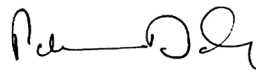


# Executive Report

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

March 2025

Limerick City and County Council welcomes the allocation of over €83 million in funding for vital roads projects across the county

Limerick City and County Council set to activate CCTV cameras at several Bring Bank locations in an effort to combat illegal dumping

Limerick City St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025 was a celebration of Culture and Community with a crowd of up to 70,000

Limerick City and County Council announces its ambitious plan to plant 2,000 trees this year with the help of Limerick communities

Limerick City and County Council Welcomes €1.15 Million Investment in Walking and Cycling Infrastructure

Taoiseach Micheál Martin visited Limerick on 28 March for the first meeting of the Limerick Mayoral and Government Consultative Forum at Corporate Headquarters

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## Office of the Mayor

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

**Some highlights for the month of March include:**

- I hosted An Taoiseach and members of the Cabinet at the Inaugural Government Consultative Forum.
- I met with the Bulgarian Ambassador to Ireland.
- I held a Press Conference and announced the Mayoral Fund for 2024/2025.
- I attended St. Patrick's Day parade celebrations in Limerick City, Bruff, Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale.
- I presented to the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland in Dublin Castle.

### 01 March

- Attended Martisor Day Celebrations in Limerick.

### 03 March

- Meeting related to Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company
- Meeting with Cathal Crowe, TD, and the Director of Planning and Place-Making.

### 04 March

- I Delivered the Annual Philip Monahan Memorial Lecture at UCC to honour Philip Monahan, Ireland's first ever Local Authority Manager.
- Lunch with Deputy Mayor of Cork and the UCC faculty.
- Meeting with the Chief Executive of Cork City Council, Valerie O'Sullivan.
- Dinner with the Irish Georgian Society.

- Attended the Knight of Glin Memorial Lecture, hosted by the Limerick Chapter of the Irish Georgian Society.

### 05 March

- Visit to Dell Technologies' Limerick Campus.
- Meeting with teachers from Hohenlohekreis, Germany.
- Meeting relating to Colbert Quarter Land Development Agency Sports Hub.
- Meeting with the Producers of Wayfinders.
- Visit to Limerick Dementia Social Club.

### 06 March

- Meeting with Councillor Maria Donoghue.
- Meeting with the Bulgarian Ambassador.
- Attended the WebDev Builders and Data Storage and Management (DSM) Limerick Summit at Dell Technologies Limerick Campus and gave a speech.
- Meeting with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.
- Attended screening of Children of the Castle in the GAFF.

### 07 March

- Attended the Limerick Person of the Year Lunch.
- Speech at Director of Housing, Caroline Curley's, retirement party.
- Speech at the AGM of Coach Tourism and Transport Council of Ireland.

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## 08 March

- Attended Colum McCann book launch in the Lime Tree Theatre.

## 09 March

- Attended the Limerick Forest Festival.

## 10 March

- Meeting with Management Board.
- Attended the City Centre Revitalisation Steering Group meeting.

## 11 March

- Meeting with Director General, Dr. Pat Daly.
- Meeting with the Senior Planner in Place-Making.
- Meeting with the Hungarian Ambassador at the Hungarian Embassy.
- Meeting with Festivals and Events Team.

## 12 March

- Press Briefing update on the Mayoral Fund.
- Attended the tree-planting ceremony in The People's Park.
- Monthly meeting with the Colbert Quarter Working Group.
- Attended Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company AGM.
- Meeting with Head of Digital Strategy.
- Attended a meeting of the Advisory Board National Citizens' Parliament.

- Interview with WJCL 22 News about the friendship agreement between Limerick and Savannah.
- Attended the Castleconnell Community Energy Information Night.

## 13 March

- Speech at Time to Count with Third Class students at Presentation Primary School, Sexton Street.
- Attended SMART Housing Workshop with Limerick City and County Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Meeting regarding the Mayoral Ball.
- Meeting with the Director General, Dr. Pat Daly.
- Meeting regarding the Presentation of the draft of the Corporate Plan.
- Meeting with the Deputy Director General, Gordon Daly.
- Dinner with the Head of Arts and Culture from the European Investment Bank.

## 14 March

- Attended the meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly.

## 15 March

- Attended Abbeyfeale St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Dinner with Limerick Chamber of Commerce official.

## 16 March

- Attended the Limerick Band Parade.
- Attended the Newcastle West St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Meeting in Athea to discuss the Playground and funding.

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## 17 March

- Attended the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Sarsfield Barracks.
- Attended Mass at Sarsfield Barracks.
- Participated in the Limerick City St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Participated in the Bruff St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Attended the Abbeyfeale St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Meeting with the Director of Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development, Stephane Duclot, and Town Regeneration Officer.
- Meeting with Night Time Economy Committee.
- Meeting in relation to Regional Growth and Challenges.
- Attended The 27th Club Musical Drama.

## 20 March

- Meeting with Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company.
- Attended and gave a speech at the Launch of the European Sport for All Games hosted by the Limerick Sports Partnership.
- Meeting with the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, TD, at University Hospital Limerick (UHL).
- Attended the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland/Academy of Urbanisation Conference.
- Meeting with the Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services, Matthew White, Head of Trade and Investment and Mayoral Office Staff Member.
- Meeting in relation to Shop-Front Designs.
- Meeting with Councillor John O'Donoghue.
- Attended and gave a speech at the opening of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Unit in Athlacca National School.

## 21 March

- Meeting with Special Advisor and Director of Housing.
- Attended and gave a speech at the Official Launch of the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival 2025.
- Meeting with representatives of the Abbeyfeale Local Community.

## 18 March

- Attended a Management Board Meeting.
- SMART Homes Limerick Working Group weekly update.
- Meeting with Director General and Deputy Director General.
- Attended the Outing Queer Arts Collective and Festival.
- Update on Transport for the Mayoral Programme.
- Meeting with representatives from King's Island Community Group.
- Toured King's Island to see the works.

## 19 March

- Meeting with Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services, Matthew White.
- Meeting with Councillor Greg Conway and representatives from the National Ambulance Service.
- Meeting in relation to SMART Housing.
- Meeting with representatives from the Marie Keating Foundation.

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- Interview with West Limerick 102 FM.
- Meeting in relation to Pocket Park, Parnell Street.
- Attended a meeting in relation to Athea Road Racing event.
- Attended and gave a speech at the Opening Concert of the Limerick Early Music Festival.

