€3,784,261	€8,687,004	31 %



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## Home Improvement Schemes

February 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	1	0	1
	MAG Expenditure	€2,300.00	€0.00	€8,150.00	€2,300.00	€12,750.00
	No. Paid	1	0	2	1	4
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	3	5	11	4	23
	HAG Expenditure	€14,487.50	€54,628.50	€132,377.19	€39,340.96	€240,834.15
	No. Paid	2	7	15	5	29
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	8	19	9	10	46
	HOP Expenditure	€54,572.50	€51,316.00	€81,500.50	€70,270.00	€257,659.00
	No. Paid	15	15	26	17	73
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€26,417.13	€0.00	€26,417.13
	No. Paid	0	0	1	0	1

Total No. Approved	70
Total Monies Paid	€537,660.28
Total No. Paid	107

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## Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - February 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	0	2	1	8
	MAG Expenditure	€4,582.00	€0.00	€11,180.00	€8,050.00	€23,812.00
	No. Paid	2	0	4	2	8
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	8	9	20	7	44
	HAG Expenditure	€84,925.00	€69,353.50	€340,619.27	€57,350.43	€552,248.20
	No. Paid	8	9	38	8	63
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	28	30	23	13	94
	HOP Expenditure	€131,129.50	€77,335.20	€198,272.10	€108,602.50	€515,339.30
	No. Paid	34	21	60	31	146
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€36,632.13	€0.00	€36,632.13
	No. Paid	0	0	2	0	2

Total No. Approved	146
Total Monies Paid	€1,128,031.63
Total No. Paid	219

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## Community Sustainment Unit

### Tenancy Inductions

	February	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	8	46

### House Visits

	February	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	120	283

### Microsoft Dynamics Cases

	February	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	240	240
Cases closed during month	55	195

### Repossession

	February	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	11	26

### Garda Checks

	February	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	114	191

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

Date: 20.02.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	30
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	70
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	24
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	7
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	73
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	12
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>225</b>

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimehneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	155	154	94
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	17	10
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Families</b>
		<b>172</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>110</b>

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	February	YTD
<b>Tenant Purchase</b>		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	2	3
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	1	2
<b>Local Authority Home Loans</b>		
Loan Applications: No. received	3	12
Loan Applications: No. approved	2	2
<b>Deed of Discharge</b>		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	10	19
<b>Consent to Sale</b>		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	2	3
<b>Cottage Purchase Annuity</b>		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	1	3
<b>Ground Rent</b>		
No. of Ground Rent applications	7	13
<b>Title</b>		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	8	32
Title Rectifications Received	0	2
<b>Private Rented Inspections</b>		
No. of Inspections	68	355

## Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	3
Ombudsman Query Cases	2
Data Access Requests	1

## 2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

### \* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered February	4
Year to Date	5

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

### Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits February	20
Year to Date	35

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## 3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

### Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns February	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

House Returns February By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2
Newcastle West	2
Metropolitan District	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

During February, the Local Authority Housing Construction Team was notified of one house returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, two in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, two in the Municipal District of Newcastle West and five in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in February	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	53
Major Refurbishments	4	53
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	2	76
Major Refurbishments	3	44
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	26
Major Refurbishments	0	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>267</b>
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In February, work on four properties was completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, work on five properties was completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of February, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 106 properties, Local Authority Maintenance was working on 120 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 41 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 17 properties.

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## Project Updates

- Stage 1 application submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for construction of six units at Ferndale, Caherdavin, Limerick.
- Contractors appointed for construction of nine units in Church Glen, Ballylanders.
- (1) Quantity Surveyor Consultant (2) Civil and Structural Consultant (3) Mechanical and Electrical Consultant (4) Architectural Design Consultant appointed for housing project at Upper William Street, Limerick.
- (1) Mechanical and Electrical Engineer Consultant (2) Architectural Design Consultant (3) Civil and Structural Consultant (4) Quantity Surveyor Consultant appointed for housing project at The Rivers, Annacotty.
- (1) Mechanical and Electrical Consultant (2) Civil and Structural Consultant (3) Quantity Surveyor Consultant appointed for housing project at Thomond Park Gate, Quarry Road, Limerick.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Caherdavin Meadows, Limerick.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at three properties in Collinstown, Bruff; Main Street, Croom; and Main Street, Oola.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at four properties in Coonagh Court, Doon; The Oaks, Murroe; Dromsally Woods, Cappamore; and Garanbawn, Murroe.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Glenashrone, Abbeyfeale, and two properties in Daar River View Walk, Newcastle West.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works in Lower Maiden Street, Newcastle West.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works in Larch Court, Kennedy Park, Limerick.

## Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €253,108 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €791,421 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 February

Housing Maintenance Cases - February	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 28.02.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	885	996	1,516
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	90	318	318
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	145	201	489
Municipal District of Newcastle West	136	480	425
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>2,748</b>

## Grants Inspections

### Metropolitan District of Limerick – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – February

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	2	3
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	11	0	8	20
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	1	10	0	8	19
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	3	2	6	11
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>53</b>



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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	1	2
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	9	0	10	19
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>

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

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	6	0	6	12
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	24	0	22	46
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>59</b>

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	1	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	7	13
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	11	1	17	29
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	6	0	1	7
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>

### HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - February- Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	14
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	1
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT</b>	<b>15</b>
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	7

### DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered February	4
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) February	7
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	1
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	0
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
<b>Total Applications Registered – Year to Date</b>	<b>7</b>

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## Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects Ongoing - February

1	Brosnan Property Solutions Ltd., Cork, was awarded the contract for Gutter Cleaning and Power Washing in Park View, Hassett's Cross, Limerick.
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## 4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

### SOCIAL HOUSING - Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 28.02.2025 is as follows:

As at 28.02.2025 (01.01.2025 - 28.02.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	"Housing for All" 2025 Delivery Target
Build	0	298	298	551
Buy *	2	94	96	Not yet assigned
Lease	0	28	28	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>422</b>	

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

Category	Activity in February	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	10	27
Proposals being reviewed	0	50
Sale Agreed	0	16
Purchase Completed	1	150
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	14	454
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	1	54
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	2	64
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>815</b>

## Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

### Project Approvals received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in February

Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Long Term Leasing	Approval for the leasing of two units in Cornmarket Row and Ballycummin Village, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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### Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in February

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Revised Stage 4 CAS Construction submission in relation to nine units at Kilfinane, Co. Limerick.	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
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## Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

### Affordable Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

#### Project Approvals received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in February

Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)	Approval for AHF subsidy for nine units in Carrig Desmond, Newcastle West.	Municipal District of Newcastle West
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#### Project submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in February

Affordable Housing Fund (AHF)	AHF application for six units at Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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## Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase  Affordable Housing Fund	28  (Phase 1)	Layout and unit typologies settled upon with Design Team retaining trees and new park to O'Donoghue Avenue. Work continued on planning pack.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase  Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	116  (Phases 2-4)	Monthly Project Meeting held with National Development Finance Agency Team and Lot 7 Private Public Partnership Social Housing participants. Design Team procurement continued with tenders under evaluation. Site Investigation tender was advanced and under evaluation. Design brief strategy was developed. Risk register updated and discussed. Meeting held with Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on possibility for extended finance for Link Road.  Financial delivery model strategy was progressed.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	Ongoing design proposal was reviewed at a workshop. Working Group meeting was held and Limerick City and County Council. Feedback provided to the Land Development Agency. Density and viability testing was reviewed and ongoing.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Justification Test Tender was advanced throughout February.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>Design Team meetings held and ongoing.</p> <p>Archaeological lab testing ongoing.</p> <p>Site investigation completed on site. Lab testing underway.</p> <p>Pre-planning design ongoing. Meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Roads Department. Conceptual work for the community functions and public realm for the "Fosse" linear park was advanced.</p> <p>3D model and materiality were advanced.</p> <p>Ongoing liaison with Limerick City and County Council Archaeologist on design evolution.</p> <p>Interreg North-West Europe Call 5 proposal with Amsterdam City Council was advanced.</p> <p>Meetings held with local stakeholders.</p>
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the pre-planning design. An optimal design solution has been recommended for the continued design to planning. Updated costings underway and cost rental testing underway. Meetings held with local stakeholders and meeting with Limerick City and County Council Roads held. Vehicular tracking completed.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental  Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	23	Judicial Review in progress. Project on hold.
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental  Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on progressing this scheme during February. Contractor has been appointed.
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental  Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase  Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Clúid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Road	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	6	Work continued on progressing this proposal during February. Affordable Housing Fund funding application submitted.
Cloncanane	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	38	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Brú na Gruadán, Castletroy, Limerick	25	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout February 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 February with Quantity Surveyor costings.
	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February with Quantity Surveyor costings.
	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 February 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	Assessment of applications was ongoing throughout February for Phase 1 of Castle Place, Newcastle West.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	9	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February. Fund subsidy approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage was received on 28 February.
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 February with Quantity Surveyor costings.



