

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

April 2025

Limerick City and County Council Celebrates Tidy Towns Achievements and Launches 2025 Season

Upgrading of Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Facilities from TUS Moylish to Limerick City Centre

Limerick City and County Council Wins URBACT Good Practice Label for Castletroy Greenway

Record-Breaking 23,500 Volunteers Come out for Milestone Team Limerick Clean-Up

Climate Action Week Limerick 2025: A Call to Collective Environmental Engagement

Limerick City and County Council Welcomes Office of Public Works Approval of Landmark 14-Storey Opera Square Building

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Office of the Mayor

Some highlights for the month of April include:

April was another busy month in the Office of the Mayor. We are continuing to bring renewed focus to the delivery of the Mayoral Programme, with our fifth meeting of the Limerick Mayoral Advisory and Implementation Committee having taken place this month.

I was delighted to take part, along with many hundreds of others, in the tenth anniversary of Team Limerick Clean-Up. On the day, I visited St. Munchin's Community Centre, the Treaty Stone, Merchant's Quay Control Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Woodlawn Park and St. Mary's Community Centre.

On the international front, I was pleased to host His Excellency, the Brazilian Ambassador to Ireland, here in Limerick. I also travelled to Paris to meet His Excellency, the Irish Ambassador to France. Both were fruitful meetings where we discussed further collaboration with Limerick.

I led a delegation, including the Director of Planning and Place-Making, Vincent Murray, and Councillor Francis Foley, to the UK, where we travelled to four cities – Liverpool, Salford, Manchester and Birmingham. A formal invitation will now be extended to representatives from each of the four cities to visit Limerick at some point during the current Mayoral term.

I was also pleased to host a trade delegation from Oeiras, Portugal, to Limerick. Each get-together like this builds bridges and enhances our competitiveness on the European and world stage.

Below is a summary of the Mayor's Diary for the month of April:

01 April

- Attended a meeting in connection with the Aerowaves 2027 Festival.
- Received an update on the SMART Homes Working Group.
- Received an update on the Mayoral Programme.
- Received an update on Transport.
- Attended the Local Community Development Committee Meeting.
- Received an update from the Director General on Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC Strategy, and the Audit and Risk Committee.
- Attended the Local Action Group (LAG) meeting.
- Meeting with Councillor Elena Secas and Councillor Victor Moisa from Moldova.
- Attended meeting in relation to Mayoral Charity Dinner.

02 April

- Met with the Mayor of Oeiras, Portugal, and trade delegation.
- Attended a meeting addressing anti-social behaviour in Limerick City and County Council Housing Estates.
- Received an update on Mayoral Programme Objectives involving the Arts.
- Hosted a tour for Estonian Students who were visiting the Mid-West School for the Deaf.

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- Attended the Annual Training Conference of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).
- Attended and spoke at the Book Launch of “A History of Gaelic Sport in Mungret-St. Pauls” at Mungret-St. Pauls GAA Club.

03 April

- Meeting with Director of Planning and Place-Making.
- Meeting with the Director General.
- Attended the AILG Annual Training Conference.
- Meeting with the Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, John Cummins, TD.
- Meeting with the Organiser of the Mayoral Ball.

04 April

- Attended meeting at KPMG on Limerick City and County Council SMART Housing.
- Attended a fundraising Chernobyl Lunch.

07 April

- Attended the Management Board Meeting.
- Attended a Special Meeting of the Plenary Council.
- Attended a briefing from the Land Development Agency (LDA) for the Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- Meeting with Sport Ireland, the Director General, Director of Regeneration, Sports and Recreation and Limerick Sports Partnership’s Manager.
- Dinner with the Mayoral Advisory and Implementation Committee

08 April

- Meeting with the Mayoral Advisory and Implementation Committee.
- Received an update on SMART Homes.

09 April

- Meeting in relation to the Mayoral Ball.
- Meeting with the Integration Community Response Team.
- Meeting with the LDA, Limerick City and County Council, CIE and the Health Service Executive.
- Attended and delivered a speech at the Launch of a New Service in Threshold.
- Meeting with the Head of Corporate Services.
- Meeting with Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- Attended and gave a speech at the Open Art Exhibition on Colour Blindness.

10 April

- Travelled to France.
- Meeting in relation to Project Oaktree.
- Meeting with the Irish Ambassador to France, Niall Burgess.

11 April

- Attended the meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly online.

12 April

- Attended dinner with a member of the Paris Chamber.

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14 April

- Meeting with the President of Mary Immaculate College.
- Attended the Management Board Meeting.
- Attended a Strategy Meeting for Colbert Quarter.
- Meeting with staff on Mayoral Programme priorities.
- Signed the THRIVE Application Form.
- Met with Community, Integration and the Health and Wellbeing Team in relation to the Q1 and Q2 objectives of the Mayoral Programme.
- Meeting with the Senior Engineer from the Mid-West National Road Design Office.

15 April

- Meeting with the Director General.
- Meeting with the Coolcappa Community Action Group.
- Received an update on SMART Homes.
- Attended the Research Launch at Corpus Christi Primary School, Moyross.
- Meeting with the University of Limerick (UL) Post Graduate Students' Union to strengthen ties between UL and Limerick.
- Meeting in relation to the Mayoral Ball.
- Meeting with the Communications Department.

16 April

- Online meeting with the Marie Keating Foundation.
- Meeting with Conor Sheehan, T.D.

- Visited the Hospital Family Resource Centre to meet with the Hospital Parent and Toddler Group, Step Forward Disability Group and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Classes.
- Visited the Bruff Childcare Project.
- Meeting with a representative from the Deeber House Hotel in Kilmallock.
- Phone call in connection with Team Limerick Clean-Up.
- Meeting in relation to housing in Ballycumin.
- Attended a meeting in relation to parks.
- Phone call with the Special Advisor.

17 April

- Meeting with the Director General.
- Meeting with the Director of Transportation and Mobility.
- Meeting with representatives from EVA International.
- Call with Representatives from University of Limerick.
- Met with Representatives from Mayo County Council in relation to Housing.

18 April

- Attended Team Limerick Clean-Up.
- Visited St. Munchin's Community Centre, the Treaty Stone, Merchant's Quay Control Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre, Woodlawn Park and St. Mary's Community Centre.
- Interview with Newstalk Radio.

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20 April

- Attended Bangladeshi Day in Garryowen Rugby Club.
- Attended Limerick v Tipperary in Thurles.

21 April

- Attended the Inter Area Basketball Tournament finals for Boys U17's, Girls U14's, Boys U14's and Girls U17's in the UL Sports Arena. Presented the awards after the finals to the winning teams.

22 April

- Meeting with Limerick Suicide Watch.
- Attended the Management Board Meeting.
- Received an update on the SMART Homes.
- Attended a meeting about the Mayoral Ball.
- Received an update on Transport.
- Hosted a meeting with the Brazilian Ambassador to Ireland.
- Interview with RTE, The Week in Politics.
- Meeting with the UL Community Liaison Group.

23 April

- Meeting with Limerick Cricket Club in The Factory Southside Youth Space.
- Reviewed submissions to the National Development Plan.
- Travelled to the United Kingdom.

24 April

- Travelled to Liverpool and met with Councillor Liam Robinson, the Leader of Liverpool City Council.
- Travelled to Manchester and attended lunch with the Directly-Elected City Mayor of Salford, Paul Dennet, and Councillor Mike McCusker who is the Council's lead member for Planning, Transport and Sustainable Development.
- Meeting with the Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham.
- Travelled to Birmingham.

25 April

- Meeting with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham.
- Attended a Round Table Discussion with Birmingham City Council, which involved relevant Cabinet Members and the West Midlands Growth Company.
- Attended lunch with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham.
- Attended dinner with members of the Limerick Birmingham Association.

28 April

- Attended the Management Board Meeting.
- Attended a briefing from the LDA for members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on Carey's Road Development.
- Attended a meeting in relation to the Mayoral Ball.
- Signed Book of Condolence for the late Pope Francis.
- Attended and spoke at the St. Patrick's Day Awards 2025.
- Travelled to Dublin.
- Attended and spoke at the Martin McEvoy arrival dinner.

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29 April

- Attended and spoke at the conference on Limerick's experience on Directly Elected Mayor at Dublin City University.
- Did an interview with RTE, Six One News.
- Received an update on SMART Homes.
- Attended the King's Day Reception, hosted by the Dutch Embassy.
- Meeting with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
- Did an interview with the Hard Shoulder, Newstalk.

30 April

- Meeting with representative from Treaty United.
- Meeting with an Expert Working Group on Public Parks.
- Did an interview with Live 95.
- Attended a King's Day Networking Lunch and spoke at the event.
- Meeting with the LDA.
- Attended and spoke at a meeting with the Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL).



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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 30 April 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,154,119 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	130,686
Writes offs/ Waivers €	679,066
Total for Collection €	68,913,122
Amount Collected €	36,628,728
Arrears €	32,284,394
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	896,999
% Collected	53.9%

Debtors Loans	
As at 30 April 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	491,685 ^
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	760,384
Receipts €	661,461
Arrears €	98,923
% Collected	87%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for April 2025