## 23 March

- Interview with Newstalk Radio.

## 24 March

- Meeting with the Management Board.
- Attended workshop for Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Project.
- Meeting of Corporate Policy Group.
- Meeting with Councillor Maria Donoghue and Dementia Ireland Representative.

## 25 March

- Meeting with Director General.
- Meeting with Planning and Place-Making in relation to Mayoral Programme Objectives.
- Meeting in relation to weekly update of SMART Homes Limerick-Working Group.
- Meeting with the Land Development Agency Office and Directors of Planning and Place-Making and Housing.
- Meeting with Takumi Precision regarding the Mayoral Programme for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- Meeting with Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company.

## 26 March

- Meeting with Colbert Quarter Steering Oversight Group.
- Meeting with Dementia Ireland representative in relation to St. Joseph's.
- Speech at Ireland 2050 Conference.
- Meeting with Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to SMART Homes.
- Attended and gave speech at the Greenways and Active Travel Conference at the Strand Hotel, Limerick, hosted by the Department of Transport/Fáilte Ireland.

## 27 March

- Meeting with the Director General.
- Meeting with the Communications Department.
- Meeting in relation to Abbeyfeale.
- Meeting with the Homelessness and Drug Addiction Expert Group.
- Meeting with the Party Leaders in Limerick City and County Council and Protocol Committee Meeting.
- Attended networking and private dinner for Tourism Northern Ireland Delegation Visit to Limerick.
- Meeting with Limerick and the World.

## 28 March

- Interview with Limerick Live 95.
- Meeting with the Government Consultative Forum, with Taoiseach, Micheál Martin; Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne; and Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Patrick O'Donovan, TD.

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- Lunch with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, TD.
- Meeting with Interim Chairperson of Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company.
- Attended and gave a speech at the Book Launch of 'But you look just fine,' a Memoir of finding joy through life's challenges, by Michele Roys.

## 31 March

- Meeting with the Management Board.
- Attended a Workshop for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on the Community Initiative Scheme.
- Attended the March Meeting of the Plenary Council.





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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 31 March 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,153,993 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	65,473
Writes offs/ Waivers €	511,773
Total for Collection €	69,145,502
Amount Collected €	22,751,018
Arrears €	46,394,484
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	929,789
% Collected	33.4%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31 March 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	327,818 ^
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	596,517
Receipts €	522,470
Arrears €	74,047
% Collected	88%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for March 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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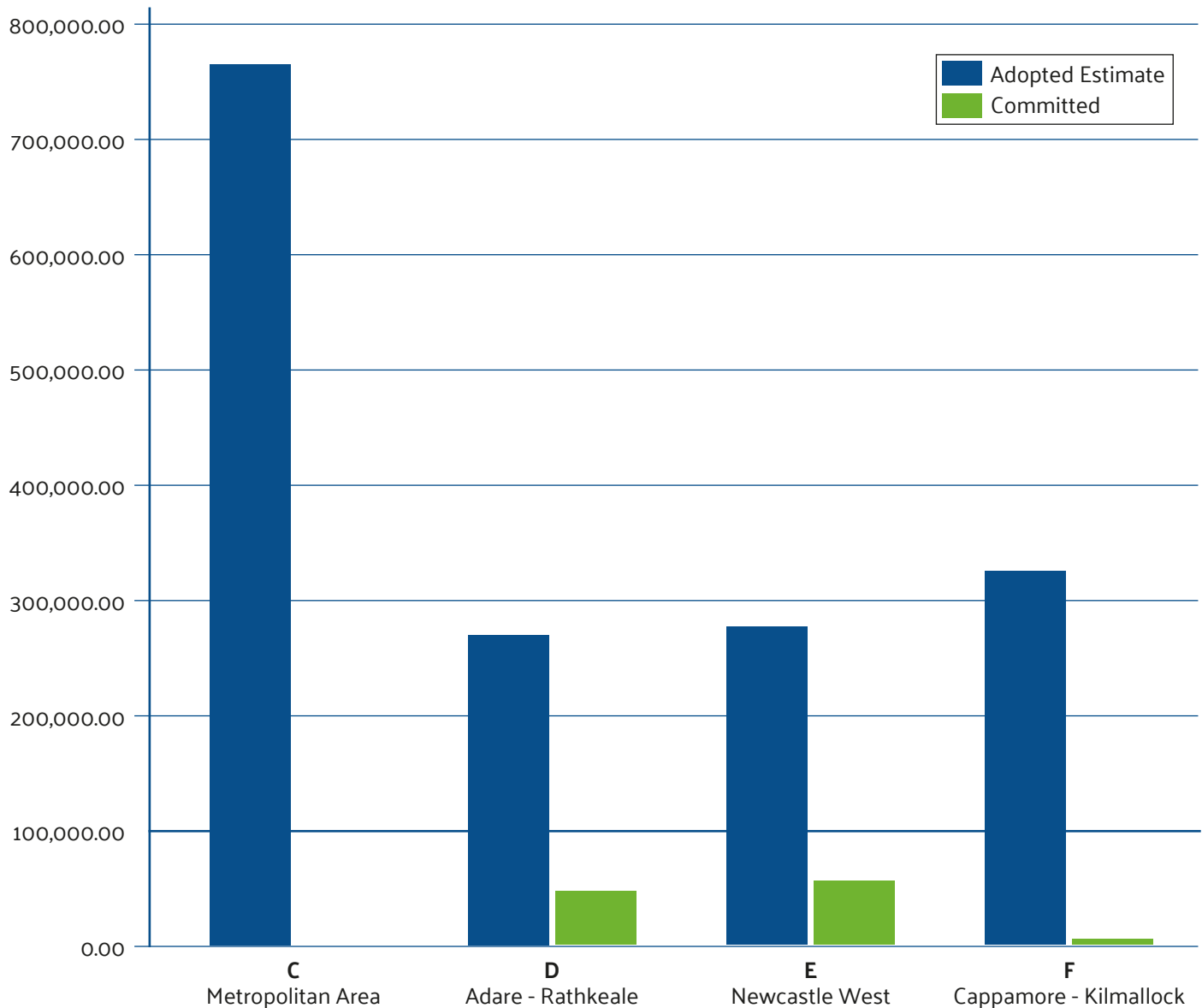


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## General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 31 March 2025



### Municip (Code) + (Text)

C Metropolitan Area

D Adare - Rathkeale

E Newcastle West

F Cappamore - Kilmallock

### Value Adopted Estimate (€)

763,300.00

270,000.00

278,600.00

327,600.00

**1,639,500.00**

### Value Committed (€)

0

46,310

54,124

7,752

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## 2. Trade and Investment

Gino's Gelato announced 15 new jobs in the city centre with a new ice cream parlour set to open in the former tourist information office. The unit at the junction of O'Connell Street and Thomas Street is to be home to Limerick's second branch of Gino's Gelato. It will be the chain's 30th store nationally, and joins a branch in the Crescent Shopping Centre at Dooradoyle. Owned by Adare man, Anthony Murphy, and Jonathan Kirwan of Wicklow, the pair will be giving a new lease of life to the tourist office, which has been largely out of use for the past two years. Nationally, Gino's Gelato employs 600 people on a seasonal basis.

