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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 10th March 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many social, affordable and private housing units have been delivered in the Metropolitan District of Limerick to date, under our development plan housing targets, and how many units are expected to be delivered annually over the lifetime of the plan.

REPLY:

Table 1 below describes the total number of actual social, affordable and private housing units (Column B) that have been completed in the Metropolitan District of Limerick from 2022 to 2024.

The Development Plan housing targets (as described under the Development Plan's Housing Needs Demand Assessment) for each year from 2022 to 2028 are provided in column A below.

It is difficult to predict the overall expected number of units to be delivered in the Metropolitan District over the lifetime of the plan to 2028. However, the Housing Directorate has a clear live overview of the affordable and social housing pipeline up to 2028, as outlined in Columns C and D.

As of the end of January 2025, in Limerick City and Suburbs and Metropolitan Area, live planning permission is in place for 5,182 units and construction has commenced on 1,879 of these units since 2019. Permission is in place for 3,303 units, which have not yet commenced in the Metropolitan District.

Planning permissions exist but do not guarantee development completions. However, State subventions introduced in 2022 through the CREL/STAR schemes for cost-rental delivery and AHF/First Home scheme for affordable sale delivery are now starting to show results in delivery numbers in 2023 and 2024 within the Metropolitan District. See Column D.

	Limerick City and Metro Annual Targets as per Table 4.4 of HNDA of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028	Actual CSO Completions for Limerick City East, Limerick City West and Limerick City North (3 LEAs combined for Metropolitan District)	SOCIAL DELIVERY in Metro (New Build additional supply only - excludes renewals of existing units)	AFFORDABLE DELIVERY in Metro (New Build additional supply only - excludes renewals of existing units)	PRIVATE DELIVERY in Metro
	A	B	C	D	E
Data Source	https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2022-07/Housing-Strategy-and-Housing-Need-Demand-Assessment.pdf	https://data.cso.ie/table/NDA05	DHLGH live TRABIS Tracker (internal database)	DHLGH live TRABIS Tracker (internal database)	No dataset available to determine private tenure. Private tenure assumed to be total CSO housing completions less social completions less affordable completions. B-(C+D)
2022	989*	500	277	0	223
2023	1976	564	230	63	271
2024	1976	748	255	104	389
2025	1976	Not known at this time	95 estimate	30 estimate	
2026	1976	Not known at this time	198 estimate	220 estimate	
2027	1976	Not known at this time	980 estimate	627 estimate	
2028*	989*	Not known at this time	286 estimate	177 estimate	
The figures in 2022 and 2028* represent their respective half years given the Development Plan period dates.					

Table 1: Overview of Metropolitan District Delivery

Sarah Newell

Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
5th March 2025



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress is being made on the upgrade of the playground in Dooradoyle adjacent to the Crescent Shopping Centre in partnership with Clancourt Ltd.

Response

The Council has been in discussions with Clancourt Ltd in relation to an upgrade of the playground in Dooradoyle, in particular for inclusive play items. Clancourt Ltd have engaged with a playground company in relation to seeking cost estimates for the project and have advised that they received a cost estimate of €34,729.87 inclusive of VAT for a number of play items.

In order to progress the project further, Clancourt Ltd have requested financial assistance up to a maximum of 50% from the Council. No funding source has been identified by the Council to date and once funding is secured, the project can be progressed further with Clancourt Ltd.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

06th March 2025



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from the Council on their plans to resurface the main Greenfield Road in Rosbrien.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council are liaising with Uisce Eireann to determine a solution and funding source to address road defects that have been caused by the previous installation of a watermain service at Greenfields, Rosbrien. Once agreed a road pavement repair and surfacing strategy for this area will be determined.

**Mike Richardson, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
3rd March 2025.**



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick Council provide an update on what is happening with The Horizon Site Dublin Road. The site has been left derelict for years.

Reply:

I am pleased to confirm that the owners of the Horizon Mall site (Kirkland) are engaging with the local authority in relation to progressing their new masterplan for the development of the site.

It is hoped that the developer will complete this work soon and move on to preparing a planning application.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
Planning and Placemaking
28th February 2025



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick Council provide an update on what is the delay with Speakers Corner, these properties consisting of 36 units, 50% will be cost rental, 20 % age friendly, 30% social housing are much needed in Limerick.

REPLY:

Speakers Corner consists of 19 cost rental units and 17 elderly/rightsizing units. The scheme is ready to start on site in the coming weeks. A Contractor has been appointed and have secured a compound close by. Funders are also on board to facilitate drawdowns. Expected completion is targeted for Q4 2026.

Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
5th March 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council return to lighting up King Johns Castle as it is widely well received and greatly enhanced the area from a tourist point of view.