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

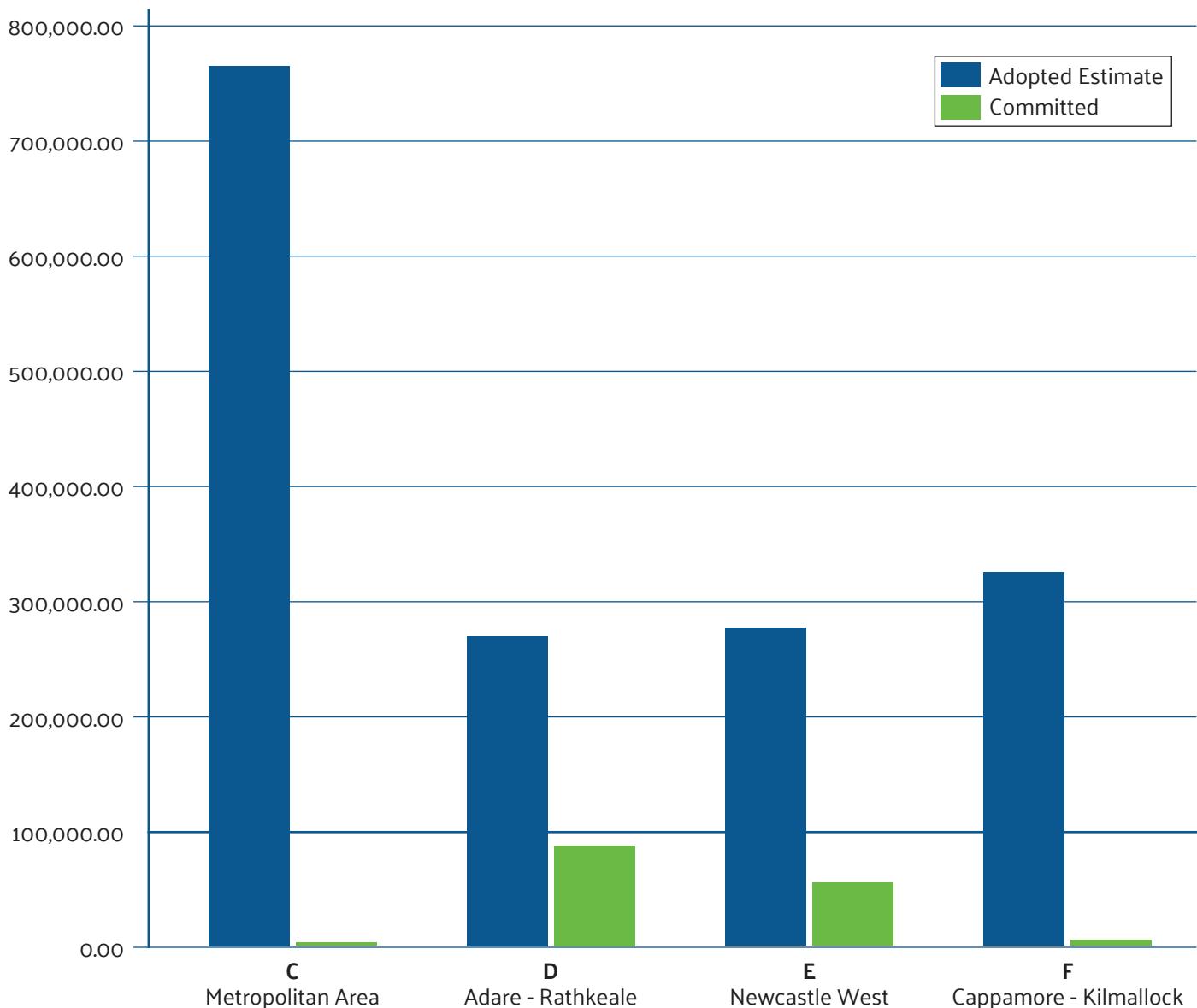
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General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 30 April 2025



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitan Area	763,300,000	1,294
D Adare - Rathkeale	270,000,000	87,580
E Newcastle West	278,600,000	54,124
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	327,600,000	2,217
Total	1,639,500,000	

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2. Trade and Investment

Job announcements

- The Home Care services provider, Dovida, announced plans to bring 60 new jobs in the care sector to Limerick. This comes as the company, which recently rebranded from Home Instead, aims to increase its impact in the private home care sector and expand its offering throughout the Mid-West and the rest of Ireland.

Retail

- The women's clothing retailer, Paco, announced that it will open a unit on the Ground Floor of the Arthur's Quay Mall in Limerick; it currently has a store in the Crescent Shopping Centre.
- Fordes Courtyard Restaurant recently opened on Little Ellen Street in Limerick; it is a blend of authentic Italian flavours.

Trade

- Trade and Investment facilitated a trade mission from Oeiras, Portugal, to Limerick. The delegation was led by Mayor Isaltino Morais and included members of the Oeiras Valley Investment Agency. Future economic collaboration was explored throughout the visit and the delegation got a good insight into Limerick's collaborative ecosystem with site visit including: Engine Hub; Hartnett Enterprise Acceleration Centre; Dell Technologies; Adare Manor; Digital Manufacturing Ireland; Limerick Chamber, and Serosep Ltd.
- Trade and Investment attended the launch of Limerick Chamber's Mid-West Economic Insights Report on 28 April.
- Trade and Investment attended the Limerick Local Enterprise Office Get Exporting event covering all things export and market development for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) on 29 April.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

Twilight Thursdays was officially launched on 28 April. Numerous events have already been programmed and a call to action to the public to run events and seek funding is active. An open letter and call out to businesses in the city was also issued, as well as to the Restaurants Association of Ireland and the Vintners Federation. Community partners of Twilight Thursday have been secured in the form of Uber and FreeNow who will be offering a 40% discount on taxis for Twilight Thursdays.

Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) Expert Group

A meeting of the SME Expert Group, chaired by Councillor Peter Doyle, deputising for the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, took place on 10 April. Work is ongoing to put together a Five-Year Limerick SME Action Plan.

3. Digital Services

The Limerick Museum website (<https://museum.limerick.ie>) has recently undergone a significant upgrade and migration to a new hosting platform. This enhancement ensures improved performance, increased reliability, and a more seamless user experience across devices. Visitors can now enjoy faster load times, enhanced navigation, and greater accessibility to the museum's rich collection of historical resources and digital exhibitions. The upgrade also provides a stronger foundation for future developments, allowing the museum to continue expanding its online offerings and better serve the public with engaging, informative content.

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4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick ran seven Training Programmes and Business Advice Clinics during April for Limerick-based businesses, which were attended by 94 business owners from across the City and County.
- In April, LEO Limerick approved:
 - Four Digital for Business supports to help Limerick businesses 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
 - 15 One-to-One mentoring sessions with LEO Limerick Business Consultants

- The LEO Limerick Evaluation Committee approved grants totalling €271,817 in April, to help Limerick businesses engaged in manufacturing and/or exporting internationally traded services, to grow and expand their businesses; these included one Feasibility grant, three Priming grants and five Business Expansion grants.
- On 29 April, LEO Limerick invited local entrepreneurs and business owners to an informative morning in Engine, talking all things Export and Market Development and there were 56 people in attendance. With Guest panellists from a number of Export Advisory agencies, attendees were given a clear pathway of information, connections and resources needed to execute a successful Export Strategy. The guest panellists included Patrick McMahon Enterprise Ireland, Ann Dooley Enterprise Europe Network, and Denise Mahon Intertrade Ireland. Guest Speakers also included Local Businesses and Micro Exporters who have taken the first steps into foreign markets and discussed the challenges and opportunities of expanding their sales markets.

5. 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 April
No. of callouts 01.04.2025- 30.04.2025	1,081	820	1 min 42 secs (102) seconds	1,901

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6. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Enterprise Infrastructure

- **3 Year Anniversary of Abbeyfeale E-Hub**

The Old Bank in Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick, is a restored former bank building now serving as a modern remote working hub. Located on Main Street, it offers a variety of flexible workspace options, including hot desks, private offices, and meeting rooms, catering to freelancers, remote workers, and small businesses. The facility is operated by Entara Group and is part of the ENGINE Hubs Network, a government-supported initiative aimed at revitalising rural communities through digital and remote work infrastructure. It is an integral part of the Abbeyfeale community with the Tourist office, local doctor, physiotherapist and local small business located there.

- Engine Collaboration Centre is at 100% occupancy
- N21 Rathkeale Enterprise Centre area is 100% occupancy.
- Narrative 4 Ireland took up occupancy in the Engine Collaboration Centre; it is one of Innovate Limerick's objectives to provide enterprise infrastructure.
- Scoping and funding preparation for Digital Accelerator Building ongoing.

Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

Enterprise Events

In April, the Engine Collaboration Centre hosted over 608 attendees at more than 25 events and 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:

- Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Start-Up Awards 2025 (01 April)
- Mayor's Office Delegation from Portugal (02 April)
- Catalyst International Film Festival 2025 (03 April)
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick Meetings and Workshops (04, 10, 15, 17, 23, 29 April)
- Treaty Software Meetings (16, 23, 29 April)
- Meeting Pod (01 April)
- Fresh Film (11, 12 April)
- Film/Video training (26 April)
- Skillnet Innovation Exchange Visit to Limerick

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Partnership and Collaboration

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

- **Skillnet Innovation Exchange Working Partnership Visit to Engine**

The Skillnet Innovation Exchange is a structured programme designed to connect large companies facing digital transformation challenges with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that can provide innovative solutions. This collaboration allows SMEs to access a ready-made sales pipeline, gain market intelligence, and develop the capabilities to pitch effectively to large corporates. In turn, large companies benefit from the creativity and agility of SMEs, accelerating their digital transformation efforts.

- **Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Start-Up Awards 2025**

This event celebrated the achievements of 13 entrepreneurs who completed Phase 2 of Enterprise Ireland's New Frontiers programme, delivered by the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) through the Hartnett Enterprise Acceleration Centre.

- **Catalyst International Film Festival 2025**

This annual event is dedicated to promoting underrepresented voices in the film industry, emphasising gender equality, diversity, and inclusion both on-screen and behind the camera.

- **Local Enterprise Office (LEO) (Local to Global)**

This is organised to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in expanding their businesses into international markets.

- **Fresh Film**

The festival showcased emerging talent from across Ireland and internationally, providing a week-long programme of screenings, workshops, and industry events.

Enterprise Education

A Co-Op placement from the International Business course in the University of Limerick is leading the social media campaign for Innovate Limerick. Increase of social media visibility and awareness of Innovate Limerick offerings to business increased by 80%.

Hub Networking

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



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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

A Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, and online, on 08 April.

At this meeting, there was an update on the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and a presentation of the Active Travel Interactive Map.

Bike Week 2025

Applications were invited for 2025 Bike Week on Mypoint from 02 to 16 April.

BusConnects

During April, 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 two days to assess locations for new bus stops and terminals.

2. Active Travel

- Construction tenders were received for St. Pauls to Ballykeefe project.
- Workshops were held with Councillors on the Wickham Street to Clare Street project and on the Mary Immaculate to City Centre project.



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Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

1. Culture

City Library at Barrow House

- Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival took place from 07 to 13 April with the theme of *Literacies for Life*, with these events at the City library:
 - On 07 April, Healthy Limerick presented a talk posing the question “Do You Know What You’re Eating?”
 - On 08 April, Europe Direct Limerick presented a free talk, “Countering Disinformation” from Anthony Angelini.
 - On 09 April, the University of Limerick Glucksman Library, Academic Integrity Unit and Centre for Transformative Learning, hosted a talk entitled “Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI): Why should I C.A.R.E. (Context, Ask, Rules, Examples)?” This workshop explained GenAI and explored the application of some popular artificial intelligence tools in fields like education and creativity.
 - 10 April brought “A Guided Tour of the New Limerick Local Studies Website,” a step-by-step guide to using the website effectively.
 - On 11 April, the City Library was the starting point for a “Limerick Literary Walking Tour” with historian and lecturer, Dr. Paul O’Brien.
- Spring into Storytime is a national programme delivered online and in all libraries across the country in the month of April with storytimes in libraries for pre-school and primary school aged children. The City Library hosted seven story time sessions.
- On 05 April, Comhlúadar Luimníog and Fighting Words partnered to provide a creative writing workshop as *Gaeilge* for children aged 8-12 years.