The Bon Secours Health System announced plans to create 300 new jobs with the opening of a state-of-the-art private hospital on the Ballysimon Road, Limerick. The roles will span medical and non-medical disciplines, with a focus on nursing and specialised medical teams.

### Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Action Plan

Consultants Research & Dig / Fitzgerald Power have been appointed to facilitate the SME Expert Group in the production of a five-year Limerick SME Action Plan. A project initiation meeting was held on 21 March.

### Night Time Economy (NTE)

An updated Draft NTE Action Plan was presented to the NTE Steering Group on 19 March.

### Dell Technologies Visit

The Trade and Investment team accompanied the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on a visit to Dell Technologies where a tour of their world class Customer Solutions Centre took place and potential future collaborations were discussed.

### Regional Skills Forum

Attended a meeting of the Mid West Regional Skills Forum in Ennis on 25 March where there was engaging discussion on labour market challenges and skills needs.

## 3. Digital Services

### Limerick Broadband Connection Points (BCP) Network Upgrades:

In March, Pobal announced funding of up to €1.4 million for refurbishment works on community centres across Limerick.

Cappamore Community Centre and Askeaton Community Centre received €88,428 and €100,000 respectively for their proposed refurbishment works. Both community centres host Limerick's BCP services as part of the National Broadband Plan. Limerick City and County Council Executive Engineer and Broadband Officer provided technical assistance to both groups in their application to improve each community centre's facilities so that each centre could host future Community Digital Initiatives.

Cappamore Community Centre will use the funding to install a lift in its centre; this will provide mobility access to the Free Broadband Services, located on the second floor, to all members of the community and will support the uptake of digital initiatives rolled out by the Broadband Officer in the Community Centre. Askeaton Community Centre will use the funding to replace the asbestos roof over the main hall. This leaking hazardous structure has to date restricted the community group in hosting digital initiatives funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, through the role of the Broadband Officer. Once the new roof is installed, Limerick Broadband Officer will expand the BCP service to the full hall allowing the community to partake in Digital Initiatives, which require large space such as Digital Training, Dance Classes, Coding Classes, Robotics Programmes etc.

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## 4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

LEO Limerick ran 12 Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics during March for Limerick-based businesses, which were attended by 214 business owners from across the City and County.

In March, Local Enterprise Office Limerick approved:-

- Five 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.
- One Energy Efficiency Grant to assist Limerick companies who want to become more energy efficient.
- One Market Explorer grant to assist Limerick businesses with their exporting strategy.
- 19 One-to-One mentoring sessions with LEO Limerick Business Consultants.
- Local Enterprise Week 2025 took place between 03 and 07 March and LEO Limerick hosted 10 different events during the week that were attended by over 180 individuals across the City and County to help them start, grow and expand their enterprise.
- The National Enterprise Awards 2025 County Final took place in Engine, Cecil Street, on 03 March. SOS Cookies has been named as Entrepreneur of the Year 2025 and will now go forward as Limerick's representative in the National Enterprise Awards in Dublin. Other awards went to Treaty Software - for Runner up Entrepreneur of the Year, Forest Mist - Winner Best Emerging Entrepreneur, Control Mate - Runner up Best Emerging Entrepreneur, Like Bikes - Winner Green/Sustainability Award and Garrett's Butchers - Runner up Green/Sustainability Award. The competition is organised by Ireland's network of Local Enterprise Offices

(LEO) to give recognition to the contribution of micro enterprises to the National Economy.

- The Student Enterprise Awards County Final took place in the Castletroy Park Hotel, Limerick, on 19 March. Schools from across the City and County were represented and presented their mini-enterprise projects which they founded and developed within their schools and were supported by LEO Limerick. The winners of the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Categories will go on to represent Limerick at the National Finals in Mullingar.

Category	Team Name	School
Senior 1st	The Pole Plucker	Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick
Senior 2nd	Brick Cutter Pro	Desmond College, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
Senior 3rd	Old and New	Thomond Community College, Limerick
Intermediate 1st	Sea Tan Gone	Desmond College, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
Intermediate 2nd	Alex's Workshop	Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom, Co. Limerick
Intermediate 3rd	KZ Gorgeous Treasures	Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom, Co. Limerick
Junior 1st	Grip Geenie	Desmond College, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick
Junior 2nd	Ella and Lea KeyChains	Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom, Co. Limerick
Junior 3rd	Rad Rugs	Desmond College, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick

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## 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 March
No. of call-outs 01.03.2025 - 31.03.2025	1,792	618	1 min 52 secs	2,410

## 6. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company

### Enterprise Infrastructure

Engine Collaboration Centre, Engine and N21 Business Park, Rathkeale, remain at 100% occupancy. The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale is at 95% occupancy.

### Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

#### Enterprise Events

In March, the Engine Collaboration Centre hosted over 390 attendees at more than 30 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:

- Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company Interviews (13, 14, 19 March).
- Local Enterprise Office Limerick Meetings and Workshops (LEO) (03, 10, 13, 19, 24, 25 March).
- Screenability event (04 March).

- MDS Global Meeting (04, 05, 18 March).
- Crew Academy Meeting (06 March).
- Treaty Software Meetings (10, 11, 25, 26 March).
- Meeting Pod (19 March).
- Clerk of Works (22 March).
- Film in Limerick Meetings (24, 25 March).
- PAUL Partnership Limerick CLG (25 March).
- Enterprise Ireland Meeting (11 March).
- Mayoral Press Conference (12 March).
- Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company Limerick Board Meeting (20 March).
- GASP event (Piquant Media) (28 March).
- AXIS BIC Workshop (27 March).