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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Castlecourt, Killmallock, Co. Limerick	5	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February.
	Municipal District of Cappamore Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Killmallock, Co. Limerick	14	Expression of Interest form submitted by the developer. Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February.
	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 February.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick	6	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February. An Affordable Housing Fund Application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 06 February.
SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental		<p>Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held and ongoing.</p> <p>Results of Market Soundings Testing being reviewed.</p> <p>Meetings held with Town Planning Consultant for specific advice regarding the SMART Housing Programme and provision of an Affordability Assessment.</p> <p>Meetings held with Consultant for the provision of services for preparation of a Preliminary Business Case.</p> <p>Site investigations tender for Civils/Structural/ Ecologist completed and Consultant appointed. Site investigations were ongoing through February.</p>

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## Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €8,623,203.35 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €5,341,949.04 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Conferences and Workshops

- Staff attended The Local Authority Affordable Housing Staff Seminar held on 26 February in Dublin..

## 5. Municipal District Offices

### Metropolitan District of Limerick

#### Meeting

The February Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 17 February.

#### Briefings/Workshops

Briefings/Workshops were held during February for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick as follows:

- Consultation Workshop to discuss the Corporate Plan 2024-2029;
- Briefing on proposed Wickham Street-Clare Street Active Travel Scheme.

#### Operational Area Briefings

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

## Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of Project: Traffic Calming The Grange**
- Location: Raheen
- Cost of project: €11,000
- Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering
- **Description of Project: L-10381 Denmark Street Lower Restoration Improvement**
- Location: City Centre / Prior's land
- Cost of project: €46,000
- Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of Project: New 60 km/h Signage for Local Rural Roads Speed Limits**
- Location: Various
- Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations

### Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The February Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 11 February in Áras Seán Finn, New Line, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

Essential repairs to social houses and public roads were undertaken by the Housing Maintenance and Roads Maintenance Teams:

- 94 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 110 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

#### Active Travel

Active Travel and Macadam Overlay works completed on Honeypound Road, Croom.

#### Footpath Repairs

Works including footpath repairs at Roschoill, Pallaskenry, facilitating taking-in-charge of estate were completed.

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## Speed Limit Signage

60 km/h Speed Limit Poles and Signs erected and installed for 07 February implementation date.

## Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

### Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 20 February at 3 p.m. online and in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

A Workshop in relation to the General Municipal Allocation/Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Municipal District was also held at 1:30 p.m. on 20 February.

The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, visited the Kilmallock District Office on 19 February to meet with the local town traders.

## Housing Grant Improvement Schemes

### Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme:

- one final inspection;
- one payment totalling €2,300;

### Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme:

- Six initial inspections;
- Seven final inspections;
- Four approvals;
- Five payments totalling €38,340.96.

### Housing Aid for Older Person Grant Scheme:

- 11 initial inspections;
- One re-inspection;
- 17 final inspections;
- 10 approvals;
- 17 payments totalling €70,270.

### Disabled Persons Grant:

- Six initial inspections;
- One final inspection.

### Total Housing Grants Paid February 2025:

- €111,910.96 (23)

## Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned on Microsoft Dynamics

- 109 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 109 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

## Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

The following works were completed in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock:

- Erection of Roundels for new Rural Speed Limits on Local Roads.

## Municipal District of Newcastle West

### Meetings and Briefings

- 04 February - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

## Housing Grants

- 24 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €180,297.30.
- Payments of €51,316 were made to 15 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €54,628.50 were made to seven applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.

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## Housing Maintenance

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

## Transportation and Mobility

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

## Motor Tax

- During the month of February, the Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,222 routine transactions generating an income of €208,387.



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## Planning and Place-Making

### 1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

#### Forward Planning

- The public display period and submissions period for the Part 8 for a Design and Innovation Hub at No. 35-39 Nicholas Street, Limerick, closed and the Mayor's Report was prepared and circulated to the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District for their consideration.
- Shopfront Design Guidelines, which analyse various elements and details of shopfronts, including materials, detailing, colours, and illumination and guidance on the optimal use of these elements in both historic and contemporary contexts, were completed.

#### Heritage

- The Heritage Officer assisted four community groups with applications for the Community Heritage Grants Scheme to the Heritage Council.
- Funding applications lodged for three projects, including Shop Front Design Guidance through the County Heritage Plan Fund.

#### Conservation

- The approved grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (B.H.I.S.) and the B.H.I.S. Historic Thatched Buildings was announced by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. 31 projects in Limerick will be funded under the B.H.I.S. mainstream, and a further eight projects in Limerick will be funded under the Historic Thatched Buildings stream. All applicants under both schemes have been notified about the result of their application.