- Author, illustrator and teacher, Celina Buckley, visited on 15 April to give two art workshops for children. The first, ‘Map your Easter Adventure’, was for children aged 8-11 years and the second was for younger artists aged 6-8 years and was entitled ‘Map your own Counting Book.’
- Limerick Mental Health Association held the monthly meeting of its Women’s Group at the Library on 24 April.
- Digital Skills training classes continued with Age Action Ireland and its excellent volunteers.
- There were eight book club meetings across the month.
- The University of the Third Age’s Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups held their regular meetings.
- Also holding meetings at the City Library during April were the Writepace Creative Writing Group and Sahaja Meditation Group.
- A group of English language learners from Student Campus Language School visited on 15 April for an introduction to the library.
- Primary schools visiting during the month included Scoil Íosagáin, St. Mary’s, Scoil Mháthair Dé, Stella Maris and St. John the Baptist.

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Kilmallock Library

- “Spring Into Storytime” was celebrated throughout April with storytime sessions attended by Knocklong National School Junior Classes, Abbey Kids Pre-School, Kilmallock, Star Kids Pre-School, and Athlacca. Eighty-one children enjoyed storytime sessions with songs and crafting.
- As part of Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival and Healthy Ireland, Kilmallock Library held three lunchtime talks:
 - 08 April, Órla Murphy, Reversible Health “Do You Know What You’re Eating?”
 - 10 April, Christine Lane from “Mojo Matters” delivered an engaging and informative talk to Coláiste lósaef Transition Year female students on all menstrual matters with 20 participants.
 - 16 April, Mary McCarthy, Health Service Executive Cardiac Rehabilitation Co-ordinator, delivered an insightful talk empowering people to take charge of their heart health by learning how to prevent and manage heart disease - with 21 participants.
- Twenty-two first year students from Coláiste lósaef visited the Library on 09 April as part of their Literacy Week activities for a guided tour and book browsing.
- “Creative Song-Writing” workshop, led by Music Generation County Limerick, was held on 16 April to budding 9-12-year-old singer/songwriter/musicians, with a total of 12 children taking part.
- Weekly English Conversation Club, led by Ballyhoura Development CLG, continued.
- Kilmallock Library’s Irish Conversation Circle met on 01, 15 and 29 April.
- Little Readers met on 23 April for a fun-filled session of stories, songs and craft, whilst their adults enjoyed a chat and laugh over refreshments, with a total of 16 participants.

- Anglesboro National School brought two classes to visit the Library on 29 April for a fun sensory session.
- Yoga Classes continued on Friday mornings, supported by Ballyhoura Development CLG.
- “Walk and Talk” group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library each Wednesday morning, with an average of 24 participants.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued on each Thursday morning.
- Bridge classes continued on each Wednesday with an average of nine participants.
- Ongoing visits throughout April from St. Joseph’s Foundation to the Magic Table under the Happiness Programme.
- Foróige Children’s Book Club continued their weekly meetings on each Tuesday, with 12 children attending.
- “Book Buddies,” Kilmallock Library Children’s Book Club, met on 03 April with nine children participating.

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 from 10am to 11am.
- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.

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- Spring into Storytime – events throughout the month.
- Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival event – Celina Buckley - 09 April.
- Healthy Ireland event – Cillian Keane from Mental Health Ireland - 11 April.

Dooradoyle Library

- An Easter egg hunt attracted over two hundred and forty children.
- For Spring into Storytime, Dooradoyle welcomed junior, senior, and first-class pupils from national schools, St. Paul's, Limerick Educate Together, Munger, and Caherelly who were treated to seasonal storytime with arts and crafts.
- On 08 April, Health Service Executive Cardiac Rehabilitation Coordinator, Mary McCarthy, gave a Healthy Ireland lunchtime talk on 'Heart Health: Keeping your Heart Healthy.'
- On 10 April, Limerick Writers' Centre, with the author and poet, Madge O'Callaghan, launched the novella 'Beyond Reach' by writer, Tom McElligott.
- An exhibition of watercolours by the artist, Eva Coombes, concluded on 11 April.
- An exhibition of photographic images by the artist, Jonathan Rossney, entitled 'A strange kind of reality,' opened on 17 April.
- Raheen Women's Shed ran four arts and crafts workshops on Thursday afternoons.
- Helium Arts, the national children's art and health charity, ran two workshops in April for children with lifelong physical health conditions.
- The Limerick Multiple Sclerosis Support Group held its monthly meeting.
- Southill Family Resource Centre continued with its information stand on the first Thursday of the month.

- Weekly Himalayan meditation sessions continued.
- Two book clubs met during the month.
- The knitting group 'Close Knit Friends' continued to meet weekly on Wednesdays.
- Class visits continued throughout the month of April and included students from St. Paul's National School, Red Hill School, and Health Service Executive Training Services, Limerick.

Watch House Cross

- Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival:
 - Northside Family Resource Centre officially opened its annual Art and Craft Exhibition on 08 April. The exhibition comprised of paintings and felt artwork by learners of the Resource Centre.
 - On 10 April, 'Researching Your Family History Online,' there was an information session on internet resources for Irish genealogical research, followed by 'The Limerick RIC and Its Enemies - 1922 and Beyond.'
 - The Limerick Soviet Exhibition returned to Watch House Cross this year. It tells the story of Limerick trade unions and workers who called a general strike in mid-April 1919, establishing a 'Soviet' to manage the city's affairs.
- Age Action Ireland began their digital skills training classes on 03 April. The learners and volunteers meet weekly on a Thursday morning.
- Easter holiday activities included a family movie screening of 'Shrek,' a Lego workshop and story-time session.
- A special Crafty Saturday event to mark World Poetry Day was held on 26 April, where children were invited to create their own poems.

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- On 29 April, a group of 16 children from Distillery View Pre-School visited the library for stories, nursery rhymes and songs.
- Library visits during the month included Thomond Community College, Little Seeds Childcare and Garryowen Men's Shed.
- Both Thursday and Friday morning book clubs met at the end of the month.
- The weekly Parent and Toddler group continued to meet on Friday mornings.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 57 bookings during April and 158 visitors.

Local Studies

- There were 52 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection, and there were 40 remote queries.
- Several new acquisitions were added to stock.

Abbeyfeale Library

- Craft Group continued to meet monthly, on the third Wednesday.
- Class Visit and storytime with St. Mary's Boys' National School.

Adare Library

- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group continued to meet weekly.
- Teachers and students from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board visited the library twice during April.
- Digital Skills Workshops were held on 03 and 10 April.
- A Healthy Ireland Nutrition and Exercise talk was

delivered for students of Croom College of Further Education, supported by Limerick Sports Partnership.

- A talk titled "Thriving After 55 – Strategies for a Resilient and Positive Life" by health coach, Orla Murphy, was delivered as part of the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival.
- The Adare Art Group exhibited works from 15 April.
- An Easter craft session for children, aged 5-9, took place on 23 April.
- The 2020 Book Club met on the last Thursday of the month.
- On 25 April, with support from Age Friendly Limerick, members of the 2020 Club and Adare Men's Shed attended an AI (artificial intelligence) talk.
- As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library series, the branch hosted a talk on Heart Health/Cardiovascular Disease on 30 April.
- For Spring into Storytime, events were held for classes from St. Nicholas' National School, Manister National School and Parent, Baby and Toddler Group and an outreach visit to the Methodist Pre-School in Adare.

Other Branches

- Roxboro** – class visit with Easter-themed storytime and egg hunt for Le Chéile Early Start. On 10 April, the branch hosted a Business in the Community event as part of the Time to Read programme. Volunteers from Northern Trust joined the pupils from Second Class Le Chéile National School for a storytime, library scavenger hunt and a chat about their favourite books. On 30 April, Storygate facilitated a storytime for Senior Infants in Our Lady Queen of Peace School, and a sensory storytime and sock-puppet making workshop for the pupils from the school's Seomra Síochána.

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- **Foyne** – Foyne Library had five class visits with 80 pupils visiting, calling in during the month to borrow books. As part of our 'Spring into Storytime' programme of events, the Autism Spectrum Disorder Unit from St. Senan's National School attended a sensory storytime and and sock-puppet making event on 09 April, facilitated by StoryGate.
- **Glin** – On 09 April, 13 children from Glin Montessori Preschool were treated to a storytime by Storygate, part of our programme of events for Spring into Storytime. On 09 April, Positive Health Coach, Órla Murphy, delivered a talk titled 'Thriving After 55 – Strategies for a Resilient and Positive Life,' as part of the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival. The Book Clubs, Craft Club and Community Singing Group continued their regular meetings, and on 25 April, 15 children and their families attended a prize-giving draw for the Easter Art competition.
- **Rathkeale** Library welcomed over 60 pupils from local primary and secondary schools. The branch hosted a display celebrating Traveller culture. Pupils from St. Joseph's Boys' National School and St. Anne's Primary School created Traveller culture-themed projects and collaborated with the library to source material. Foróige and the Youth Education Support Project supported the project.
- **Cappamore** Library hosted three 'Healthy Ireland at Your Library' events with local primary schools attending talks on physical and mental health, exercise and nutrition. Storygate facilitated storytimes on 10 April as part of Spring into Storytime. 20 children from Little Explorers Preschool and 24 pupils from the Autism Spectrum Disorder Unit in Scoil Chaitríona attended.
- On 10 April, library staff attended a seminar entitled 'All Literacies Change Lives' in the University of Limerick Access Campus as part of the programme of events for Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- On 10 April, three exhibitions opened: An Ciúnas/ The Silence by Marianne Keating; BOW a group show, curated by Sarah Searson, of four artists including local artist, Stephanie Deady; Urbanism by Limerick ceramicist, Mike Byrne. Over 150 people attended the opening.
- Sheenagh Geoghan commenced her ten-week residency in our Test Space. Sheenagh is a mid-career artist and works with members of the Syrian Community in association with Mary Immaculate College.
- 40 x 40 is a selection of forty women artists to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of Limerick City Gallery of Art. The works included in the exhibition are from the period 1985-2025 and include work from the University of Limerick's Collections.
- In addition, Siobhan O'Reilly has selected a number of older works from the Permanent Collection featuring works by Sarah Purser, Mainie Jellett, Mary Swanzy and Camile Souter. Works from the Hollander collection are also on view, including work by some of the eminent American artist of the 50s and 60s.
- Visitor numbers for the month of April were 5,536.
- LCGA continued to negotiate the loan of artworks from the Permanent Collection to national and international organisations. Negotiations continued for the loan of the artwork by Walter Osborne to the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, in the United States. Loan to Visual Carlow for group exhibition featuring Tina O'Connell.