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- Startup sprint (Research Development Innovation Hub) (29 March).
- Land Development Agency meeting (12 March).

## Partnership and Collaboration

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

- **Mayoral Press Conference** held to announce details from the Mayoral Fund to the public.
- **Research Development Innovation Hub Start-up Sprint** helps to connect and develop start-ups and help to grow the idea into something bigger.
- **GASP event** conference for the creative industry organised by the Piquant Media. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company welcomed pioneers in the industry for a day of networking, learning and exploring the possibilities of the creative economy.
- **Axis BIC** used the collaboration space to meet business and guide on venture capital and business growth strategies, helping businesses secure funding and scale.
- **Local Enterprise Office (LEO)** held workshops and met with business on site to provide mentoring, training, and organise events to support local businesses.

## Enterprise Education

A student from International Business course in University of Limerick is in place and assisting as a six-month co-op placement with Innovate Limerick

## Engine Hubs

The number of Hubs in the network is 19 - **The Pavilion**, Adare, Limerick; **Spark Hub**, Roxboro, Limerick; **Croom Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **The Yard**, Newcastle West, Limerick; **Engine**, Limerick; **Engine Collaboration Centre**, Limerick; **Broadford**; **The Boat Club**, Limerick; **Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **Engine Tipperary Digital Hub**, Tipperary Town; **Bruree Food Units**, Limerick; **Kantoher Enterprise Ctre**, Limerick; **Rathkeale Enterprise Centre**, Limerick; **The Old Bank Abbeyfeale**, Limerick; **HQ Tralee**, Kerry; **ACM Castleconnell**, Limerick; **Ballyhoura Heritage**, Limerick; **Doon**, Limerick; **Ballybrown/Clarina Community Centre**, Limerick and **The Phoenix**, Tralee, Kerry.

## FILM IN LIMERICK

Film in Limerick had an exciting and productive March with substantial local and international engagement. Below is a summary of the key highlights:

- **TV Drama 'The Wayfinders' begins Production in Limerick**

Film in Limerick has been working with the producers of new TV drama 'The Wayfinders' to bring the project to Limerick. The project is currently in pre-production at Troy Studios.

- **Don't Forget the Lyrics, TV Show in Pre-Production at Troy Studios**

Film in Limerick is supporting Bigger Stage Productions and Apploff Entertainment who are in pre-production with US smash hit 'Don't Forget the Lyrics' at Troy Studios.

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## Crew Academy Courses

Film in Limerick, with the National Talent Academies, ran several courses in March, including:

- **Introduction to the Art Department**

Film in Limerick's Screenability programme, working with adults with complex learning needs, ran an introduction to the Art Department course in March. Participants took part in creating a film set model, with training run by industry expert, Cherly Rock.

- **Access All Areas - Careers Day at Troy Studio**

Crew Academy South, managed by Film in Limerick, with Screen Ireland, ran a major careers event in March. Access All Areas saw over 400 Third Level students from Munster attend a day-long event held at Troy Studios. Speakers from companies, Bigger Stage, NEP, as well Screen Guilds and Film in Limerick, took part in the event.

- **Assistant Director Bootcamp**

Film in Limerick ran a Crew Academy Assistant Director Bootcamp in March with 12 Individuals learning about the role of Assistant Director and the Assistant Director Department. The training took place at Troy Studios.

- **Limerick and Austin, Sister Cities, SXSW**

Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company, Film in Limerick were represented by Regional Film Manager at South by Southwest (SXSW) in Austin in March. Meetings were held with US producers interested in filming in Ireland and with Sister Cities representatives. Paul C. Ryan also represented the Limerick region at a Screen Ireland reception and a Consulate General of Ireland, Austin reception with An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, TD, and Ambassador of Ireland to the US, Byrne Nason, in attendance.





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## Transportation and Mobility

### 1. Travel and Transport Strategy

#### Bloodmill Road Extension

The Bloodmill Road Extension opened to the public on 14 March. The scheme was delivered by Priority Construction Ltd. The project realigns the existing Bloodmill Road to connect with the newly developed link road to the east, significantly improving accessibility to the Educate Together Secondary School, the upcoming Bon Secours Hospital and Medical Diagnostics Centre, and the Lidl retail unit on the surrounding zoned lands.

The primary aim of the Bloodmill Road Extension Scheme is to encourage sustainable travel options by offering safer and more efficient infrastructure for vulnerable road users.

#### BusConnects

During March, the Council continued to engage with the National Transport Authority BusConnects team and their Consultants on the bus network redesign in Limerick.

### 2. Active Travel

A new digital map providing an interactive information source for the public on current and future walking, wheeling and cycling projects in Limerick has been launched on [Limerick.ie](https://limerick.ie). The map can be found [here](#).

The resource will show colour coordinated, categorised projects that have been delivered and are being worked on by the multi-disciplinary Active Travel team in Limerick City and County Council, based in Barrow House on Michael Street.

For the first time, all cycle lanes in Limerick have been mapped and are now available for the public to view. These consist of 104km approx. in the city and 41km approx. in the county. All works in progress and works

that have been approved to proceed via statutory planning processes have been included, with it now possible to see the Active Travel network's continued development in one place.

These projects are being fully funded by the National Transport Authority which has allocated Limerick City and County Council €20.5 million to spend on walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure in 2025.

The new Active Travel digital map will show the following across Limerick city and county:

- Progress of the rollout of enhanced pedestrian infrastructure under Active Travel funding across both Limerick city and county.
- Progress of Limerick's cycle network (specifying built, under construction and future cycleway).
- Progress of the rollout of the Safe Routes to School programme (specifying completed and upcoming works).
- Completed facilities under the Bus Shelters Enabling Works Programme.
- Locations of nitrogen dioxide monitoring tubes in areas being monitored by the Active Travel team.
- Available bike parking facilities throughout Limerick City and County.
- The map will be continuously updated with other elements of the Active Travel Limerick team's work.

The intent is to share the map's information with OpenStreetMap and Google Maps, in order for members of the public to be able to use existing tools for accurate cycle and pedestrian journey planning.

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## 3. Mid West National Road Design Office

### Design Update for N21 Newcastle West Road Scheme and N21 Abbeyfeale Road Scheme

There was a design update for the N21 Newcastle West Road Scheme and the N21 Abbeyfeale Road Scheme on 27 March.