- The short-listed projects under the Historic Structures Fund were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.
- A funding application was submitted to the Architectural Conservation Officers' Grant Scheme to run a Conservation Clinic for the Georgian Neighbourhood in Limerick city.
- Digitisation of Record of Protected Structures files ongoing.
- The Conservation Team attended the three-day training on Energy Efficiency Upgrades of Historic Buildings, run by TUS and the Office of Public Works.
- The final report and recommendation regarding the proposed Addition of Nos. 35-39 Nicholas Street, Limerick, to the Record of Protected Structures, was finalised.
- The Architectural Conservation and Archaeology Team visited the Roxboro Green Skills Centre.
- Letters of support were prepared for relevant grant applications from members of the public for funding under schemes run by the Heritage Council.

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## Archaeology

- Submitted two private Community Monuments Fund applications - one for Stream 1 Capital and one for Stream 3 Access and Interpretation - to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Community Monuments Fund applications prepared and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on behalf of Limerick City and County Council:
  - Two Stream 1 Capital Applications: Phase 2 Galbally Church, Phase 1 Mahoonagh Church.
  - One Stream 2 Advance Works Application for Glenogra Church.
  - One Stream 3 Access and Interpretation application for Phase 4 of Ballynoe Tower House, Bruree.
- Prepared and submitted an Historic Towns Initiative grant application to the Heritage Council for the final phase of the Riverside Park in Kilmallock.
- Prepared and submitted an Irish Walled Towns Network grant application to the Heritage Council for Phase 2 of Island Road, Limerick.
- Submitted the 2024 final report for Phase 3 Capital Works Ballynoe Tower House, Bruree, and Phase 1 Galbally, to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Walled Towns Network in Cashel, Co. Tipperary.

## 2. Development Management and Place-Making

### Development Management

A total of 95 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	1
Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	62
Agricultural Developments	7
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	5
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	8
Other Developments	9

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of a Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) of a Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) Scheme consisting of 196 bed clusters distributed across five separate blocks, ranging in height from five to eight storeys, with a total of 1,400 student bedspaces to be delivered in two phases of development, site development works including car and bicycle parking provision, public services, vehicular access to the site will be from the Groody Road with pedestrian access to the Dublin Road, pedestrian and cycle connections from the Groody Road to the Groody Green Wedge. Planning permission is also sought for use of the accommodation, outside of student term time, for short-term letting purposes at Groody Road, Newcastle, Castletroy, Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared and accompanies this planning application.

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- Construction of a residential development comprising 31 residential units, associated roads and services, site entrance, demolition of an existing dwelling and sheds, and all ancillary site development works at Sandybrook House, Bloodmill Road, Limerick.

## Place Making

### Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

#### 58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Assessment of received tender submissions for 33 and 34 Thomas Street continued.

#### Strand 3 - Pedestrian Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- An update to the Preliminary Business Case is with the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund and National Transport Authority.

#### Arthur's 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 and an Options Report prepared.

#### Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Integrated Design Team Contract Documents issued for Peer Review via the National Transport Authority (NTA) Claims Advisor, Expert Witness, Client Representation and Procurement Assurance Services Framework, on 26 February.
- Technical Working Group Meeting No. 7 took place on 26 February.
- Stakeholder Meetings continued.
- Developed Design continued.
- Part 8 Documentation preparation commenced.

### Food Hub at the Milk Market

- Approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Unit as a part of a Final Business Case for the purchase of four Milk Market units on 28 February.

## Capital Projects

### O'Connell Street Phase 1

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

### Abbeyfeale Public Realm Scheme Phase 1

- Tender assessment of pre-qualification for suitable contractors.
- Surfacing and fencing works at Colbert Terrace completed.

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

### King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

#### Area A2 - St. Ita's Road

- Stripping topsoil, stoning access road and erection of site fencing.
- Piling works for new flood wall by Crèche commenced.

#### Area A6 - Athlunkard Boat Club and Lee Estate

- Laying of foul sewer.
- Piling works for new flood wall commenced.

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## Area B3 - Merchant's Quay

- Continuing of archaeological excavation

## Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme

- Planning application with An Bord Pleanála.
- A Steering Group Meeting was held on 12 February to monitor the project progress.

## Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held in Adare on 10 February to monitor and assess the project progress.
- A Marine Area Consent Application was submitted to the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority.
- Geophysical Archaeology surveys completed.
- Review of the Cost Benefit Analysis ongoing.

## Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on 17 February to assess and monitor the project's progress.
- Optioneering continued for key areas, including the City Centre (both Northern and Southern sides of the Shannon), University of Limerick/Castletroy, and Dock Road, focusing on flood defences and public realm enhancements.
- Geotechnical contractors onsite.
- The draft Hydraulic Report continued to be reviewed, following input from Limerick City and County Council and Office of Public Works.
- Ecology surveys continued to and will support the environmental assessments.

## Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- The review of the draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Cost Benefit Analysis continued.
- First draft of Options Report under review.

