



**Plenary Meeting of Limerick City and County Council
to be held on Monday 31st March 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting – since 1st February, 2025, it is now illegal to own an XL Bully Dog unless you have a Certificate of Exemption – (a) how many XL Bully Dogs were destroyed; (b) how many exemptions were granted in Limerick; (c) what were the reasons for the exemptions; and (d) what steps has this Council put in place to ensure that all XL Bully Dogs are certified.

Response

Under the Control of Dogs (XL Bully) Regulations 2024, as of 1 February this year, it has been illegal to own an XL Bully unless you have a Certificate of Exemption.

- a) **How many XL Bully Dogs were destroyed;** as of 1 February 2025, 2 XL Bully dogs have been euthanised in the Dog Shelter.
- b) **How many exemptions were granted in Limerick;** 38 exemption certs have been issued
- c) **What were the reasons for the exemptions;** the requirements of approval for an exemption cert were set out under the XL Bully regulations. The following documents were required;
 - Application form submitted within the deadline for applications - 31/01/2025
 - Copy of valid Dog Licence.
 - Copy of Microchipping Certificate.
 - Copy of Veterinary Confirmation of Neutering Status Form.
 - Photographic Proof of Identity (Copy of Passport, Drivers Licence, public services card etc.).
 - Proof of Address (Copy of Utility Bill or bank statement within previous 3 months etc.).

Applicants that supplied the required documentation within the deadline for applications were approved for an exemption.

(d) **What steps has this Council put in place to ensure that all XL Bully Dogs are certified;** it is the responsibility of each dog owner to apply for a Certificate of exemption for their XL Bully dog. In advance of the ban coming into force the Council contacted all owners that had purchased a dog licence in Limerick that noted the breed as an XL Bully, to remind them of the requirement for an exemption. In addition, there was a nationwide media campaign run by the Department of Rural and Community Affairs to highlight in XL Bully ban and the steps owners were required to take to exempt their dog.

**Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
26th March 2025**



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Question submitted by Councillor Cllr. Bridie Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting how many pre-planning and full planning permissions have been refused or withdrawn since the adoption of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 based on applicants residing in Level 4 settlements.

REPLY:

This question was discussed with Cllr.Collins. Details of pre-planning meeting are confidential and therefore cannot be released.

The level of detail required in order to provide an answer for this question will require additional time due to the nature of the question. Work has commenced on the compilation of the data, which will be further examined once gathered.

Nuala O'Connell,

Senior Planner,

Planning & Place-Making.

28th March 2025.

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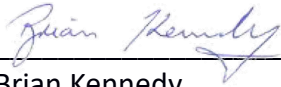
Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for the number of Notices to Quit received by Limerick Council across Limerick in the last 12 months per month.

REPLY:

The table shows the number of Tenant in Situ properties the team are working on each month. The numbers provided per month under column A shows the cumulative record of cases we have logged since the Notice to Quits became evident since the eviction ban in March 2023. The numbers provided under column B records the new notifications received per month.

	A	B
Month	Cumulative Average per month since March 2023	Number of new Notice To Quit notifications received per month
Feb-24	578	29
Mar-24	601	17
Apr-24	626	30
May-24	645	19
Jun-24	662	6
Jul-24	675	15
Aug-24	690	20
Sep-24	713	22
Oct-24	738	25
Nov-24	754	13
Dec-24	770	17
Jan-25	787	21
Feb-25	807	17
Up to 21 st Mar-25	818	3



Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Housing Directorate
27th March 2025

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will ask at the next meeting, (i) How many vacant Council properties do we currently have (ii) What is the projected cost of refurbishing all of these properties (iii) What is this year's budget for refurbishing these properties and (iv) How much do we get from central government towards the cost, per unit.

REPLY:

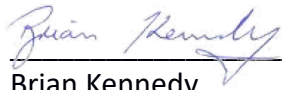
The number of vacant properties as of the 26th March, 2025, is 226 no. units of which 119 no. houses are Voids.

For the current 119 no. houses our projected cost of refurbishing these units is €5,077,377. For units that will be returned from tenants throughout 2025, the projected average cost based on 2024 is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Prelets	€40,000
1-	€35,000
3	€66,000
4	€215,000.

€2,825,000 has been allocated in the Capital budget in 2025 for Void properties and €767,672 in the Revenue budget for Pre Letting Repairs. The total allocated budget is €3,592,672.

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government will fund €11,000 towards any void which has not received funding before. For all other vacant stock, which is not a void, an application for funding can be made.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Kennedy", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Services
Housing

27th March 2025



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MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 31 March 2025

Question submitted by Councillor Sharon Benson

I will ask at the next meeting if Limerick City and County Council has a dedicated fulltime Access Officer, with appropriate seniority and training.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council has a number of Access Officers in place, each in a part time capacity but with their own areas of responsibility in the areas of HR, public realm and council buildings. The group meet on a monthly basis to review access issues and are drafting an Accessibility strategy for the wider organisation in conjunction with their colleagues in Community Development. The Council also run regular Disability awareness sessions for staff on their responsibilities in this very important area.