Limerick City and County Council is working in partnership with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport to develop two separate schemes to relieve congestion on the N21 Limerick to Tralee Road through Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale. These projects are called the N21 Newcastle West Road Scheme and the N21 Abbeyfeale Road Scheme.



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## Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

### 1 Culture

#### City Library at Barrow House

- The Stony Thursday Book No. 20 was launched at the City Library by Limerick Arts Office on 25 March.
- Limerick Mental Health Association's monthly Women's Group met on 27 March.
- Garryowen Women's Shed was welcomed on 24 March.
- For Irish Astronomy Week, on 07 March Ben McKeon from the University of Limerick spoke about "Robots vs. Aliens: Computing Techniques and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence," with Transition Year students from Christian Brothers School, Sexton Street.
- Weekly Digital Skills training classes continued with volunteers from Age Action Ireland.
- There were 10 book club meetings across the month.
- The University of the Third Age's Irish Language Conversation and Crafting Groups continued to meet in the library.
- Emerging Limerick Filmmakers and Writepace Creative Writing Group held meetings during March.
- Other groups visiting during the month included Limerick City College on 21 March who brought three groups of English language students to register and avail of all the free library services on offer.
- Student Campus language school visited on 14 and 27 March and the Year 1 Animation and Motion Design students from Limerick School of Art and Design visited on 20 March to register for membership and explore the graphic novel and children's illustrated storybook collections.
- On World Book Day on 06 March, the library welcomed the children from Poppins Pre-School and three classes from the Model School for stories and book-themed fun.
- The Library also welcomed class visits from Scoil Íosagáin, St. Michael's, St. Mary's, Presentation and St. John the Baptist.
- The Wednesday morning toddler story time continued with parents, guardians, child-minders and toddlers enjoying songs and stories each week.

#### Kilmallock Library

- World Book Day on 06 March was celebrated across the week with class visits from National Schools: Bruff, Kilbehenny, Scoil Mocheallóg, Kilfinane, Knocklong and Glenbrohane with approximately 375 children enjoying storytelling, crafting, songs and activities.
- A special "Little Readers" outreach session was delivered to the early intervention pupils of Scoil Mocheallóg National School on 21 March.
- Weekly English Conversation Club, led by Ballyhoura Development CLG, continued on each Tuesday from 2 - 4pm.
- 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 27 participants.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued on each Thursday morning at 11am with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving, with an average of 17 crafters at each session.

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- Bridge classes continued on each Wednesday with an average of 10 participants at each session.
- Little Readers met on 19 March for a fun-filled session of stories, songs and craft whilst their adults enjoyed a chat and laugh over refreshments with 12 participants.
- Visits continued throughout March 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 06 March.

## 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.
- Launch of Breast Feeding Friendly Exhibition on 05 March.
- Visit of children's author, Emma Larkin, on 06 March.
- June O'Sullivan, author of "The Lighthouse Keepers Wife," visited the library for a reading from her new book on the evening of 06 March.
- Launch of the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 21 March.
- Launch of the Newcastle West Wonder Wander Walking Trail Map on 25 March. The map follows a route containing areas of architectural interest in the town.

## Dooradoyle Library

- Limerick City and County Council Active Retirement Group met for an information session on 04 March.
- World Book Day on 06 March was celebrated with visits from: Cute and Clever Preschool, Lisnagry, Seedlings Nature School, Mungret, Daydreams Crèche, Dooradoyle, St. Michael's Infants' School Autism Spectrum Disorder class, and Limerick School for Deaf Children. The children were entertained with stories, songs and crafts.
- On 06 March, Ben McKeon, as part of Irish Astronomy Week, treated the pupils at Limerick Educate Together National School, Mungret, to a talk on astronomy.
- St. Patrick's Day was celebrated on 08 March when Daithi Collopy and family regaled an audience with story and song 'St. Patrick was a gentleman. Tales by a Limerick fireside, the story of St. Patrick.' This was followed by a family arts and crafts session.
- On 12 March, third year primary teaching students from Mary Immaculate College visited the library and were provided with information on library services for primary schools.
- The Limerick Arts Society Spring exhibition of paintings concluded on 14 March.
- An exhibition of watercolours by the artist, Eva Coombes, was launched on 18 March.
- Helium Arts, the National Children's Art and Health Charity, held a workshop on 22 March. The aim of these free creative art workshops is to help children with lifelong physical health conditions live life to the full.

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- 'Spring into Storytime' sessions began on 28 March with a visit from St. Paul's Junior Infants who were treated to storytime and craft-making.
- Meditation sessions, including Twin Hearts Pranvic Healing meditation and Himalayan meditation, continued.
- The creative writing organisation, Fighting Words, ran three story-writing workshops for pupils from St Paul's and Lé Chéile National Schools. These workshops promote creative writing skills and storytelling.
- The Limerick Multiple Sclerosis Support Group and the Limerick Branch of the Irish Countrywomen's Association held their monthly meetings in the branch.
- The library hosted an information stand from Southill Family Resource Centre on the first Thursday of the month.
- The Dooradoyle book clubs both met during the month of March and the Dooradoyle knitting group 'Close Knit Friends' continued to meet weekly.
- Class visits included students from Salesian Secondary School, Scoil Mháthair Dé, the Red Hill School and the Health Service Executive Training Services, Limerick.
- Áine Ni Fhlatharta returned to deliver a series of energy workshops to local primary school children on 12 March in conjunction with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and An Taisce. The workshops were interactive and focused on science experiments about energy consumption.
- Age Action Ireland completed their digital skills training classes on 20 March. The learners and volunteers meet on Thursday mornings.
- First class pupils from Corpus Christi National School attended a Fighting Words workshop facilitated by library staff and volunteers on 26 March.
- Both Thursday and Friday morning book clubs met at the end of the month.
- Weekly activities, including story-time, Parent and Toddler morning and Crafty Saturdays, continued.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 67 bookings during March and 211 visitors.

## Watch House Cross

- World Book Day - The library welcomed Respond Housing and local families who engage with their services to a World Book Day event on 04 March. Children received a selection of books from Children's Books Ireland and were entertained with an interactive magic show. Pupils from Thomond Primary School and Corpus Christi National School participated in a 'Design Your Own Book Character' craft event on 05 March.
- Irish Astronomy Week was marked on 04 March with an evening talk by Ben McKeon from the University of Limerick's Mathematics and Statistics Department.
- Seachtain na Gaeilge was celebrated on 08 March with an Irish language story-time and rhymes event for children.