## 4. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### Opera Square

#### Project Update

- The Basement Vent Shaft has been constructed to Roof Level within the footprint of Parcel 4.
- Mechanical and Electrical fit-out works progressed in One Opera Square.
- Tiling and finishes fit-out commenced within the basement and ground floor, first and second floor of One Opera Square. Remainder of Basement – The basement beneath Contract D (14 storey) and the attenuation tanks on Bank Place now complete. The basement slab beneath Contract E (Hotel) now complete.
- ESB ducting works on Rutland Street and Patrick Street complete.
- The Main Contractor handed over the ESB Substation rooms to the ESB in advance of energisation. The ESB installed the substation and commenced pulling cable onsite.
- One Opera Square - Facade installation continued on Floors 1 – 5 with glazing underway across all floors.



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## Project Media Engagement

- Representatives from Mayo County Council visited Opera Square and received a presentation from the Limerick Twenty Thirty Team Project Team.
- Work progressed on a summer launch event for the completion of One Opera Square.

## Cleeves Riverside Quarter

### Projects Update

#### Heritage Works

- Surveys and investigations completed to inform designs. Stage 2A2 Developed Designs completed and Developed Cost Plan completed.

#### Phase 1 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- Value engineering workshop completed to inform optimum approach for developed design and improve commercial viability.
- CCTV surveys completed.
- Site Investigations Contractor appointed.

#### Environmental Assessment

- Tendering for Environmental Impact Assessment Report Chapters completed.

#### TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter City Campus

- Options Appraisal completed and Preferred Option identified.
- Stage 1 Definitive Project Brief commenced.

## Financial Modelling

Financial Model updated to track commercial viability for residential zones.

## The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund

- Department of Housing Urban Regeneration and Development Team was updated on progress with Cleeves.

## Project Media Engagement

- The premiere of the film 'Bonhoeffer' was hosted in the Belltable on 25 February and was attended by Limerick Twenty Thirty Chairman. Limerick Twenty Thirty posted the event to social media platforms showing a shot of movie film being filmed at Cleeves Riverside Quarter.

## Other Projects

### Progress Update

#### Askeaton Pool Update

- Limerick Twenty Thirty continued project managing and monitoring progress on the construction stage of the works on behalf of Limerick City and County Council / Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC.

#### Mungret Housing

- Phase 1 – 250 Units: The Design Team is novated to the Land Development Agency (LDA) to complete the construction on Mungret housing development. Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC has no further involvement in the delivery of the scheme.

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## Expressions of Interest Sites

### Thomondgate

- Full planning was received for the Thomondgate Development following an appeal to An Bord Pleanála but currently is in a Judicial Review process.

### 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), Limerick Twenty Thirty 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 SCC)

- There were 53,079 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SCC at the end of February.
- A weekly average of 126 HAP tenancies have been set up during 2025.
- The February landlord payment run was €52.842 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of February was €3.076 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SCC collected a total of €26.617million in differential rent to end of February.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of February was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 7,631 HAP debt reminder letters in February.

### 2. Fire and Emergency

#### Statistics

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications February	11	8	1	14	
Disability Access Cert Applications February	9	7	1	6	
Commencement Notice February	33	31	1		32
Completion Certificate February	10	6	0		6
Planning Referrals February	18	21			
Microsoft Dynamics Cases February	2	2			

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## Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- The boat refresher courses for Limerick City boat operators were completed in early February.
- An officer completed a Fire Service Management Course in the Hydra Suite of Clonmel Fire Station, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- Six members of staff completed an Effective Decision-Making Course in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- Six Bronto Instructors completed recertification from Angloco in the United Kingdom.
- A firefighter from Cappamore successfully carried out a Compartment Fire Behaviour course in Co. Carlow.
- Limerick City Firefighters and officers delivered a very successful one-week Fire Service course for 13 transition year students from schools around Limerick.

## Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place in February:

- Medical cover at the Milford Hospice 10K Run/Walk, Milford, Limerick - one day.
- Medical cover at the 2025 Flag Football Intervarsity Competition (American Football), University of Limerick, Limerick – one day.

## Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January	February	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	4	3	7
Municipal Districts	2	0	2

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January	February	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	8	4	12
Municipal Districts	1	5	6

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## 3. Environment and Climate Action

A REFER Restarter Café, which is a free electronic repair event, was hosted in the Citizen Innovation Lab. Each repair workshop or event is free and is open to the general public on a first come, first served basis. Anybody can bring along their broken electronic appliances, devices and sit down with repairers to see what is wrong with it and what can be done to fix or repair it. People are encouraged to drop in with their broken phones, laptops, hoovers or other electrical or electronic appliances. Skilled repair volunteers help people diagnose and fix these broken or slow electronic devices and small appliances, to save them from waste and help change our relationship with electronics.