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Limerick Museum

- Starting on 22 April, Limerick Museum hosted the Adrian Kelly Memorial 'Spirit of Ireland' photography exhibition by Limerick Camera Club. This special event served as a tribute to Adrian Kelly, a beloved past member of Limerick Camera Club, and a gifted photographer, who passed away in 2024. Adrian's passion for landscape photography and his mastery of black and white imagery inspired this exhibition, capturing the unique 'Spirit of Ireland' in all its forms; landscape, people, culture, community and more. The photographs were by fourteen members of the Club and formed a captivating collection of images.
- On 04 April, as part of the Museum's successful collaboration with the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum, the Curator launched the book *Rising Stars* by Vincent Power and Peter McGarry in the Foynes Museum. The book celebrates the Golden Age of Flight (1945-800), with which both Foynes and Shannon International Airport were so closely associated.
- As part of the Museum's longstanding collaboration with the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival, a well-attended tour of the Museum was held on 08 April and the Curator gave a lecture on the Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery on 09 April to the Limerick branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) movement.
- On 26 April, the Friends of Lace Limerick held their annual general meeting and a workshop in the Museum.
- Shifting, a group exhibition by guest curator, Mary Doyle Burke, continued in the Museum throughout April.

Limerick Arts Office

Arts Office and Creative Ireland Programmes

Visual Arts Café

Visual Artists' Café: Organising Exhibitions Effectively with Valeria Ceregini was held on 07 April, as part of Limerick Arts Office's professional development supports, in partnership with Clare Arts Office, Tipperary Arts Office, and Visual Artists Ireland. This training provided an in-depth exploration of key curatorial considerations, from developing themes and concepts to managing relationships with galleries, negotiating commission rates, securing artist fees, coordinating catalogue production, handling guest lists, managing exhibition timelines, leveraging social media, and overseeing logistics such as shipping and insurance.

Stony Thursday Open Call

Submissions were sought by Open Call from local, national and international poets for the next issue of the poetry book 'Stony Thursday.' This is a career development opportunity for poets and writers across Limerick city and county.

Culture Night Coordinator Open Call

Limerick City and County Council appointed a Culture Night Coordinator on 14 April. The Coordinator will work in partnership with the national Culture Night Coordinators, Limerick Arts Team and local creative and cultural stakeholders to deliver a programme of events in Limerick city and county locations.

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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 April, 16 letters of support were issued, supporting Arts Council of Ireland Agility Award applications (Film, Music, Visual Arts, and Literature), the International Residency Initiatives Scheme and Arts and Disability connect funding.

Cruinníú Na nÓg – Register your Event

Creative Limerick sought proposals from Limerick-based creatives, artists, professional bodies, cultural organisations and community groups to organise and deliver creative activities and workshops as part of Limerick Cruinníú Na nÓg 2025: the national day of free creativity for children and young people (0 to 18 years). Funding was allocated to initiatives across the city and county.

Request for Quotations – Artistic Facilitator

'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick,' in partnership with Creative Ireland, Healthy Limerick and Limerick City and County Council, sought quotations from suitably qualified individuals, collectives or organisations to work as Creative Facilitator to develop and implement a participatory Creative project for breastfeeding families.

Creative Ireland Live Music in Residential Healthcare Scheme

Creative Ireland Limerick secured €35,000 funding from the Creative Ireland Live Music in Residential Healthcare Scheme for Musicians On Call - a collaborative project with Tipperary and Clare. The project provides music sharing experiences for residents, putting their interests and choice at the heart of live on-site music making.

Contemporary Cities (Limerick - Belfast Music project)

Limerick School of Music students and teachers travelled to Belfast for workshops and performances on 26 and 27 April as part of the Creative Limerick Contemporary Cities contemporary music project. Hard Rain Soloist Ensemble, Ulster Youth Orchestra and Queen's University were hosts, the weekend culminated in Pop-Up Chamber Music performances at Cityside Retail Park and Titanic Belfast (Titanic Slipways).

2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	197
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	22
Derelict Sites Cases opened	14
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	39
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	26
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	11
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	11

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3. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee

- The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting was held on 01 April in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle, and online.
- The Local Enhancement Programme Applications, having been assessed by the LCDC Evaluation Sub-Committee, were presented and subsequently approved by the LCDC members.
- The members were advised that the LCDC Annual Report was approved at the Full Council Meeting on 31 March. The LEADER Progress Report 2024 and LEADER 2023-2027 Implementation Plan 2025 were also submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development on 28 March on behalf of the LCDC members.

Public Participation Network

- Membership of PPN Limerick continued to grow and stands at 260. 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, holding a Secretariat Meeting on 24 April.
- Induction training for all members of Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) within local authorities was delivered on 17 April in conjunction with the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and the Institute of Public Administration (IPA). The objective of this induction training is to equip SPC members with the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to effectively contribute to policy development and strategic decision-making.
- On 30 April, members of PPNL were invited to attend a Meeting with Mayor of Limerick John Moran. After receiving a direct update from the Mayor, there was a Q&A session. This engagement highlights how, through connections to our 260 Member groups across

the City and County, the PPN can be a valuable support in the implementation of the Mayoral Programme.

- PPNL continued to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

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 April.

Properties	April 2025	To Date
Offered	4	248
Inspected	4	248
Allocated /People Housed	3 / 8	153 / 461
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	2	79
Not yet Ready	3	3
To be matched	0	0

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Migrant Support Forum

Regular Visits to Accommodation Centres

The Integration Support Team continued to visit accommodation centres regularly, providing information clinics to assist residents with their queries and guidance on accessing essential services and resources. Accommodation centres include Riverhouse, Ballysimon, Fernbank, Knockalisheen, and Coonagh Travelodge, among others. These supports are provided in both group and one-to-one settings.

In the month of April:

- Seven visits were made to accommodation centres.
- Four information sessions were held with residents.
- 78 residents were supported with different issues, through one-to-one interviews.

Bin Waivers Scheme

- An audit of the 2025 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme renewals commenced during April. Ten percent of applicants (400) were asked to submit income details for Audit purpose.

IPB Pride of Place

- During the month, Expression of Interest was open to all community groups interested in taking part in the IPB Pride of Place awards. This annual all-island competition is run in conjunction with Local Authorities and aims to recognise improvements made by local communities to create civic pride in their area. The Pride of Place Competition celebrates the efforts and endeavours of communities throughout Ireland to make their place the best place to live. The competition focus is about people coming together to shape, change and improve the daily lives of people in their communities.

Age Friendly

A workshop was arranged for the Older Persons' Executive (OPE) on 03 April.

It required the OPE to look at the 2024-2028 Age Friendly Strategy to come up with tasks they might perform which are aligned to the Strategy.

At this workshop, training was provided also for the OPE to remind them of their role on the Executive as they embrace their second term of two years and also to train the two new members on the OPE.

On 25 April, a talk was arranged by the Age friendly Programme Manager, in collaboration with Adare Library, on 'The role of Artificial Intelligence in the future for people as they age.'

Cramdentech Limited gave a very interesting presentation on Artificial Intelligence covering areas of interest to the older group including health, transport, entertainment etc. There was an opportunity for Questions and Answers. 40 people attended on the day from Adare Club 2020, Active Retirement and Adare Men's Shed.

Healthy Limerick and Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Period Equity Programme

On 16 April, Ballyhoura Development CLG hosted a Menstrual Health Workshop for the East Limerick Traveller Project at Coothall, Kilmallock, with 30 participants. On 09 April, the Migrant Women's Health Series took place at the Clayton Hotel, with 40 participants. The vending machines providing free access to period products have expanded to 28 sites across Council public buildings and community partner locations.

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Healthy Relationships Programme

The Healthy Relationships Programme concluded its final group sessions and evaluations. The older boys' group (17/18 years) had four participants, while the younger boys' group (14/15 years) had seven participants. The final draft of the programme was submitted and circulated.

ADAPT Wellbeing Cabin

The ADAPT Wellbeing Cabin facilitated various support groups and resident activities. Support groups included Let's Talk (Tuesdays) with seven participants, Reaching Out (Wednesdays) with 10 participants, and Road to Recovery (Thursdays) with six participants. Resident activities featured Breathwork sessions on Tuesdays with approximately eight women and Art sessions on Wednesdays with approximately seven women. One-to-one coaching sessions were conducted on non-group days.

Lifelong Learning Festival

Limerick's Lifelong Learning Festival, now in its fifteenth year, took place from 07 to 13 April.

- The theme this year was based around all kinds of literacy, including health literacy.
- Of particular interest for an older group, there was a very informative seminar called 'All literacies change lives,' which took place on 10 April at the University of Limerick access campus.
- The seminar featured talks from a host of speakers on all different types of adult literacy, including Health, Financial and Climate Change literacy.

Both Healthy Limerick and Sláintecare Healthy Communities once again collaborated with Limerick Libraries to deliver five health focused talks across the week.

- 15 people attended the Lifestyle Medicine talk "Do You Know What You Are Eating" in Limerick City Library on 07 April.

- 22 people attended the Lifestyle Medicine talk "Do You Know What You Are Eating" in Kilmallock Library on 08 April.
- 25 people attended the "Thriving after 55 - Strategies for a Resilient and Positive Life," in Adare Library, on 09 April.
- 20 people also attended the "Thriving after 55 - Strategies for a Resilient and Positive Life," in Glin Library on 09 April.
- 22 young people from Coláiste Iosaef Secondary School attended the "Understanding Your Menstrual Cycle: What to Expect at Every Stage," in Kilmallock Library on 10 April.

5. Tourism

TOURISM GENERAL

The Tourism Department appointed Global Virtual Asset Management Ltd. to undertake the virtual 360 mapping of the Limerick Greenway 40km route this summer.

Limerick Greenway

- **Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects:**
 - Rural Generation and Development Fund (RRDF) Project Board Meeting: The RRDF Project Board Meeting was held on 17 April. The function of this committee is to provide direction, manage risk, manage stakeholders, and ensure co-ordination across the RRDF projects.
 - The Design Team Meeting with Healy Partners Architects in relation to all RRDF Projects was held on 30 April to discuss ongoing progression of the projects to date.

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

- Limerick Greenway featured in articles highlighting the wonderful Easter events taking place on the Greenway over the Easter break, this included articles in the Irish Times, Limerick Post and Irish Country Magazine.
- Limerick Greenway also featured on the RTE.ie website on 08 May as one of the [20 activities to try in Ireland while the weather is nice](#).

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

- A post on 08 April promoting the first Limerick Wellbeing Series event which took place at the Barnagh Hub Limerick Greenway on 21 April.
- A post on 12 April highlighting the Barnagh Greenway Hub Easter Egg Hunt which took place on 19 April.
- A post on 15 April encouraging the public to explore Limerick Greenway as the days get brighter, whether walking, running, skating or biking.
- A Happy Easter post on 20 April encouraging the public to explore Limerick Greenway over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 April to 30 April:

Facebook

Reach: 20,061
Profile Visits: 863
New Page Followers: 22

Instagram

Reach: 6,559
Profile Visits: 317
New Page Followers: 90

Google Ads

Clicks: 1,816
Impressions: 12,784

TOURISM INDUSTRY TRADE EVENTS

- Staff of the Tourism Development Team attended Get Limerick Walking on 03 April. As part of the conference, discussions focused on how to better develop walking in Limerick City and County.
- Senior staff members were given an opportunity by the Belfast City Council to attend a one-day Augment the City Showcase event on 03 April.
- Tourism Department staff attended a Networking Lunch with the Tourism Ireland Great Britain team on 09 April in No. 1 Pery Square. This was a partnership event between Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland as a “Twinning Initiative” between Limerick and Great Britain.
- Senior members of the Tourism Department attended the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation Council Meeting which was hosted in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 30 April.