Reply:

Lighting of the King John's Castle is currently set up and allowed for on the Castle Street side of the castle. Further plans to light up the castle are subject to detailed design and environmental sensitivity analysis and this is being considered by Discover Limerick DAC, as part of wider plans for the castle.

Eileen Coleman
Senior Executive Officer
RURAL, CULTURE, COMMUNITY & TOURISM DIRECTORATE



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Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the status of the dockless bike scheme for Castletroy/Annacotty and when will it be expanded beyond Castletroy to Corbally and Castleconnell.

Reply:

The dockless bike share pilot scheme which was operated by Tier-Dott concluded in December 2024. Tier-Dott have since ceased operations in Ireland.

The TFI Bike Share scheme operating across Limerick City is not affected by the conclusion of the pilot dockless scheme. The National Transport Authority has advised that the operation of the TFI Bike Share scheme is expected to be re-tendered later this year. Limerick City and County Council is working with the NTA to define an expanded geographical operating area for the TFI Bike Share scheme. We do not currently have a timeline for the roll out of the expanded scheme.

**Karen McDonnell,
Executive Planner,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
6th March 2025.**



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Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, for an update on previous engagements that took place between Limerick City and County Council, Limerick Animal Welfare and local guards to crackdown on the numerous puppy farms located throughout the city and county.

Response

Under the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010, dog breeders are obliged to register their premises with the Council. The definition of a dog-breeding establishment under the Act is a premises where six or more breeding bitches are kept. Premises with less than six bitches are not obliged to register.

Complaints regarding illegal dog breeding establishments are investigated by the Dog Wardens, sometimes in conjunction with An Garda Síochána. Limerick Animal Welfare does not have a statutory role regarding this process.

Some complaints received by the Council do not result in enforcement actions because the premises are found to be already registered and have been inspected, or because there are fewer than six breeding bitches on site. Dog Wardens ensure that dog licences are in place, and, if not, issue the required Section 16 Notice.

The dog breeding establishment function of the Council is in the course of being taken over by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine during 2025, and veterinary surgeons within the Department will be enforcing the Act when this transfer is complete.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

05th March 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, how many over 55's are on the Limerick social housing list that have a disability.

REPLY:

There are 322 people (identifying as Main Applicant) over 55 with a disability on the social housing waiting list. This figure covers Limerick City and County and includes those on the transfer list.

Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
6th March 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if a site has yet been identified for a community centre in Castletroy.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council have committed to developing a strategy for community facilities based on the findings of the Community Facilities Audit already completed. The strategy will assist in the development of improved community infrastructure across the city and county. There is an awareness of the needs raised for the Castletroy area and this will be considered in the development of the strategy.

SEAMUS O'CONNOR
LCDC Chief Officer
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
7TH March, 2025.



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**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a delivery timeline of the proposed new Park in the Groody area as part of the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy's implementation.

Response

There is currently no timeline for the delivery of a new Park in the Groody Valley. The purpose of specifically mentioning this particular green space in the Blue Green Infrastructure Strategy was to highlight its potential as a Park and to ensure that it is retained as a green space for recreational and ecological purposes, given its proximity to residential areas and the importance of green spaces for health and wellbeing.

The Council can consider the delivery of this project in due course and are cognisant of its delivery as part of other development plans for the area. There is currently no funding in place for the delivery of the project.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

06th March 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what process took place to identify / assess the projects put forward for the Historic Structures Fund and what team / directorate executed this.

Response

The assessment of the Historic Structures Fund applications was carried out by members of the Public Realm and Heritage Team, within the Planning and Place-Making Directorate. The assessment panel consisted of:

- Maria Woods, Senior Planner
- Gráinne McMahon, Senior Executive Architect
- Shóna O'Keeffe, Executive Architectural Conservation Officer
- Nancy O'Neill, Assistant Architectural Conservation Officer

The assessment panel carried out a full review of each submission to ensure its eligibility in accordance with the Circular Guidance Document for the Historic Structures Fund and the panel visited each structure.

The panel carried out an assessment of each project against the criteria as set out in Section 4 of the guidance circular, issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Housing. These criteria are as follows:

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

Each project was assigned a mark corresponding to how it addressed each of these criteria, and the top three scoring projects were recommended for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The recommendation was agreed by the Senior Management Team in advance of the letter issuing to the Department.

Signed:

Maria Woods

Senior Planner,

Forward Planning, Public Realm and Heritage

Date:

4/3/2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the lighting of the railway bridge on Childers Road as it was to be completed in May 2025.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council have recently completed repairs to the existing lighting infrastructure adjacent to the Childers Road Railway Bridge. The Public lighting team are also examining further additional lighting options which are dependent on approval from Irish Rail and funding availability.

Mike Richardson, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
3rd March 2025.