The energy Management Team held its first quarterly meeting to review the organisation's energy performance in 2025.

The Climate Action Team attended and presented at the Historic Building Energy Retrofitting Training course held in Dublin Castle.

### Veterinary Services

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	22
No. of horses seized	10

### XL Bully Regulations

XL Bully Exemption Certificates issued	34
XL Bully Exemption Certificates refused	6

## Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	65
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics) – (Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems)	47
Warnings issued	0
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory Notices issued	3
Prosecutions initiated	12
Fines issued	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed	1
DOMESTIC WASTE AND LITTER TEAM	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	110
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics)	498
Warnings issued	168
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	5
Statutory Notices issued	5
Prosecutions initiated	5
Fines issued	16

A significant clean-up operation was carried out in the Coonagh / Knockhill area of the city in collaboration with the Traveller Accommodation Unit and the Distributor Road Project Team. The clean-up took place following ongoing reports of vast quantities of illegally dumped rubbish which relate to an illegal encampment close to the site of the Coonagh to Knocklisheen Distributor Road.

The 2024 Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections report was completed and submitted in full on 28 February to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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## Parks

### Works Undertaken

Location	Description of Works
Canal Bank Walkway	Hedge-cutting and maintenance works completed
St. Patrick's Well, Garryowen	Trees planted and grass strimmed
Westfield Wetlands	Refurbishment of the boardwalk platform completed. This involved replacing the existing timber support beams, addition of new timber handrail and new anti-slip decking.
Dog Park, Mungret	Upgrade works in progress, in particular to raise the fence height to ensure the safety of dogs, their owners and other park users.

### Tree Works Undertaken

Location	Description of Works
Montpelier	Removal of fallen and dead trees
Spar, Castleconnell	Removal of diseased mature chestnut tree
Sarsfield Park, Limerick City	Tree Removal (failure due to storm damage)
Various locations	Repair works to storm damaged trees

## GoGreen Routes

Two staff members attended the final meeting of the GoGreen Routes project in Brussels where each of the six European Cities involved presented their project to the European Commission. As part of further developing the site along the Castletroy Greenway, trees were planted along the accessible path.

The project was also awarded an URBACT Good Practice in terms of a community sustainment project.

## Cemeteries

### Number of Burials in City Cemeteries

Mount St. Lawrence	12
Mount St. Oliver	11
Castlemungret	12
Kilmurry	4

An application for the Historic Structures Fund 2025 has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an upgrade of the Mortuary Chapel in Mount Saint Lawrence Old Cemetery.

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## Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme (NAIP) Inspections	2	NAIP Inspections carried out
Farm Re-Inspections	7	Follow-up inspections to verify programmed works completed
Microsoft Dynamics – Non Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) Regulations	7	Complaints received through Microsoft Dynamics
Farm File Reviews	14	Review of open farm files
Cross Reports	2	Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine
Warning Letters	4	Letters to farmers where non-compliances under GAP Regulations were identified
Advisory Letters	4	Letters to farmers where non-compliances under GAP Regulations were identified
Closing Letters	3	Letters to farmers where works not required or completed
Invasive Species Site Visit	4	Identification and review of Invasive Species
Invasive Species Website	4	Checked website for new reports of invasive species
Planning Files	6	Review of agricultural planning applications and comment back to Planning
Forestry Files	12	Assessment of forestry applications referred from Forestry Service
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Queries/Enquiries	1	Department query regarding Rainwater Harvesting
Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Inspection Plan	136	Sites identified for inspection
Internal Meetings	1	Environment Strategy
Meeting with Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO)/Community Groups	5	Meeting with LAWPRO

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## Clean Air Together

Limerick City and County Council hosted the Clean Air Together Limerick City results event, in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency, at The Strand Hotel on 26 February. Approximately 400 citizens participated in the project by measuring nitrogen dioxide, a traffic air pollutant, at their home or business for the month of October in 2024. The results indicated that, in comparison with relevant standards and recommendations, all of the results meet the current Irish Air Quality Standards, and 98% of the results meet the proposed target for 2030 in the new EU Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) Directive.

## Globe Project

Limerick City and County Council hosted students from Castletroy College and St. Clement's College, in partnership with An Taisce and the Environmental Protection Agency, on 27 February at Merchant's Quay in relation to a workshop, teaching students about the assessment of air quality at their own schools under a pilot GLOBE project. The Council has supported the project by installing and managing air quality and meteorological sensors at the colleges and presenting at workshops the work the Environment Section carries out.