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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Catalyst International Film Festival 2025

This year's festival took place from 03 - 05 April. The main objective of Catalyst International Film Festival is to address inequality in film, on screen and behind the camera. The programming is focused around inclusion such as gender equality, youth and diversity. This inclusion and promotion is across all aspects of the industry, giving way for a more diverse range of content and industry workers. The festival celebrated this by offering bursaries, industry events, student day events and screenwriting lab, as well as short screenplay awards.

Fresh International Film Festival 2025

The festival took place from 07 – 13 April, inspiring young film makers to create, engage in film and the making of film. Throughout the year in the run-up to the festival, Fresh worked with young people to run programmes under the following four headings: Education, International, Production and International Film Festival. Fresh have an impressive record of working towards the sharing of ideas and empowering young filmmakers from Ireland and Internationally. Ireland's Young Filmmakers of the Year Awards are a renowned event on the film calendar with this year's awards featuring young filmmakers from 150 countries, 13,648 applications and 212 awards.

Newcastle West Music Trail Festival

Now in its third year running, the Newcastle West Music Trail Festival saw the county town come to life with eight eclectic performances in eight diverse spots, Salsa Dancers and a Pied-Piper also. Highlights included nine-year-old Indian piano prodigies, enigmatic Jerry Fish, Scottish Pipes, Brass Funk from Dublin, performances in the local Courthouse by John Spillane, and a salsa vibe in a local pharmacy.

Limerick Greenway Wellbeing Series

This series is not only about being active, it is about creating connections, embracing the outdoors and discovering simple ways to boost physical and mental wellbeing. Whether visitors are looking to try out yoga, improve their breath work or speak to experts about nutrition tips, the series has something for all.

The first event of the series, a joint partnership between Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events Department, Limerick Mental Health Association, Flexitime, Healthy Limerick/Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Cardio Flourish, Limerick Sports Partnership and Live95, took place on 21 April at Barnagh Greenway Hub.

The first event included 5km and 10km walks and runs along the scenic Limerick Greenway, a 20km cycle from Barnagh Greenway hub to Newcastle West Greenway Carpark, and back along Limerick Greenway, yoga classes, breath work sessions, a gym workout session, an Easter Egg give-away, face painting and live entertainment for all, as well as wellbeing stands from professionals willing to speak to attendees about all aspects of their physical and mental wellbeing.

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6. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Influencers and Media Visits

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote Discover Limerick DAC, the following visitors were welcomed during the month:

- 09 April: 16 Tourism Ireland Staff visited King John's Castle and, later that afternoon, the Chief Executive Officer, Discover Limerick DAC, joined them for a lunch and presentation on Discover Limerick DAC at No. 1 Pery Square Hotel.
- 12 and 13 April: Heidi Fuller, a UK podcaster @heidifullerlovestravel had a guided tour of both King John's Castle and Lough Gur. She travelled to Dublin, Cork and Limerick as she is producing a 40-minute podcast 'Meet the Locals,' for showing onboard all British Airways in-flight entertainment.

Trade Event

On 01 and 02 April, the Sales and Business Development Manager and Junior Sales and Marketing Manager represented Discover Limerick DAC at Meitheal, Fáilte Ireland's flagship trade event, which is organised in conjunction with Tourism Ireland to enable Irish tourism businesses to sell the best of Ireland to top international tourism buyers.

Discover Limerick DAC met with international buyers over two days, with pre-scheduled meetings and a gala dinner showcasing its portfolio of visitor experiences from Lough Gur, Adare Heritage Centre and King John's Castle. Discover Limerick DAC received excellent feedback from the pre-Meitheal at Lough Gur.

Easter Activities

On 18 and 19 April, King John's Castle hosted a two-day Royal Easter Scavenger Hunt, followed by another successful scavenger hunt event at Lough Gur on Easter Sunday. Both events were very well attended, generating great feedback and online engagement. Families and visitors of all ages enjoyed the festive atmosphere, interactive challenges and historic settings, making the Easter celebrations a memorable experience across both venues.



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

1. Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

Economic Regeneration

- Limerick City and County Council hosted the Northside Skills Fair in partnership with TUS and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board on 30 April. The venue was the Limerick Youth Service Northside Youth Space in Ballynatty. More than 30 providers were in attendance to offer guidance around training, education and employment opportunities in the area. This is the fourth year of Jobs/Skills fairs in the Regeneration areas. The aim of this event is to bring local agencies, employers and communities together to assist them to avail of employment and educational training opportunities in their area. Students from local secondary schools attended and were delighted to hear more about the education and career pathways that may be available for them to explore.
- Pupils and their parents from St. Mary's National School, King's Island, visited Takumi Precision Engineering on 10 April. Takumi is a leading global engineering provider in Raheen Business Park. Pupils and their parents learned about the company's operations, history, and geography. The school visit was part of the Outreach to Employment Programme, led by Limerick City and County Council's Regeneration Directorate, in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, Department of Social Protection, TUS, PAUL Partnership, as well as industry and community representatives.
- Members of the Outreach to Employment Project Team took part in a site visit to the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, Raheen Campus, to get an insight into the apprenticeships and skills courses on offer. Members visited the Xplore Hub and met with the many tutors on site.

- Members of the Outreach to Employment Project Team attended the TUS Access to Apprenticeship graduation ceremony on 04 April.

Social Regeneration

Community Activities

King's Island

- Limerick Island Community Partners Community Bus supported the Northside Skills Fair by providing transport to the young people from King's Island Fair on 30 April. This event was well attended by residents and students from the area.
- The Living Willow project, in collaboration with the Hunt Museum, was completed at the Alms Houses.
- The community in King's Island took part in Team Limerick Clean-Up (TLC). Despite the poor weather conditions, a large volume of participants arrived to give a helping hand. The group "Serve the City" also joined forces with Limerick Island Community Partners and the community on this very positive community event.

Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) held an Easter event which saw over 700 people attend. The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, came along to enjoy the day's activities. The Easter Egg Hunt saw a large number of young families from within the community visit the centre on 17 April.
- The Rogues, a local Limerick band, played at MCEC during the Easter period. Once again, this proved very popular for residents in the community.
- MCEC hosted the Moyross Adult Education Crafts Day, as part of the Lifelong Learning Festival.

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Southill

- A 'Grow Your Own' event, in association with PAUL Partnership Limerick and Limerick Growing Communities, took place on 30 April in Southill Hub.
- The Easter holidays were a treat for many local kids who enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon with the Easter Bunny in the Hub on 15 April.
- Tait House Community Enterprise hosted the Annual Team Limerick Clean-Up event on 18 April. Once the litter picking activities concluded, the volunteers got to enjoy time at the pet farm, kids disco and other activities at Tait House.
- Southill Hub hosted the retirement function for Jimmy Prior, Manager of the Southill Family Resource Centre on 22 April. There was a huge turnout with cakes, treats and light refreshments served for attendees.
- A workshop on Legal Rights and Responsibilities was hosted by Southill Family Resource Centre on 30 April. Led by Treoir, some of the key topics discussed included guardianship, maintenance, etc.
- There was a total of 30 visitors to the Regeneration clinics which were held each Tuesday in the Southill Hub.
- Staff from the Regeneration Directorate attended the Southill Residents' Association meeting on 10 April.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions Team at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group recently collaborated with the Community Gardaí to bring the Men's Shed and Woodwork Class to Castleconnell. This initiative was a great opportunity for men in the area to come together and share skills, stories and their passion for all things woodwork. The group has expanded into the realm of social enterprise, offering handcrafted benches, flower planters, birdhouses, among other hand-crafted items.

- The After Schools Programme ran a highly successful Easter Camp, where children took part in creative workshops and explored their local area with trips to the nearby Baggot Estate. The programme was a vibrant mix of community, connection and creativity.
- The annual Team Limerick Clean-Up was a major success once again. Despite inclement weather, there was an impressive turnout. Our Lady of Lourdes proudly hosted the event, working closely with Ballinacurra Gaels and the Ballinacurra Residents' Committee to clean and brighten the neighbourhood.
- Westend Youth Service has completed another impactful youth exchange programme, this time in collaboration with Southill Hub. The initiative welcomed 10 young people from Denmark and 10 from Southside Limerick for a week-long cultural and educational exchange.
- Regeneration staff hosted a clinic each Thursday in Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre.
- Representatives from the Regeneration Department attended Community Consultation in Ballinacurra Weston.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Works progressed on 26 units of infill housing scheme at Carew Park and Delmege Park/Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Construction of Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield (Phase 2) ongoing with snagging in progress.
- Work on the preparation of the Part 8 Planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development, Moyross (22 units), continued during the month.

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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 preparation continued for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill / Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross).

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

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

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 1 (three houses) progressed on site with the contractor.
- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) progressed on site with the contractor.

Minor Refurbishments

- 85 St. Ita's Street, St. Mary's Park, has been completed and handed over to a local authority tenant.
- Works progressed on 31 St. Brendan's Street, St. Mary's Park, and 246 Valley View, O'Malley Park, with the respective contractors.

- Substantial completion has been achieved at 120 Cliona Park, Moyross.
- Contractor commenced works at 40 Dalgaish Park, Moyross.
- The tendering process continued for properties at 108, 110 Cliona Park, Moyross, and 2 Galtee Drive, O'Malley Park, Southill.
- Scoping for other properties located in Regeneration areas continued.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme.

Moyross Avenue

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme between Pineview Gardens and Corpus Christi Church. Site investigation works and surveys of the existing drainage networks were completed.

Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Tender documents for procuring a contractor were published on e-Tenders on 30 April.

Southill Play Space

- Construction works continued with contractor, McSweeney Sports Surfaces, on site in Southill.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Limerick LSP hosted their Voluntary Inspired Participation (VIP) Transition Year Youth Leadership interviews for the programme for 2025-2026. 340 young people from 22 schools applied and all applicants participated in an interview. 100 came back for a second interview and 35 were selected.

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- The LSP Team hosted the first stakeholder meeting, in partnership with Get Ireland Walking, in the Strand Hotel in Limerick to develop a Get Limerick Walking Plan for 2025. There was an excellent level of engagement with 50 stakeholders participating in the process.
- Limerick LSP presented at an EU Conference “Shaping Tomorrow’s Cities: Physical Activity as a Driver of Urban Transformation.” This conference took place in Brussels and was the closing meeting of our PACTE+ Project (Promoting Active Cities Throughout Europe).
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- There were 325 individual uses of the track during April, while the external walking track was used extensively.
- A further 50 new users signed up via the SportsKey platform, allowing them to access the track.
- West Limerick A.C. (Athletics Club) and St. Mary’s A.C. continued their weekly training at the Hub. These sessions take place each Tuesday and Thursday.
- West Limerick Sports Complex and students from Coláiste Íoásef Community College, Kilmallock, both held their Couch to 5K programmes at the LRAH.
- Newcastle West GAA used the track for testing as part of their fitness programme.