**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
to be held on Monday 10th March 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if this Council has a specific staff member who holds the title of 'horse warden'. If not, do they intend to fill this role. If there is not someone in this role locally, where does the licensed officer who fulfils this role for Limerick Council travel from.

Response

The LCCC Veterinary Services section has responsibility for enforcement of the Control of Horses Act 1996 and the Limerick City and County Council (Control of Horses) Bye Laws 2017. Section 3 of the Act allows the Council to appoint Authorised Persons who may exercise any of the functions conferred under this Act, such as the seizure of horses

The Council has privately contracted pound services provided by ACS, located in Cork, who are the appointed authorised officers for the Council. The LCCC Veterinary Services team work in close collaboration with An Garda Síochána and ACS in the carrying out Horse Control functions, responding to complaints, monitoring the green areas of the city, scheduling seizures and engaging with horse owners. The title of 'Horse Warden' is not a role set out under the Act.

Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action

05th March 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for this Council to please clarify which department has responsibility for the removal of dumped waste/litter from green spaces in the Metropolitan area.

Response

Any issues of illegal dumping should be referred to Customer Services and arrangements will be made for the removal of the waste/litter after investigations by the Litter Management section.

Kieran Lehane

Director of Service for the Metropolitan District of Limerick
Limerick City & County Council
07/03/2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a timeline for the installation of automatic red-light cameras to monitor road users who break red lights throughout the Metropolitan area

Reply:

The provision of static traffic light cameras and their implementation is a project under the supervision of the National Transport Authority.

At present there is no timeline regarding their implementation in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Liam Browne, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
5th March 2025.



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed 24 units at Barnakyle, Patrickswell and in particular the request by the elected members whilst considering the Part 8 that 50% of these units be made available for purchase under the Affordable Purchase Scheme.

REPLY:

The current unit mix for the Barnakyle development is as follows:

- 8 No. 2-bed units
- 11 No. 3-bed units
- 5 No. 4-bed units

In terms of project progress, the development is currently at Stage 3 under the Social Housing Capital Investment Scheme. Tender drawings were fully completed in September 2024, and we are presently awaiting the Connection Agreement for Uisce Éireann before advancing further.

A significant redesign was undertaken in March 2022, following initial approval of Stage 2 by the Department. This redesign was at the request of an Elected Member to incorporate provisions for elderly housing and homes suited for incremental purchase (starter home purchase scheme targeted at working HAP/RAS tenants). A revised Stage 2 submission was subsequently made and approved by the Department in July 2022. The Part 8 planning process commenced on 3rd September 2022.

We note from the minutes of the meeting where the Part 8 was decided a specific query seeking if Limerick City and County Council could apply to the Department of Housing to allow for 50% of this development to be designated as affordable funding for this scheme.

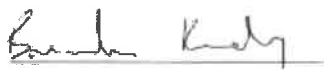
The Housing Construction Unit are advancing this project through the Social Housing Capital Investment Scheme. Should a review be undertaken to assess if 50% of the scheme would be considered eligible for the Affordable Housing Fund would require a number of checks:

- Eligibility check for Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) to meet a minimum of 15% reduction involving an independent all-in cost estimate alongside an independent valuation.

Should that check above be deemed positive, the following steps are required:

- Engagement internally and with the DHLGH on the matter to seek their advisory in the context of our suboptimal delivery of social housing against our targets
- Engagement with the Finance Section of LCCC to determine loan capacity
- Engagement with the Local Government Auditor

An assessment of this will be undertaken as soon as the Connection Agreement is secured. Elected Members will be updated in due course.



Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
6th March 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update in relation to the grass cutting along the N69 in Clarina Village for the coming year, and to include the roundabout in Clarina as part of this planned grass cutting.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council will continue to carry out Grass and Hedge Cutting works along the N69 as per previous years. Limerick City and County Council are currently investigating options with TII to develop Clarina Roundabout under a proposed sponsorship scheme. We will continue to follow up on this and provide an update once available.

Enda Harrison, E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
3rd March 2025.



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full itemised breakdown of expenditure already incurred in advancing the Wickham Street to Clare Street Active Travel Scheme to date.

Reply:

The expenditure to progress the Wickham St. to Clare St. Active Travel Scheme Oct 2020 to March 2025 is €207,577.62 (inclusive of VAT).

Breakdown as follows;

- Administration Costs €23.84
- Advertisement/Communication Fees €1,383.60
- Consultancy fees to advance to statutory process €90,054.45
- Economic Assessment €27,060.00
- Legal Fees €934.80
- Parking Survey €10,741.59
- Photomontages €200.00
- Photomontages- Virtual Room and Report €11,931.00
- Public Events €942.90
- Road Safety Audit €2,152.50
- Staff Salary and Costs €15,884.70
- Topographical Survey €30,550.00
- Traffic Modelling €15,718.24

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