James Clune
Head of Human Resources



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that all paths and roads maintenance costs for all required works are included in pre-budget workshops in a project-by-project in Q3 and Q4 going forward.

REPLY:

The Road Maintenance Works to be carried out annually are identified on the Roads Management Database on a triennial basis, as required by the Department of Transport, (2025-2027 currently in place). These roads are identified mainly using the Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) rating system, which is a rating system to evaluate the condition of Regional and Local Roads in Ireland and through representations by Councillors and members of the public. Finalisation of that list is done by the presentation of the SMDW to the Municipal district for adoption. Changes will occur from time to time due to funding restrictions, identification of synergies with other departments and representations.

These elements are generally finalised in Jan/Feb of the year in question and when budgets are known and allocated.

Seamas O'Reilly, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
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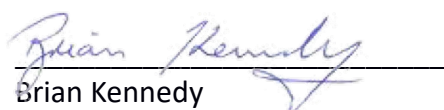
Question submitted by Councillor M. O'Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting if the Housing Department can set out its current projected Per Cent for Art budget across all projects regardless of stage.

REPLY:

The below table outlines the Percent for Art budgets approved on LCCC SHIP Construction projects and Approved Housing Body CAS Construction projects as of March 2025.

Percent for Art allowance on LCCC Housing project budgets			
Art budget remaining on LCCC Approved projects	Art budget on AHB Approved projects	Projected Art budget on LCCC projects (not yet DHLGH approved)	Projected Art budget on AHB projects (not yet DHLGH approved)
€1,272,031	€210,043	€647,500	€45,000



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a full yearly breakdown of expenditure on consultants by the Active Travel Team since it was established.

REPLY:

The average percentage of design consultancy spending on Limerick City and County Council Active Travel capital projects typically falls within the range of 5% to 10% of the total project budget.

These projects, which include infrastructure for cycling, walking, and other forms of sustainable transport, often require specialized expertise in urban planning, engineering, and environmental assessments.

Factors influencing consultancy costs on active travel projects include project complexity, geographic location, and the specific requirements of local authorities or government bodies.

Spend on design consultancy was as follows: -

2021 - €699,566.81

2022 - €722,052.45

2023 - €1,407,154.37

2024 - €1,627,209.69

Total: €4,455,983.32

The overall non-payroll costs for the same period and same schemes amount to €63,495,994.75, so our consultancy fees account for 7.01% of the non-payroll costs to date which is below the expected outturn of 10% notwithstanding fees are still being incurred as schemes are progressing.

Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.

Active Travel,

Transportation & Mobility Directorate,

27th March 2025

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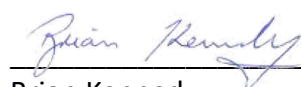
Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council over the past five years, what are the maintenance costs for Council housing stock by year and District.

REPLY:

The following are the Maintenance costs for Council housing stock by year and District over the past five years:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	€187,254	€196,165	€312,402	€186,754	€397,411
Municipal District of Cappamore- Kilmallock	€159,977	€235,318	€315,707	€404,044	€589,372
Municipal District of Newcastle West	€168,381	€178,921	€332,283	€372,871	€514,792
Metropolitan District of Limerick	€1,407,651	€1,395,288	€2,044,680	€2,525,411	€2,897,508



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MARCH MEETING OF PLENARY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2025

Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what percentage of our Authority's Annual Rate Revenue was derived from Wind Farms situate locally in each of the past five financial years.

Reply

The following table summarises the percentage of Limerick City and County Council's Annual Rate Income derived from Wind Farms situated in this local authority area for the past five financial years. I have also included the percentage for 2025.

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Windfarm Income as a Percentage of Total Rates Income	6.46%	6.44%	6.52%	6.28%	6.04%	5.85%

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Matthew White
Director of Finance

MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL be held on Monday, 31st March, 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting how many properties our Authority had agreed to purchase in 2024 under Notice to Quit, Tenant in Situ and Rightsizing options, what the relating purchase monies amount to, and when completions are expected.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) are sale agreed on 14 no. Tenant in Situ properties from 2024 in Limerick City and County.

Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) funded by LCCC are also sale agreed on 14 no. Tenant in Situ properties from 2024.

LCCC are sale agreed on 4 no. rightsizing properties from 2024.

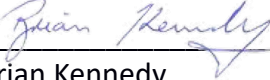
Purchase monies are not approved by the DHLGH at this time for the sale agreed properties. Therefore, completion dates are not known.

The sales relating to Tenant in Situ properties are on hold pending receipt of the official Circular from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) which will detail the 2025 budget allocation for LCCC for all acquisitions including the Tenant in Situ Scheme.

Overall, LCCC have 48 no. acquisitions on our tracker that are approaching sale agreed (i.e., at proposal stage).

The DHLGH have advised all Local Authorities that there will be no funding for the acquisition of properties relating to rightsizing in 2025. Alternative options are being explored currently for the 4 no. rightsizers identified above that LCCC are sale agreed with.

Once we receive notification on the DHLGH Circular and Budget Allocation relating to the Acquisitions Programme for 2025, we will keep Elected Members informed of the specific conditions associated with it.



Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Housing
27th March 2025