Rathbane Golf Course

- Two members of the Rathbane Golf Course and Club won the World Amateur Golf March Race in Dubai. This father and son combination, JP and Mark Ryan, are regular users of Rathbane golf course and got the better of rivals from 30 different countries including New Zealand, Austria and Canada.

- Golfing activities continued throughout the month, with 3,166 rounds of golf played during April, with over 50% being played by course members.
- The Course operator, Mack Trading, and Rathbane Golf Club had their monthly meeting on 14 April. This meeting’s focus was on improving all golfers’ experience on the course.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

- The Design Team and Martins Construction Ltd. progressed with finalising materials and equipment selection and procurement ahead of commencing works on site for the refurbishment upgrade to the pool, health suite and changing areas.
- There were 11,803 member visits during the month. The gym accounted for over 7,800 of these.
- Additionally, the Pay as You Go visits accounted for 1,480 uses of the facility. The swimming pool proves to be the most popular choice among these customers.
- Membership numbers at Grove Island have risen to 1,468.

Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Soccer Playing Pitch – Preparation of tender documents continued.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents commenced.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

Martins Construction Ltd. completed snagging of various work items on site.

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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,946
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	458

Closed Housing Applications

	April	Year to Date
Closed Applications	55	218

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 April	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	6
Newcastle West	4	11
Metropolitan District	22	75
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	8
Total	26	100

Refusals

	No. of Units April	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	2	9
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
Total	2	9

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
102	38	47	17

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	594
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	623
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	2
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	3

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,863 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	21
No. of Amendments	381
No. of Cessations	38

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€8,382,323	€17,032,720	€7,351,553	€9,681,167	44%

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Home Improvement Schemes

April 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	1	1	2
	MAG Expenditure	€13,500.00	€0.00	€22,295.62	€0.00	€35,795.62
	No. Paid	2	0	3	0	5
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	6	15	12	0	33
	HAG Expenditure	€17,375.50	€0.00	€144,915.50	€8,000.00	€170,291.00
	No. Paid	2	0	14	1	17
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	10	17	14	11	52
	HOP Expenditure	€23,100.00	€22,075.25	€100,751.00	€38,142.50	€184,068.75
	No. Paid	6	5	25	5	41
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€102,329.10	€0.00	€102,329.10
	No. Paid	0	0	3	0	3

Total No. Approved	87
Total Monies Paid	€492,484.47
Total No. Paid	66

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - April 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	1	4	3	13
	MAG Expenditure	€18,082.00	€1,762.11	€48,352.62	€8,050.00	€76,246.73
	No. Paid	4	1	11	2	18
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	15	29	37	14	95
	HAG Expenditure	€119,020.50	€91,886.17	€625,042.18	€78,525.43	€914,474.28
	No. Paid	12	12	63	11	98
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	42	61	48	31	182
	HOP Expenditure	€189,169.25	€147,653.95	€372,074.10	€165,702.50	€874,599.80
	No. Paid	49	26	109	40	224
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€138,961.23	€0.00	€138,961.23
	No. Paid	0	0	5	0	5

Total No. Approved	290
Total Monies Paid	€2,004,282.04
Total No. Paid	345

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	April	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	30	102

Repossessions

	April	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	7	40

House Visits

	April	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	184	730

Garda Checks

	April	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	84	386

Microsoft Dynamics Cases

	April	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	220	220
Cases closed during month	80	396

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

Date: 11.04.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	31
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	71
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	67
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	16
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	9
Total		224

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	167	166	103
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	12	17	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		185	191	119

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	April	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	2	7
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	1	3
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	15	32
Loan Applications: No. approved	5	7
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	14	49
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	2	8
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	1	4
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	1	21
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	14	65
Title Rectifications Received	3	5
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	177	619

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	5
Ombudsman Query Cases	7
Data Access Requests	1

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered April	1
Year to Date	8

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	April	Year to date
Number of Inspections	74	214
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	-
Number of active cases at end of month	42	52
Cases closed	10	14

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits April	12
Year to Date	68

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns April	
Total	9

House Returns April By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	0
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	6
Total	9

During April, the Local Authority Housing Construction Team was notified of three properties returned in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock; six properties returned in the Metropolitan District of Limerick; none in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale; and none in the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in April	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	3	47
Major Refurbishments	2	50
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	7	81
Major Refurbishments	3	32
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	1	28
Major Refurbishments	0	16
Total	16	254
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In April, works on five properties were completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on 10 properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and works on one property were completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of April, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 97 properties, Local Authority Maintenance was working on 113 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 44 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 17 properties.

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Project Updates

- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at properties in Glenview Villas, Elm Park and New Westfields, Limerick.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at properties in Glenashrone, Abbeyfeale, and two properties in Daar River View Walk, Newcastle West.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at three properties in Dooradoyle - Inis Mór, Heather Grove and Raheen Gardens.

- Stage 1 – 3 approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at property in St. Lawrences Park, Garryowen.
- Stage 1 submission made to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at property in Abbeyfeale.
- Stage 4 submission made to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at two properties in Hyde Road / Hyde Avenue, Limerick.

Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during April

Housing Maintenance Cases - April	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 30.04.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	728	651	1,247
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	85	58	360
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	132	129	490
Municipal District of Newcastle West	107	92	447
TOTAL	1,052	930	2,544

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Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	4	6
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	12	0	14	26
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	14	0	26	40
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	1	2	1	2	6
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	1	30	1	46	78

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

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	5	0	4	9
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	15	0	11	26
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	20	0	16	36

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

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	14	0	0	14
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	20	0	17	37
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	34	0	18	52

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

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	2	0	2	4
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	12	0	9	21
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	14	0	12	26

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HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - April- Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 - minor repairs needed	4
Cat 2 - moderate repairs needed	1
Cat 3 - substantial repairs needed	1
Cat 4 - major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	6
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	4

DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered April	2
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) April	5
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	3
Applications - Damage Threshold Met	3
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered - Year to Date	10

Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects Ongoing - April

1	Completion of external and internal painting of Hassett's Villas, Thomondgate.
2	Appointment of Fire Consultants for a Fire Safety Audit of Oak Lodge Homeless Building.
3	Appointment of Contractor for the external and internal painting of apartments at Turagh Crescent, Cappamore, and DeValera Park, Bruree.
4	Commencement of tender process for external and internal painting of apartments at Aherlow View, and Wixted's Public House, Galbally, Limerick.



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4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 30.04.2025 is as follows:

As at 30.04.2025 (01.01.2025 – 30.04.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	9	223	232	531
Buy *	2	53	55	€15m funding allocation
Lease	0	25	25	10
TOTAL	11	301	312	

*Majority under the ‘Buy’ stream are Notice of Termination properties.

Notice of Termination Figures

The following outlines the number of cases received in April and Cumulative to date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in April	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	1	27
Proposals being reviewed	0	39
Sale Agreed	0	11
Purchase Completed	0	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	46	503
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	54
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	0	64
Grand Total	47	848

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Social Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey approval for 86 units at Greenpark, Dock Road – CLÚID Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Mortgage to Rent Scheme	Approval for one unit at Murroe, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Part V	Approval for nine units at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

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

Affordable Housing Fund	Approval for Affordable Housing Fund subsidy 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 April
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. Pre-planning pack in draft form complete and submitted to Limerick City and County Council for review prior to formal pre-planning consultation
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (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 completed with evaluation in place and recommendation for appointment in draft form for review. Site Investigation tender was advanced and under evaluation. Design brief strategy was developed. Risk register updated and discussed. Financial delivery model strategy was progressed.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	Working Group meeting was held. Density and viability testing was presented to the Members of the Metropolitan District in two workshops.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Justification Test Tender was advanced throughout April. Design being progressed toward Affordable Housing Fund application.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Design Team meetings held and ongoing. Planning drawing packages progressed. Ongoing liaison with Limerick City and County Council Archaeologist on design evolution. Interreg North-West Europe Call 5 proposal with Amsterdam City Council was unsuccessful. Local Authority water application progressed.



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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in April
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the pre-planning design. Updated costings underway and cost rental testing underway. Boundary conditions survey / design continued.
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 April. Contractor has been appointed. Land Registry complete and ready for transfer.
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 April. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway. Contracts signed to dispose of site.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during April. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Clúid every two weeks.



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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in April
Knockhill, Ennis Road	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during April.
Cloncanane	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	38	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during April.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Brú na Gruadán, Castletroy, Limerick	25	Nomination of applicants for final units continued throughout April.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen	145	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during April.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West	21	Nomination of applicants continued throughout April.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout April 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 scheme during April.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in April
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock Co. Limerick	14	<p>Work continued on the progression of this scheme during April.</p>
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick	6	<p>Work continued on the progression of this scheme during April.</p> <p>Affordable Housing Fund subsidy approval was received on 01 April.</p>
	SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	<p>Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing.</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 completed and final reports received and assessment of reports ongoing throughout April.</p> <p>Preparation of a Design Team brief was progressed through April.</p> <p>Expression of Interest for a modular prototype experience was completed on e-Tenders and evaluation of submissions commenced.</p> <p>Procurement of consultants for screening for Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment in relation to proposed sites for the SMART Programme commenced in April.</p>

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €3,979,488 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in April.
- Claims totaling €3,425,437 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in April.

Conferences and Workshops

- Housing Staff attended the annual Housing Practitioners' Conference on 10 and 11 April at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.



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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- Limerick City and County Council submitted its THRIVE Strand 2 application to the Southern Regional Assembly on 15 April. As part of the submission, the Fireplace Site at 35-39 Nicholas Street has been put forward for funding under the scheme. If successful, funding will be allocated for the development of a new Design and Innovation Hub at the site. The application represents the culmination of months of preparatory work, including a series of public engagement events and the enhancement of the King's Island Walled Town Framework, which is now the King's Island Walled Town Integrated Urban Strategy.

Heritage

- With the help of the Heritage Officer, six local heritage groups submitted for the National Lottery good cause award, with a €35,000 prize.

Conservation

- Referral Planning and Section 57 Applications: 22 planning referrals were reviewed and three Section 57 requests were issued.
- Flyers for an upcoming Conservation Clinic which will give homeowners within Georgian Limerick the opportunity to have an initial 45-minute discussion about a potential conservation and repair project to their historic building, with either a specialist Conservation Architect or Conservation Accredited Surveyor, have been printed and distributed across the historic buildings within Georgian Limerick.