## Local Studies

- There were 36 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection.
- There was one class visit to the Department on 21 March. Students were given a tour of the Local Studies Section and an introduction to the range of services.
- Several new acquisitions were added to stock.

## Abbeyfeale

- The monthly Craft Group continued on the third Wednesday.

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## Adare

- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group continued to meet on Thursday mornings.
- Teachers and students from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board continued their weekly visits every Tuesday.
- In partnership with Comhluadar Luimnigh, an Irish Storytime and Colouring Session was held on 01 March, promoting reading as Gaeilge among young children.
- Pupils from Scoil Naomh Íósaf took part in Arts and Crafts Session on 05 March.
- Award-winning artist, author and illustrator, Celina Buckley, ran World Book Day workshops on 06 March, where pupils from Scoil Naomh Íósaf and St. Nicholas National School learned how to create Magical Maps and develop Villain characters.
- Boys from Scoil Naomh Íósaf participated in a St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts Session on 07 March.
- Storyteller and musician, Daithí Collopy, entertained families with tales and legends of St. Patrick on 08 March.
- Two groups of pupils from Kilfinny National School visited on 12 March - one group participated in storytime and colouring, while the other took part in an arts and crafts session.
- As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, Chair Yoga sessions were held for members of the Adare Men's Shed, the local Active Retirement Group, and the 2020 Club.
- A Digital Workshop for older adults took place on 20 March.
- A Healthy Nutrition talk was delivered in partnership with Limerick Sports Partnership on 21 March, attended by members of the 2020 Club and Adare Men's Shed.
- The 2020 Book Club met on the last Thursday of the month.
- Pupils from Manister National School enjoyed an arts and crafts session on 28 March.

## Other Branches

- **Roxboro** – 10 visits from local primary schools and ELCs (Early Learning and Care settings) continued throughout March – the Early Start class from Le Chéile visit every Tuesday morning for a storytime. The branch had regular visits from the Autism Spectrum Disorder classes from both Le Chéile and Our Lady Queen of Peace, and the classes from Gaelscoil Sheoirse Clancy visited to borrow books for their English classes.
- **Cappamore** – 16 pupils from Junior and Senior Infants Scoil Chaitríona attended a Healthy Ireland at your Library yoga session on 25 March.
- **Rathkeale** – On 05 March, 22 pupils from Third Class, St. Joseph's Boys National School, attended a creative writing workshop facilitated by Fighting Words and library staff. The branch facilitated five storytime events throughout the month attended by 142 pupils and teachers from local primary schools and The Beehive Crèche. Regular class visits continued with the branch welcoming 94 pupils and teachers, including one class from St. Joseph's Boys' National School who were given an introduction to the BorrowBox app.
- **Foynes** – the Foynes Wonder Wander Trail was launched in Foynes Library on 25 March. Over 50 people attended, including the pupils from Third and Fourth Class, Foynes National School, who were invited to take part in the scavenger hunt that is part of the trail when the launch was over.

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- **Glin** – Glin Library hosted the regular Book Club meetings, Community Singing group and Craft Club sessions throughout the month. The chair yoga weekly sessions, supported by West Limerick Resources, continued to 26 March. On 19 March, Glin Montessori Preschool visited with 13 children. In total, 178 people attended events in the branch during the month.
- On 12 March, library staff attended the annual Youth Library Group Conference in Mayfair Library, Kilkenny. The theme for this year's conference was 'Recommending With Confidence – Success Stories.'
- On 25 March, library staff facilitated a Library Awareness Day for the staff and students of the Raheen National Learning Network in the Raheen Business Park. Attendees were able to register for library membership on the day, were informed of library services both in-branch and online, and were encouraged to visit their local library.
- As part of the programme to mark the 40th anniversary (1985-2025) of the opening of LCGA, the inaugural lecture by Delphine Munro, Head of Arts and Culture, European Investment Bank, took place on 13 March.
- Visitor numbers for the month of March were circa 5,400.
- Adela Passas took up her role as Shinnors Scholar on 10 March.
- The Artist-in-Residence, Anna O'Leary, finished her eight-week residency on 14 March. The residency was developed in conjunction with Limerick School of Art and Design to mark its new Bachelor of Education Degree.
- LCGA continued to meet with artists and curators.
- LCGA continued to collaborate and facilitate meetings and workshops with U3A (University of the Third Age) throughout March.
- LCGA continued to work with local and national organisations and individuals, including Helium Arts, Limerick College of Further Education and Poet, Jo Slade.
- LCGA continued to work in collaboration with Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and Limerick City and County Council on the Herisol Project.

## Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- **BOULDER MILT:** Seán Cotter and Kian Benson-Bailes' Culchie boy, I love you /Grá mo chroí thú, mo chábóigín féin: Songs From the Leeward Slope. Both exhibitions ran until 30 March.
- A review of Seán Cotter's exhibition featured in the Irish Arts Review. This review will contribute to a higher profile for the artist and LCGA.
- LCGA continued to exhibit a series of selections from the Permanent Collection on a rotating basis, expanding the use of separate exhibition galleries within the building. The exhibitions from the Permanent Collection display recent works donated and acquired, as well as works which are firm favourites with visitors.
- A specially selected exhibition in collaboration with the University of Limerick, featuring 40 women artists from both LCGA and University of Limerick collections, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of LCGA as a dedicated visual arts gallery in the Mid-West, was launched. The launch of the exhibition took place on National Women's Day on 08 March with a special dance performance by the Parsley Collective - a group of five women dance artists.

## Limerick Museum

- The Revival Through Art exhibition was held in Limerick Museum from 06 to 14 March. It showcased the achievements of the Ukrainian Art Studio, Art UA Limerick, for 2024-2025 and featured 46 works created using various techniques, including graphics, painting, and decorative arts. The Art UA Limerick project was founded by Ukrainian artist and teacher, Lyubov Makarenko, who was forced to leave her hometown of Mariupol after Russia's full-scale invasion. Since July 2022, she has been conducting art classes at the Redemptorist Church in Limerick, making a creative space for Ukrainian refugees.



