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LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION SPC

MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2025.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely (referred from September Council Meeting)

I will move at the next Meeting that this Local Authority examine the possibility of a Community Hedge Cutting Grant.

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council is proposing to introduce a Community Hedge Cutting Grant in Q2 of 2025 for application within the hedge cutting period between the 1st of September 2025 and 1st March 2026.

Limerick City & County Council intend to provide a grant up to a maximum of €50 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees to be cut with a minimum length of road network to be incorporated in any application of 5km.

John Gannon

Senior Engineer,

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 18/02/2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond (referred from September Council Meeting)

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council would adopt a policy of cutting Hedges/Trees between the months of September to March that are a danger to all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles owners, thus preventing serious accidents from occurring on all our roads.

REPLY:

Landowners and occupiers of land are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that trees, ditches, hedges and other vegetation growing on their land are not or could not become a danger to people using or working on a public road. Examples of hazards might be dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs or obscuring a view of the road ahead.

Limerick City & County Council is proposing to introduce a Community Hedge Cutting Scheme and grant which will be open to the public in Q2 of 2025 for application within the hedge cutting period between the 1st September 2025 and 1st March 2026.

Limerick City & County Council intends to provide a grant up to a maximum of €50 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees to be cut with a minimum length of road network to be incorporated in any application of 5km.

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TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION SPC MEETING

MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY 2025

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John O'Donoghue

I will move at the next Adare/ Rathkeale District meeting that a plan for verge trimming on a year round basis be implemented by L.C.C.C on all roads under the control of the Local Authority.

REPLY:

Landowners and occupiers of land are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that trees, ditches, hedges and other vegetation growing on their land are not or could not become a danger to people using or working on a public road. Examples of hazards might be dead or dying trees, ditches or hedges interfering with traffic, blocking footpaths, obscuring road signs or obscuring a view of the road ahead. The maintenance of verges or margins on regional and local roads is the responsibility of the local authority.

Works on regional and local roads are funded by local authorities' own resources and State grants. Within the overall resources available to Limerick City & County Council, the Council carry out a selection and prioritisation of these works including the maintenance of road verges. The council limits the extent of verge cutting during the months of March to August in order to protect the environment and biodiversity. Any verge cutting is carried out for road safety reasons.

Limerick City & County Council's has the following priorities for verge trimming/hedge cutting:

- All national routes.
- Where safety issues are identified at
 1. Approaches to towns and villages on regional and local roads,
 2. Strategic routes linking towns and villages.
 3. Bus routes and important school bus routes.
 4. Roads being strengthened/surface dressed on the roadworks programme.

John Gannon,
Senior Engineer,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Date: 18/02/2025



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TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION SPC

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 19th February, 2025.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle (referred from September Metro Meeting)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that free parking for one hour be allowed for cars on street parking currently designated as loading bays from 14.00 PM to 18.00 PM Monday to Friday on a trial basis for three months. The objective of this measure is to encourage shoppers into Limerick City and increase footfall in William Street and Cruises Street and surrounding areas. The only cost to this measure is amending signage on the poles with appropriate stickers.

REPLY:

Most drivers are likely to opt for free parking in loading bays, which could force commercial vehicles to double park and could have significant impact on businesses' ability to get deliveries. The Transport Strategy team is working on installing sensors in loading bays to help commercial drivers locate and book a bay to make it easier to facilitate deliveries. The City Transport Plan is currently underway and is incorporating a Delivery Strategy and this Notice of Motion will be considered as part of that.

Liam Browne,

Senior Executive Engineer,

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 12/02/2025

**Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
to be held on Wednesday, the 19th February, 2025**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin (referred from October Metro Meeting)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council amend our traffic calming policy to allow the delivery of traffic calming measures where an elected member provides the funding and the necessary petition is signed and submitted by residents.

Response:

Limerick City & County Council approved an updated Traffic Calming policy in April 2024. A core principle of the updated policy is that each location is assessed using a marking system to ensure a consistent approach that includes all relevant factors to determine what measure if any is justified. The justification for and type of traffic calming measure to be provided must be considered and appraised by the operational team following a stepped approach before ultimately considering physical measures.

The appraisal system requires approval from the Senior Engineer of the Roads, Traffic and Cleansing Department (or their delegate) to approve the installation of traffic calming features.

Where an elected member believes that a measure is needed, they are advised to consult with the relevant district engineer for advice on likely compliance and to ensure that any further assessment of measures can be justified and not wasteful.

**Hugh McGrath,
Senior Engineer,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Director
17th February 2025**

MEETING OF THE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION SPC

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle (referred from October Metro Meeting)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council would present to city centre retailers at no cost parking ticket books in January 2025 provided the retailers have paid their 2024 rates in full. I would suggest large retailers who pay more than €20K in rates receive a 100 book of tickets and all other retailers 25 books of tickets to distribute free parking tickets to their customers in Limerick City centre. A provision for such a scheme should also be included in the Councils 2025 Budget process.

Reply

Budgetary provision was not made in the 2025 Budget to fund this proposed scheme.

However, Limerick City and County Council will continue to support city centre retailers with supports approved in the Council's Annual Budget and other supports through the Local Enterprise Office. These supports include but are not limited to the following:

- Small & Medium Business Support Scheme which provides a grant payment of 13.5% of 2025 Rates (subject to a maximum limit of €1,500) for small businesses with a total commercial rate bill of less than €30,000.
- The Councils marketing department will work with stakeholders to assist with marketing and promotion of events.
- Continue to work with city centre business on programme of events to encourage footfall.
- Continue to provide social media platform for business to promote their goods.

Specific budgetary provision for this and other SME schemes can also be considered as part of the Statutory Budget 2026 process.

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Irene Griffin
Financial Accountant
17th February 2025



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MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas (referred from September Council Meeting)

I will ask at the next Meeting if Limerick City and County Council will introduce in its forthcoming budget a Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme to assist communities, groups of local residents and landowners with the cutting of dangerous overhanging hedges/tree branches along public roads, similar to the schemes provided by Clare/Leitrim/Cork County Councils.

REPLY:

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