Archaeology

- The Community Monuments Grants from the National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, were announced on 16 April.
- Limerick City and County Council projects received the following:
 - Croom Castle received a full Stream 1 capital grant.
 - Galbally Medieval Church Stream 1 received €100,000 grant.
 - Glenogra Medieval Church received €21,000 grant under Stream 2 for works to carry out advance studies.
 - Ballynoe Tower House, Bruree, received €30,000 grant under Stream 3 to make the building safe to access and provide interpretation.
- Council Archaeologist participated in a Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan 2025-2030 workshop.
- Council Archaeologist helped organise and accompany Kilmallock Town Centre First Team on a visit to Athenry, Co. Galway.

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2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

A total of 126 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	0
Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	86
Agricultural Developments	16
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	12
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	2
Other Developments	7

The current applications include proposals for:

- Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) for the construction of 114 residential units and all associated site works at Golf Links Road and Mount Green Road, Newcastle, Castletroy.
- Change of use of existing six-bay six-storey stone corn warehouse structure into a mixed use building, containing a total of 16 apartments with part commercial ground floor shop facing the street and all ancillary site works at No. 3-4 Robert Street, Limerick. This building is a Protected Structure.

Place Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

O'Connell Street Phase 1 - LUCROC

- Final defects identified on-site by Design Consultant and Limerick City and County Council.
- Presentation briefing prepared for Metropolitan Elected Members on the Stage Three - Road Safety Audit.

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Tender process for 33 and 34 Thomas Street continued.
- Tenders received for 58 O'Connell Street Roof Repair Works.

Strand 3 - Active Travel Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- Work progressed on Phase 1 sub-projects which align with the funding allocation from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Part 8 Documentation compilation continued.
- Meeting held with Planning Department on 29 April.

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

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

Area A2 St. Ita's Road

- Piling works for new flood wall by Crèche continued.

Area A6 Athlunkard Boat Club and Lee Estate

- Piling works for new flood wall continued.

Area B3 Merchant's Quay

- Archaeological excavation continued.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme

- Planning application with An Bord Pleanála.
- A Steering Group Meeting was held on 09 April to monitor the project progress.
- Discussions with the consultant to agree additional/change order fees.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held in Adare on 14 April to monitor and assess the project progress.
- A review of the Cost Benefit Analysis continued.
- Additional modelling commenced to inform the cost benefit analysis.
- Environmental planning documentation under review.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on 28 April 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.
- A tender was advertised for the continued treatment and monitoring of Japanese Knotweed. Tender submissions under evaluation.
- The draft Hydraulic Report continued to be reviewed, following input from Limerick City and County Council and Office of Public Works.
- Site Investigation Contractors commenced site investigation works within the City Centre, along Clancy Strand, O'Callaghan Strand and the Dock Road.
- Ecology and ornithology surveys continued and will support the environmental assessments.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Review of Cost Benefit Analysis undertaken and comments provided to the consultant.
- Options Report review undertaken by Limerick City and County Council in the last period and comments provided to the consultant.
- Letters were issued to all the landowners potentially impacted by the proposed scheme inviting them to contact the Project Team to discuss any concerns they had and commence the agreement process.

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

Opera Square

Project Update

- Mechanical and Electrical fitout works progressing across all floors in One Opera Square. Second fix fitout works underway on the Fifth Floor for the CAT A fitout. Tiling and finishes fitout underway within all floors of One Opera Square.
- Remainder of Basement – The basement beneath Contract D (14 storey) and the attenuation tanks on Bank Place completed. The basement slab, columns and podium within the Contract E (Hotel) completed. This completes the basement slab and podium.
- One Opera Square and Basement was energised in full by the ESB.
- Uisce Éireann completed all potable water connections as part of One Opera Square construction contract.
- One Opera Square - Facade installation ongoing on Floors 1 - 5 with Glazing underway across all floors.
- External streetscape works underway surrounding One Opera Square, including landscaping and finishes on the terraces of One Opera Square.
- Three tender submissions received for Contract C' Library, Four Opera Square and Central Plaza Public Realm. Evaluation commenced.
- Office of Public Works Government Memo approved for construction of 14-story landmark building on Opera Square.
- LTT Executive presented an update on Opera Square to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Team.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Projects Update

Heritage Works to Flaxmill Building

- Detailed Design and Tender documents completed. Tenders issued to shortlisted Contractors.

Phase 1-Public Realm and Residential Zones

- Stage 2A2 commenced and interim designs completed to allow viability check.
- Site work 95% completed.

Environmental Assessment

Baseline Environmental analysis completed. Environmental Impact Assessment Report Chapters assigned to respective authors.

TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter City Campus

- Design Brief, Feasibility Study and Output Specification completed. Budget 95% completed.
- Financial Modelling - Financial Model updated to track commercial viability for residential zones.

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund

- LTT Executive presented an update on Cleeves to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage URDF Team.

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Other Projects

Progress Update

Askeaton Pool Update

- Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC project managing the energy upgrade works on behalf of Limerick City and County Council/Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC. Substantial completion was certified by the Employer Representative on 16 April and Askeaton Pool and Leisure DAC has taken possession of the facility. This concluded LTT's role on the project.

Expressions of Interest Sites

Subsidiary Activity – EMNR Advisory Ltd.

Modular Accommodation Project

- In line with the EMNR (Emergency Modular National Residential) Service Level Agreement with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), EMNR continued project managing 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 52,367 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of April 2025.
- A weekly average of 126 HAP tenancies have been set up during 2025.
- The April landlord payment run was €52.561 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of April was €3.063 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €51.85 million in differential rent to end of April.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of April was 98%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 8,029 HAP debt reminder letters in April.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/04/25 – 30/04/25	121	59	180
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	62%	48%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	29%	37%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	9%	15%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications April	20	11	0	16	
Disability Access Cert Applications April	15	13	1	6	
Licensing Applications April	4	2			
Commencement Notice April	44	39	4		39
Completion Certificate April	20	17	0		17
Planning Referrals April	22				24

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- We completed Breathing Apparatus Refresher training for all staff in Clonmel Fire Station, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. 60 Firefighters were trained during April. This training was refresher training in the use of Breathing Apparatus sets in structural fires.
- 24 Firefighters completed training in dealing with road traffic collisions, including cars and Heavy Goods vehicles.
- 24 Firefighters carried out training to manage incidents where chemicals and hazardous materials are involved. Firefighters must ensure they can recognise and manage the containment and decontamination of dangerous substances.
- 24 Firefighters were recertified as Advanced Cardiac First Responders, which further enhanced their ability to deal with medical emergencies.
- Two Firefighters attended a Managing Fire Service Incidents – Module 1 Course, in Sligo Fire Station.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January-March	April	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	7	0	7
Municipal Districts	2	0	2

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January-March	April	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	20	7	27
Municipal Districts	6	8	14

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

- The Climate Action Team attended and presented at the CARO (Climate Action Regional Offices) Climate Action Team Conference in Wexford on 02 and 03 April.
- The Climate Action Team attended and presented Tidy Towns competition launch in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, on 03 April.
- The Climate Action Team attended the inaugural meeting of the Midwest Energy Unit Steering Group held in Limerick on 07 April. The Unit has been established as a joint initiative with Clare County Council and Kerry County Council to access funding under the Pathfinder Programme to energy retrofit Council buildings.
- The Climate Action Team attended the final presentation of the EU-financed Technical Support Instrument Project “Financing the Retrofitting Wave” that included the preparation of guidelines for the establishment of a sustainable investment fund to support historic building retrofitting in Limerick. The project was sponsored by SG Reform.
- The Climate Action Team attended the Urbact Local Group Meeting for the Greenplace and BiodiverCity projects.
- The Climate Action Team organised Limerick’s first Climate Action Week which started on 28 April.
- Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan II Workshop – Limerick, was held in the Citizen Innovation Lab on 03 April.
- A day of workshopping the second Sectoral Adaptation Plan for the Heritage Sector, a series of presentations were delivered on the following topics:
 - Climate change projections (Met Éireann)
 - Climate change hazards to heritage assets (The Discovery Programme)
 - Discussions of hazards and impacts to heritage
 - Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan I: Achievements to date (Built Heritage Policy Department)
 - Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan II: Forward Planning (Carrig Conservation)

Veterinary Services

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	12
No. of dog fines issued	15
No. of call-outs to seize stray horses	2
No. of horses seized	2

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Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	35
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics)	60*
* 16 DWWTS (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems) (Septic Tank Inspections April)	
Warnings issued	16**
** 16 DWWTS Warnings from Non-Compliance to advisory	
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	14
Statutory Notices issued	14***
***DWWTS - 1 Notice of Compliance with an Advisory Notice issued	
***DWWTS - 8 Advisory Notices issued	
***DWWTS - 5 Notices of Compliance Issued	
Prosecutions initiated	4
Fines issued	2
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	3
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	114
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	740
Warnings issued	1
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	7
Statutory notices issued	25
Prosecutions initiated	4
Fines issued	24

Parks

Projects Progressed

Location	Description of Works
Lough Gur	New wastewater storage holding tank has now been installed
Cappamore and Kilmallock Playgrounds	Contractor has now been appointed to upgrade these two playgrounds with an emphasis on providing inclusive play equipment
Baggot Estate, Munget Park and the Three Bridges Walk	Tree and Woodland review completed
O'Connell Street and William Street Limerick City plus Arthur's Quay Park	Planting plan completed
Pocket Park Parnell Street Limerick City	Design progressed
Upper William Street Limerick City and St. Michael's Rowing Club	Parks staff assisted Tidy Towns group with the Tidy Towns' tree planting project
Castlebrook Manor / Castletroy Greenway	Mounds of earth reshaped and hedges planted
Dog Parks	A public consultation has now opened on mypoint.limerick.ie to engage with the public and all interested parties on proposed locations and design for development of new dog parks.

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URBACT Good Practice Award

Limerick's Go Green Routes, Castletroy Urban Greenway is among the 116 European urban practices awarded the URBACT Good Practice label. An URBACT Good Practice is an urban initiative that is impactful, participatory, integrated, relevant and easy to transfer to other European cities. Following this recognition, Limerick was promoted across Europe after being invited to showcase the Go Green Routes, Castletroy Urban Greenway at the 2025 URBACT City Festival alongside other forward-thinking European cities. URBACT City Festivals are a celebration of cities and the practices that shape our urban communities. The 2025 edition of the event took place in Wroclaw in April.

Cemeteries

Projects Progressed

Location	Description of Works
Abbeyfeale Graveyard	Conservation works to repair boundary wall and restoration of two tombs commenced and progressing well.
Mortuary Chapel at Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery	Works completed to improve access to the Mortuary Chapel.
Limerick City East and Cappamore areas	Site assessment works commenced with a view to developing new graveyards at both these locations.