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- The Saint Patrick's Day in Limerick Exhibition was held in the Museum from 13 to 29 March. It explored the customs and traditions in Limerick celebrating Saint Patrick, from the introduction of Christianity in the 5th century through to the 21st century. Using photographs, ephemera and artefacts from the Limerick Museum collection, it demonstrated how the people of Limerick commemorated Ireland's patron saint through the ages. Curated by Limerick Museum staff, Saint Patrick's Day in Limerick formed part of the wider celebrations of Saint Patrick across Limerick city and county.
- Shifting, a group exhibition by guest curator, Mary Doyle Burke, opened in Limerick Museum on 20 March. It showcased multidisciplinary work by prominent Irish female artists, Aideen Barry, Bernadette Kiely, Louise Cherry, Cecilia Bullo, Pauline O'Connell and Ellen Martin-Friel, whose practices span a wide range of mediums from painting, drawing and sculpture to installation works, performative art and print-making.
- On 11 March, students from the Limerick Educate Together Secondary School, accompanied by exchange students from La Reunion, a French Overseas Region in the Indian Ocean, visited the Museum.
- On 22 March, the Friends of Lace Limerick held a meeting and workshop in the Museum.

## Limerick Arts Office

### Arts Office and Creative Ireland Programmes

#### 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 March, eight letters of support were issued, supporting Arts Council of Ireland applications (Opera, Dance, Music, Theatre, Film and Visual Arts).

#### 2025 Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme

The 2025 Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme forms part of the Limerick Creative Ireland Programme to deliver creative projects and events. Offers of grant-aid totalling €49,451 were made to 13 applicants in March.

#### 2025 Arts Grants Panel Assessments

Independent panel assessments were conducted in March for the following Arts Grants Schemes:

- Limerick Grants under the Arts Act Scheme 2025.
- Individual Arts Bursary Scheme 2025.
- Theatre Bursary Scheme 2025.
- Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Awards Scheme 2025.

The recommendations from these panels went to the March Council Meeting for review and approval.

#### The Stony Thursday Book No. 20 – Poetry Book Launch

Limerick Arts Office launch of The Stony Thursday Book No. 20 took place on 25 March at 6pm at Limerick City Library, Barrow House, Michael Street, Limerick. The Stony Thursday Book is one of the longest-running literary journals in Ireland and this is its 46th edition, No. 20, in the new series, funded by The Arts Council and Limerick City and County Council. The volume was edited by poet, writer and teacher, Victoria Kennefick, and includes 116 works from 87 selected poets based in 10 countries. Book design was by Richard Meade, with cover art by local artist, Ashleigh Boyd.



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## The Stony Thursday Book No. 21 – New Open Call for Poetry Submissions

The Stony Thursday Book re-opened for submissions from local, national and international poets for its next issue.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary since the founding of the Stony Thursday Book so, in recognition of this, the Arts Office invited the founding Limerick poets, John Liddy and Jim Burke, to be joint editors of this year's edition of the book.

## Open Call for Coordination Services: Cruinniú na nÓg and for Culture Night Limerick 2025

Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for children and young people that celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, theatre, art and music workshops, readings, screenings, special events and much more. Creative Ireland Limerick issued a public call-out for quotes for Event Coordination services to support the running of Cruinniú na nÓg 2025. A successful applicant was appointed in March.

Limerick Arts Office opened a call-out for event coordination services to support the running of Culture Night Limerick 2025. The successful candidate will work in partnership with the national Culture Night coordinators, Limerick Arts Team and local creative and cultural stakeholders to deliver a programme of FREE events in Limerick city and county locations.

## 2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	144
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	24
Derelict Sites Cases opened	9
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	13
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	6
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	6
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	21

## 3. Community Development

### Age Friendly

On 13 March, our Older People's Councils in the West Region covering Galway, Clare, Tipperary, Kerry, Cork and Limerick took part in training for the Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the Older People's Councils. This training was hosted by Limerick.

### Lifelong Learning

This year's festival was officially launched on 21 March in Newcastle West Library by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran. Limerick City and County Council, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and PAUL Partnership are lead partners in the festival. The initiative is also

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supported by a multi-agency Steering Group. This year's festival theme is "Literacies for Life" and features over 120 free events and activities to choose from throughout the week both online and in-person.

## Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

At the March meeting of the Local Community Development Committee held on 04 March, the following SICAP Approvals were completed:

### Approval of the End-of-Year Performance Reviews for 2024 for the three Limerick LOTS:

LOT 21 - 1 Limerick West Rural - West Limerick Resources

LOT 21 - 2 Limerick Urban - PAUL Partnership

LOT 21 - 3 Limerick East Rural - Ballyhoura Development Company

### Approval of the Annual Plans for 2025 for the three Limerick LOTS:

LOT 21 - 1 Limerick West Rural - West Limerick Resources

LOT 21 - 2 Limerick Urban - PAUL Partnership

LOT 21 - 3 Limerick East Rural - Ballyhoura Development Company

## Local Community Development Committee

Meetings of the Local Community Development Committee and Local Action Group were held on 04 March.

## Public Participation Network (PPN) Limerick

- Membership of PPN Limerick continued to grow and stands at 243. 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, delivering a plenary meeting on 20 March. At this plenary meeting, vacant seats on the Secretariat were filled; with two new Members appointed.
- Nominees in the Community/Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental Sector for available Representative Seats on the five Limerick City and County Council Strategic Policy Committees were assessed. The four nominees were ratified by the plenary, with a report submitted for the Meeting of Limerick City and County Council held on 31 March. Nominees were appointed to their committees at this Meeting.
- PPNL continued to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

## Healthy Limerick

### We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick

The We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick campaign art exhibition opened in Newcastle West Library on 05 March. A wellbeing talk was delivered as part of this event.

### Social Health and Education Programmes

The Personal Development through Music Programme with Doon Men's Shed completed in March, while the same programme commenced on 24 March with Hospital Family Resource Centre.

A Caring for Our Wellbeing programme commenced in Askeaton, as well as Managing Stress in Newcastle West.

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## International Women's Day

A two-hour themed workshop "Know Your Worth" was delivered to clients of Adapt Domestic Abuse Services.

## Limerick Food Partnership

Limerick Food Partnership hosted The Butterfly Club on 22 March in the Tait Kitchen. Clients of the Butterfly Club made homemade pizzas and treats.

## Duhallow Community Food Services

Healthy Limerick completed a study trip to Duhallow Community Food Services in Co. Cork to examine the hot school meals programme, on 27 March.

