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## **LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **ADARE RATHKEALE MD MEETING**

**TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025.**

#### **Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

**I will ask at the next meeting how many people have been prosecuted or legal action enforced upon land owners who do not cut or maintain there hedgerows by this local authority in the past 24 months and breakdown of each per district.**

#### **REPLY:**

Within the past 24 months, across all Municipal Districts in Limerick City & County Council, one landowner, in the Metropolitan MD, has been prosecuted for not maintaining their hedgerows by this Council.

For the period 2023 & 2024 the Adare Rathkeale MD offices have issued 605 letters to landowners advising them of their responsibilities under section 70 of the roads act 1993.

John Gannon,

Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 22/01/2025



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## **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE - RATHKEALE**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11.03.2025**

### **Question submitted by Councillor Adam Teskey**

I will ask for an update on the discussions by this council in relation to the appointment of an operator for the Askeaton Swimming pool?

### **REPLY:**

Discussions are continuing with the same operator as reported at the February meeting of the Adare Rathkeale Municipal District.

It is envisaged that such discussions will continue until the end of the month. Subject to a satisfactory agreement, the centre could reopen later in the summer.

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Declan White,  
A/Senior Executive Officer,  
Regeneration Sports & Recreation Directorate.



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**MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**To be held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.**

**Question submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

I will ask at this meeting for the local authority to explain the brief and the role and its proposed purpose of the appointment of Kathleen White to our district Council and for the local authority to explain the exact areas for which the appointment will be responsible for and what exactly are the functions of the said appointment.

**Reply**

The Director General has made a number of changes to enable the organisation deliver on the strategic priorities as emerging in the discussion and engagement around the Corporate Plan 2025 – 2029.

This includes further supporting the elected members and strengthening the delivery of services at Municipal and Metropolitan District level through the appointments of Senior Executive Officers to the Metropolitan and Municipal Districts.

The Senior Executive Officer post is to assist the Area Directors and District Chairs in their functions in addition to collaborating with colleagues across the organisation to support the delivery of services at District levels.

This is an additional resources and it is not a replacement or duplication of existing resources serving the municipal and metropolitan districts.

Overall oversight of the Districts has been assigned to Gordon Daly, Deputy Director General.



**JAMES CLUNE,**  
**HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES**



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**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY,  
11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2025.**

**Question from Councillor S. Keary**

- a) How many applications have been made in the Adare/Rathkeale Municipal Area for Croi Conaithe grant funding from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2024.
- b) How many applications have been approved pertaining to the same period.
- c) How many applications have been refused/declined.
- d) How many Section 5 requests have been sought during the said period.
- e) How many applications did not have a Section 5 request.

**REPLY:**

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant was launched by the Government on 14th July 2022 and benefits property owners who wish to turn a formerly vacant house or building into their principal private residence or to make it available to the private rental market.

The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is managed and administered by local authorities on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Limerick City and County Council receives, processes, and decides on applications for the grant for the local administrative area.

A grant of up to a maximum of €50,000 (or €70,000 in the case of derelict structurally unsound and dangerous property) is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, and for properties which will be made available for rent, including the conversion of properties which have not been used as residential heretofore (apart from agricultural, storage, base uses), subject to appropriate planning permission being in place.

The scheme application form states the following: "In cases where a question arises in relation to whether a proposed development needs planning permission or is exempted development, an applicant under the scheme will be required to submit a declaration of exemption under Section 5, of the Planning and Development Act 2000. This question may arise, in particular, in the case of a change of use, properties that have been vacant for a long period of time, and properties that are in a substantial state of disrepair and / or require substantial works."

Limerick City & County Council received 31 grant applications for the Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District in 2024. Of those applications, six applied with full planning permission for development already in place. A further two applications were located in an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and were directed to consult with the Council's Conservation Office. Of the remaining 23 applications, 12 were requested to consult with the Council's Planning Office to confirm that their proposed works were in compliance with the Planning Acts.

How many applications have been made in the Adare/Rathkeale Municipal Area for Croi Conaithe grant funding from the 1 <sup>st</sup> of January 2024 to the 31 <sup>st</sup> of December 2024.	31
How many applications have been approved pertaining to the same period.	17
How many applications have been refused/declined.	3
How many Section 5 requests have been sought during the said period.	12
How many applications did not have a Section 5 request.	11

Jayne Leahy  
Head of Property Management Services  
Rural, Community, Culture & Tourism Development Directorate

6th March 2025