## Environmental Awareness

Visits to schools renewing their Green Flag continued during February with 11 schools receiving visits from the Environmental Awareness Officer across the following themes – Water (2), Biodiversity (3), Global Citizenship Litter and Waste (1), Global Citizenship Energy (3) and Global Citizenship Marine Environment (2).

Information briefings and ongoing programmes attended by the Environmental Awareness Officer included:

- Food Cloud Briefing – driving food loss and waste solutions for a more equitable, inclusive and circular food system.
- Community of Practice Furniture, Re-love Paint Limerick, Reuse and Repair Funding and Adare My Waste Green Hub project.

The Limerick City Fairtrade School poster competition results ceremony was hosted in Istabraq Hall, Merchant's Quay, in conjunction with the Limerick City Fairtrade Committee. This was a 99% zero waste event due to a collaborative effort to ensure only use of real delph and cutlery and correct segregation of the minor amount of waste produced (tea bags and bun cases and milk cartons). This was a really lovely event attended by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, with an attendance of 90 (students and their families). The following schools received awards for promoting Fairtrade products through the medium of art with some fantastic posters on display which were created by students of primary and secondary schools – Castletroy College, An Mhodscoil O'Connell Avenue, Our Lady of Lourdes Rosbrien, Corpus Christi Primary School and Art Class Moyross, and Scoil An Spioraid Naoimh, Roxborough.





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## Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

### 1. Business Improvement

- A total of 918 active users now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 714
- MyPoint Consultation training was held on 11 February.
- Business Improvement assisted Environment and Climate Action to launch a "Climate Action Week - Staff Survey" on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement supported the development of a reporting programme and dashboard called Co-Plan. The initial module incorporates the Mayoral Programme.

### 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 February:

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

The Unit continued to work with staff of all Departments to ensure procurement to pay cycle was 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 statistics applied for February:

- Approved requisitions accounted for 88% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 12% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
February	1,362	189	1,551

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

Rejection Reason	February
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – omitted/insufficient detail	48
Procurement Reference omitted/incorrect	31
Award Notice – omitted/incorrect copy provided	23
A signed Order (Mayoral Order/Director General Order/Approved Officer's Order) – omitted/incorrect copy provided	22
Sole Supplier Form – omitted/incorrect copy provided	15

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## Register of Electors

Staff from the Register of Electors Team processed the following during the month:

- Additions to the Electoral Register - 445
- Deletions from the Electoral Register - 519
- Modifications to the Electoral Register - 750

## Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Site Dumper training	8
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Signing, Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks	8
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	3
First Aid	7
Manual Handling	44
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Locating Underground Services	8
Safe Pass	4
Safety Representative Training	2
Fire Warden Training	14
Chemical Awareness - Spill kit Training	7
<b>Total Staff Trained</b>	<b>105</b>

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## Schedule of Meetings for February

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Full Council</b> Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to pass a Vote of Sympathy on the passing of former Member and Chairman of Limerick County Council, Eddie Wade, RIP.	18/02/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to sign the Declaration of Friendship Agreement between Limerick, Ireland, and Savannah, Georgia, USA.	18/02/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to Designated Activity Companies.	21/02/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Operational Briefings</b>		
Limerick City East	04/02/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City North	04/02/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City West	05/02/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Municipal District of</b>		
<b>Newcastle West</b> Monthly Meeting	04/02/2025	Newcastle West and Online
<b>Adare-Rathkeale</b> Special Meeting 'in committee' to discuss housing issues in Adare	11/02/2025	Rathkeale
Monthly Meeting	11/02/2025	Rathkeale and Online
Special Meeting to receive a Deputation from Foynes Aviation Museum	20/02/2025	Rathkeale
<b>Cappamore-Kilmallock</b> Monthly Meeting	20/02/2025	Kilmallock and Online
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b> Monthly Meeting	17/02/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meeting</b> Travel and Transportation	19/02/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	26/02/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online

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## Access to Information

	February	2025 (January to February)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	14	32
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	2	3
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	2	7
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	5
AIE Internal Appeals	0	0

## Customer Services

The Customer Services Team continued to support customers and Public Representatives at first point-of-contact by answering queries via telephone, email, My Limerick 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 February:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 10,241 calls. This represents an average of 539 per day, with the number of daily calls exceeding 600 on several occasions and reaching as high as 766. 78% of calls were handled at first point-of-contact.
- A total of 3,557 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.