Limerick City and County Council Cemeteries Bye-Laws

- A review of the Cemeteries Bye-Laws began in April.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries

Mount St. Lawrence	7
Mount St. Oliver	15
Castlemungret	6
Kilmurry	2

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
Cases Received - Microsoft Dynamics	4	Complaints received through Microsoft Dynamics
Farm File Reviews	24	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Warning Letters	2	Letters to Farmers where non-compliances under Good Agricultural Practices Regulations were identified
Advisory Letters	2	Letters to Farmers where non-compliances under Good Agricultural Practices Regulations were identified
Closing Letters	1	Letters to farmers where works not required or completed
Notification Letter	1	Letter to arrange site visit under Good Agricultural Practices Regulations
Invasive Species Site Visit and Letters	1	Identification and review of Invasive Species
Invasive Species Website	4	Website Inspection
Planning Files	10	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to Planning.
Internal Meetings	2	Environment Strategy
External Meeting	1	Hydrometric stations
Training	2	National Agricultural Inspection Programme Training – cross reports and database training
Media Release - Social Media	1	Silage Effluent Management Obligations

- An acoustic study was completed to estimate the reduced harmful effects on the population associated to road noise within the city centre following the introduction of the Limerick City 30 km/h speed limit.
- A soundscape assessment was undertaken and submitted to Development Management and Place-Making regarding the Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrades and the proposed Arthur's Quay Framework, including recommendations to improve the quality of the acoustic environment where it is poor and maintain the quality where it is good.
- Soundwalks were undertaken at The People's Park for the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival 2025 (07 April) and for Masters students of the University of Limerick (UL) at the UL campus (08 April) and reports on the acoustic environment prepared for those groups.

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Going for Gold 2025

Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Grant and Competition 2025 was advertised in local papers, on Council website and social media in early April.

This year, Limerick City and County Council invited applications from Residents' Associations/Residents' Group located within the Regeneration Areas.

Limerick Going for Gold focus in 2025 is on works and improvements supporting a circular economy, waste prevention/reduction, reuse, recycle, repair, sustainability, biodiversity and pollinator friendly planting schemes for wild bees and pollinating insects.

Environmental Awareness

Tidy Towns Seminar 2025

The annual Tidy Towns Seminar was held in the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, on 03 April and was very well attended. Speakers included Dr. Christy Boylan, National Tidy Towns Adjudicator and Horticulturist, and Colum Walsh, Community Water Officer, LAWPRO (Local Authorities Water Programme), together with staff from the Environment and Climate Action Department. Support continues to be given to Tidy Towns groups as required.

Sustainability Day Event at Eli Lilly

The Environmental Awareness Officer joined the My Waste Team and other participants promoting sustainability at the Eli Lilly facility at Raheen Business Park on 10 April. The www.mywaste.ie toolkit was promoted at the event.



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sources and Organisational Development

1. Business Improvement

- A total of 908 active users now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 683.
- Business Improvement worked with Rural Development to launch two “Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025” Expressions of Interest on MyPoint - namely “Main Scheme” and “Project Development Measure.”
- Business Improvement assisted Travel and Transport Strategy to create a “Bike Week 2025” funding application form on MyPoint.

Requisitions Oversight Unit

The Requisitions Oversight Unit staff validate all requisitions raised across the entire Council. The following statistics applied for April:

- Approved requisitions accounted for 86% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 14% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
April	1,328	215	1,543

2. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Book of Condolence

Limerick City and County Council, led by the Mayor of Limerick, the Príomh Comhairleoir of Limerick City and County Council, and the Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick opened a Book of Condolence in memory of the late Pope Francis.

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 April:

Rejection Reason	April
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – Omitted/Insufficient detail	49
Request for Quotes - Omitted	36
Procurement Reference Omitted/ Incorrect	32
Quotes – Omitted/Incorrect copy provided	30
Documentation attached Omitted/ Incorrect	17

New Procurement References set up	28
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement	14

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Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	46
Deletions from Electoral Register	346
Modifications to the Electoral Register	78
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	470

The Register Team has completed over 80% of the data review required for Phase 1 of the Local Government Electoral Reform Project.

All Polling Districts, Polling Stations, and Townlands have been translated into Irish.

The Register Team participated in two meetings with Dublin City Council who are the lead authority for the Local Government Electoral Reform project.

Printed a new copy of the Register of Electors and to date copies have been distributed to:

- Dooradoyle - Customer Service Office
- Merchant's Quay - Customer Service Office
- Limerick County Library – Dooradoyle
- Limerick City Library - Barrow House

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Abrasive Wheels training	24
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Articulated Dumper training	4
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Mini Digger	3
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Site Dumper training	4
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Telescopic Handler	6
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	46
Fire Warden	9
First Aid	9
Manual Handling	49
Roller Driving training	11
Safe Pass	4
Total Staff Trained	169

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Schedule of Meetings for April

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to discuss the Voids Programme	07/04/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	01/04/2025 01/04/2025 02/04/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	02/04/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	08/04/2025	Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	17/04/2025	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	22/04/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings Travel and Transportation Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Home and Social Development	08/04/2025 14/04/2025 24/04/2025	Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	01/04/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	01/04/2025	Dooradoyle and Online



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Access to Information

	April	2025 (January to April)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	26	82
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	1	5
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	2
Total Ombudsman Requests	7	19
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	5	11
AIE Internal Appeals	1	1

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:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,852 calls. This represents an average of 493 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 667 on one particular day. 82% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,529 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.
- 2,696 cases were created, with 662 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives.

- 3,096 cases were closed, with 892 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services staff logged 69% of the cases created.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 88 cases being logged. Of these, 75 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests. 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 107 out-of-hours cases were created.
- Customer Services provided other frontline services to the general public, including processing applications for Residential Parking Permits; 111 applications were received and 72 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 3,033 customers at both the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

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3. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Riverfest Limerick

- Launched Riverfest Limerick 2025 marketing campaign on 07 April.
- Developed a suite of digital and social media marketing assets, video content, print and radio and podcast advertisements for rollout throughout the multimedia campaign.
- A comprehensive Out-of-Home campaign launched nationally to give further visibility to the festival.
- Created a print and digital map and guide highlighting flagship events. This was complemented by tabletop tent cards complete with a QR code linking back to Limerick.ie/Riverfest. Print copies were distributed to businesses throughout the city and county for circulation in the lead up to, and duration of the event itself.
- Created a dedicated festival campaign hub on Limerick.ie/Riverfest.
- Extensive promotion across local and regional media partner platforms – Limerick Leader, Limerick Post, Live 95 and Spin Southwest including traditional, social and digital coverage across all platforms. National promotion via the Evening Echo and in seven of its sister regional titles.
- Coordinated three social media competitions to increase engagement, heighten awareness and promote events and local businesses.
- Created a schedule of publicity pieces to gain additional coverage through sponsored content.
- Engaged content creators to promote the campaign to wider audiences across their social media channels: [Mary Tierney](#) and [Sarah Neville](#).

- PR drops were sent to nine high-profile social media influencers to widen the reach of the festival and encourage increased promotion.
- Created festival merchandise for further promotion.
- Commissioned festival photography and videography for future promotion.

Other Marketing Activity

- The Marketing team attended Social Media Fest Ireland, a forum for further education in the digital media space.
- Work continued on social media collateral building and collaborative content creation.
- Provided branding support to colleagues in the Trade and Invest, Corporate Division and Ryder Cup teams.
- Series of new branded merchandise designed and in production.
- Provided branded merchandise to teams and delegations internally as well as to Mary Immaculate College, Golf Ireland, Limerick Opera Festival etc.

Social Media

- Management of 14 social media channels including [Limerick.ie](#) to engage with citizens and promote Limerick to locals, visitors, students, and the business community.
- Followers across our seven main social media platforms now as follows:
- Limerick.ie Facebook:** 35,978
- Limerick.ie X:** 21,118
- Limerick.ie Instagram:** 37,606
- Limerick.ie TikTok:** 3,495
- Limerick City and County Council X:** 18,950
- Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 3,511
- Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 15,382

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Limerick.ie

In April, there were 201,790* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 2% decrease on the same period in 2024. (*Fathom Analytics)

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

1. www.limerick.ie/riverfest
2. www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning
3. www.limerick.ie
4. [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfest-street-party \(event over\)](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfest-street-party (event over))
5. [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfestival-village \(event over\)](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfestival-village (event over))

Content Report: 217 events, 64 articles, eight new Council services and six new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in April.

Council service information added or updated in April included; Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan 2025-2030, Night Time Economy (NTE), Shopfront Design Guidelines, Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Duty Implementation Plan, CLÁR 2025 Scheme, Dog Litter, Tidy Towns, Commercial Rates Charges, Climate Action Week and Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival.

Communications

- Issued 21 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 17 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted 248 times across the three Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 37,847. Our posts earned 230,445 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Handled all media queries, which come into communications@limerick.ie and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

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4. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

The April Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 22 April.

Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing from the Land Development Agency;
- Workshop on the Active Travel Scheme High Street;
- Workshop on the Active Travel Scheme South Circular Road;
- Briefing on the Limerick Night Time Economy Initiative, Twilight Thursdays;
- Briefing on Fostering;
- Workshop on the Wickham Street to Clare Street Active Travel Scheme;
- Briefing from the Land Development Agency on the Carey's Road Development;
- Briefing on proposed 30 unit apartment development at 48-50 Mary Street, Limerick.

Operational Area Briefings

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

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of Project: Bridge Street Surface Improvement Scheme**
 - Location: Englishtown, City Centre
 - Cost of project: €60,000
 - Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of Project: Patrickswell Flood Alleviation Scheme**
 - Location: Main Street, Patrickswell
 - Cost of project: €20,000
 - Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of Project: City Quays Roads and Footpaths Maintenance**
 - Location: Limerick City Centre
 - Cost of project: €10,000
 - Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team
- **Description of Project: Drominboy Drainage Scheme**
 - Location: R503 Newport Road
 - Cost of project: €60,000
 - Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team
- **Description of Project: Sycamore Avenue / Rathbane Road Restoration Improvement**
 - Location: Rathbane
 - Cost of project: €90,000
 - Contractor: Lynkeo

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Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The April meeting of the Municipal District took place on 08 April 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:

- 68 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 85 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Bus Shelter

New Bus Shelter installed in Shanagolden on Regional Road R521.

Road Reconstruction

Road Reconstruction Works completed in Kilteery Pier and Melon, Pallaskenry.

Drainage Works

Inlets opening carried out on Regional and National Roads in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale during April.

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meeting and Workshop

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 17 April, both Online and in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

A Workshop in relation to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) in the Municipal District was also held on 10 April.

Housing Grant Improvement Schemes

- Total Housing Grants Paid during April: € 30,495 (4)

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 101 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 50 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

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

- Road Drainage Grant Works 2025;
- Location: R513 Grange Knocklong;
- Cost: €30,000;
- Contractor: Kilmallock Roads Crew.

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Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meeting

- 02 April - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Housing Grants

- 32 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €300,049.55.
- Payments of €22,075.25 were made to five applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.

Housing Maintenance

- 109 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 64 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

- During the month, the Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,288 routine transactions, generating an income of €208,399.