- 3,215 cases were created, with 724 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. A total of 4,194 cases were closed, with 839 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- Of these 3,215 cases, Customer Services staff logged 67% of same.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 144 cases being logged. Of these, 134 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests and, throughout the month, 98% of housing maintenance cases for the Limerick Metropolitan District were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchant's Quay offices.
- A total of 115 out-of-hours cases were created.
- Customer Services continued to provide other frontline services to the general public, such as processing applications for Residential Parking Permits, of which 97 were applied for and 73 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,510 customers at both the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

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## 3. Marketing and Communications

### Marketing

#### Limerick St. Patrick's Festival

- Officially launched Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2025, multi-media marketing campaign.
- Developed a suite of digital and social marketing assets, video content, dedicated e-newsletters, and print and radio advertisements in English and Irish for rollout throughout the three-week campaign.
- Developed a dedicated hub on [Limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival](https://limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival) promoting a full event listing, parade routes, theme information and fringe events listing.
- Created a Limerick St. Patrick's Festival digital event guide and accompanying tabletop tent cards with QR codes directing back to [limerick.ie](https://limerick.ie)
- Managed the installation of branded street banners to create visual impact and further promote the festival throughout the city.
- Paralympian, Róisín Ní Riain, announced as this year's Parade Grand Marshal for the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival.

#### Limerick on Foot

- Concluded three-week multimedia campaign, which positioned Limerick as a leisure tourism destination and encouraged locals and visitors to Limerick to experience Limerick's tracks and trails. The campaign focussed on three rural County Limerick trails – The Knight's Walk (Glin), An Gleann Beag Loop (Broadford) and Slieveareagh Loop Walk (Kilfinane), with support from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

### Other Marketing Activities

- Brand Limerick featured as a case study in The Place Brand Observer's (TPBO) Brand Leaders Yearbook 2025 and participated in the online showcase accompanying the feature across TPBO's digital platforms.
- Brand Limerick listed as a finalist in the 2025 Place Brand Impact Story Awards 2025. The prestigious global awards recognise responsible place branding and show how place branding can create real, measurable change.
- Ran a Valentines in Limerick promotion, including dedicated social media content encouraging residents to shop local.
- Created an Invest Limerick advertisement for the fDi Intelligence Magazine, February 2025 edition, to tie in with Limerick's success in fDi Intelligence Micro-European Cities of the Future 2025 awards, where Limerick ranked No. 1 for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Strategy and also Human Capital and Lifestyle..
- Met with Trade and Invest colleagues to progress a collaborative Invest Limerick campaign.
- Progressed promotional work in collaboration with Ryder Cup colleagues on golfing in Limerick.

Topline Stats: **Reach** 393,407 | **Impressions:** 373,941 |  
**Video Views:** 681,442 | **Engagements:** 8,639 | **Pageviews:** 5,882

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## Social Media

- Management of Marketing and Communications' 14 social media channels, including [Limerick.ie](https://www.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 is now as follows:
  - **Limerick.ie Facebook:** 35,860
  - **Limerick.ie X:** 21,227
  - **Limerick.ie Instagram:** 36,827
  - **Limerick.ie TikTok:** 3,211
  - **Limerick City and County Council X:** 19,046
  - **Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 3,017
  - **Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 14,872

## Limerick.ie

In February, there were 154,507\* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 7% decrease on the same period in 2024. (\*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie in February were:

1. [www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning](https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning)
2. [www.limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie)
3. [www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs](https://www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs)
4. [www.limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival](https://www.limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival)
5. [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse](https://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse)

**Content Report:** 75 articles, 346 events, six Council Services and 39 new amenities were added to [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie) in February.

Council service information added or updated in February included: Active Travel, Residential Zoned Land Tax Maps, Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme, Vacant Sites, Derelict Sites and Temporary Posters/ Notices Signage (Irish).

## Communications

- Issued 16 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 15 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Handled all media queries, which come into [communications@limerick.ie](mailto:communications@limerick.ie) and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.
- Posted 242 times across the three core Limerick City and County Council social media accounts, total followers now 36,935. Social media campaigns throughout February included:
  - Video for the signing of the Adare Bypass Contract.
  - Video for Body-Worn Cameras for Traffic Wardens.
  - Video for the signing of Friendship Agreement with the Mayor of Savannah, Georgia, USA.
  - Paid Instagram advertisement for new housing units in Knocklong.
  - Promotion of extensive clean-ups in the City Centre from the Roads, Traffic and Cleansing Department.
  - Promotion of the upcoming Limerick Forest Festival for the Environment Department.
  - Ongoing social media campaign for the Residential Zoned Land Tax.
  - Promotion of the upcoming Limerick St. Patrick's Festival.
  - Promotion of Public Consultation for the proposed use of Mobile Recording Devices.
  - Series of posts for Active Travel initiatives.
  - Series of Career Opportunity posts for Human Resources Department.
  - Series of posts for the Limerick Dog Shelter (new initiative).