## World Health Organisation

Limerick's application for accreditation to the World Health Organisation (WHO) European Healthy Cities/Counties Network Phase VII was approved at the Plenary Meeting of Limerick City and County Council on 31 March. This followed a recommendation by the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting on 12 March.

## Sláintecare Healthy Communities

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in Limerick City and County delivered a range of activities throughout March.

The focus remained on improving health outcomes, addressing health inequalities and supporting community engagement through distinct programmes and projects.

## MoveWell Programme

Sessions took place throughout March, supporting individuals managing chronic conditions through supported exercise sessions.

## Geodome Project at St. John the Baptist Boys' National School

The Geodome has been installed, and the steering group meet regularly to oversee the project.

## ADAPT Wellbeing Garden Room

Completion of the structure of the wellbeing cabin took place in March.

Space was provided for peer-led support groups and activities such as breath work, beauty, arts, and crafts.

Safe support groups for women recovering from abusive relationships were facilitated, offering enjoyable activities to support physical and mental wellbeing and safe socialising.

## Midwest Simon Community

### Oak Lodge Community Kitchen

- Upgrades were made to the community kitchen, including 15 storage units, a fridge, freezer, dishwasher, two hobs, and two ovens.
- Garden enhancements helped to create a safe, enclosed area for chickens.
- An outdoor seating area was developed for use as a key working space.
- Wildflowers and fruit trees were planted to encourage pollinators and wildlife.
- Councillor Sarah Beasley, on behalf of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, officially opened the Community Kitchen.

## Southill Healthy Relationships Programme

Programme Delivery: The programme was delivered to two male groups. Collaboration on process evaluation led to the development of a draft programme based on feedback.

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## Citizen Research and Community Engagement

Mental Health Ireland and Garryowen Community Development Programme engaged with Garryowen residents to exchange information and provide training to increase community capacity. Six groups that access Garryowen Community Development Programmes were interviewed, and a well-attended Open Call was held.

## Period Equity Programme

Limerick Youth Service, in collaboration with Slaintecare Healthy Communities, held several Period Health Workshops and Talks:

03 March: Workshop for 20 young people (ages 16-19).

08 March: Period Health Talk.

10 March: Workshop for 'English for Speakers of Other Languages' (ESOL) students.

13 March: Workshop for Traveller girls (ages 12-15).

14 March: Workshop for Traveller girls (ages 12-15).

These events helped teach women about period health.

## Singstrong Programme

The Singstrong Programme continued to run during the month of March. Singstrong offers sessions for individuals with chronic lung conditions, particularly those who are isolated due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. These sessions consist of weekly one-hour Singstrong workshops held at various locations, including Moyross Community Enterprise Centre, Southill Hub, and King's Island. Participants have been primarily referred by Social Prescriber. All activities align with the strategic objectives of Sláintecare Healthy Communities, ensuring continued delivery of community activities which support improved health and wellbeing outcomes across Limerick City and County.

## 4. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

### Ukrainian 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 March:

Properties	March	To Date
Offered	5	238
Inspected	5	238
Allocated /People Housed	2/6	156/493
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	2	77
Not yet Ready	1	1
To be matched	0	0

### Local Authority Integration Team

The Local Authority Integration Team continued to support residents of accommodation centres across the city and county.

#### Ongoing Visits to Accommodation Centres:

The Integration Support Team continued to regularly visit accommodation centres to meet with residents, offering information support clinics to address their queries and provide guidance on accessing services and resources.

These centres included Riverhouse, Ballysimon, Fernbank designated accommodation centres, Knockalisheen, and Coonagh Travelodge among others.

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## Assessment of Needs

The Integration Team continued to conduct initial and ongoing assessments to determine the needs of the residents during weekly visits to accommodation centres in Limerick for International Protection Applicants and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection.

## Referral to Services

Work continued to connect and signpost clients and migrant residents in Limerick with key relevant services such as housing authorities, healthcare providers, schools, social welfare services, Non-Governmental Organisations etc.

## Community Engagement

Work continued to encourage and support migrants in the participation of the local community activities in Limerick City and County in order to accelerate their integration and reduce isolation.

## Ongoing Case Management

Work continued to maintain regular contacts with clients and migrant residents, especially those living in accommodation centres for International Protection Applicants and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, in order to monitor their progress, address new issues and challenges, and adjust appropriate supports as necessary.

## Collaboration with Stakeholders

Worked closely with Government agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations and local communities to coordinate support services. The Integration Team has recently assisted PAUL Partnership in providing Manual Handling Training free-of-charge to a number of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and International Protection Applicants in Limerick city and county.

## The Integration Team has designed a Weekly Newsletter

The weekly newsletter is issued and shared with managers and staff at the accommodation centres for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and International Protection Applicants. It is also circulated to all residents of accommodation centres across the city and county, key stakeholders etc. The newsletter is written in both English and Ukrainian languages and contains information regarding key services, courses, training and employment opportunities and English language classes taking place in Limerick city and county. The newsletter currently reaches approximately 4,000 people across the city and county on a weekly basis.

## Documentation and Reporting

The Integration Team continued to maintain accurate records of interactions with clients, attendance of meetings with different stakeholders and services and support provided to migrant residents to ensure proper case management.

## 5. Tourism

### Tourism General

- Food Festival for Limerick – Limerick City and County Council sought the submission of tenders from experienced and qualified service providers on 07 March for the delivery of a vibrant and engaging Food Festival in Limerick.
- Walking Tour in Limerick City – On 20 March, an 'Expression of Interest (EOI) for Walking Tour Services' was issued by the Tourism Department. This EOI invited experienced and qualified tour operators to provide walking tour services in Limerick City.

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## Limerick Greenway

### Operations and Maintenance

- Limerick Greenway Operations and Maintenance team completed the installation of kilometre markers along the 40km Limerick Greenway in March. The markers also incorporate location information in order to assist Greenway users to identify where they are located on Limerick Greenway in case of an emergency. This has been a welcome and useful addition to Limerick Greenway.

### Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

- RRDF Project Board Meeting: The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) Project Board meeting was held on 19 March. The function of this committee is to provide direction, manage risk, manage stakeholders, and ensure co-ordination across the RRDF projects.
- RRDF Steering Group Meeting: The first RRDF Steering Group Committee meeting was held on 24 March. The function of the RRDF Steering Group is to provide technical direction, manage risk, and ensure that there is coordination across the Directorates to deliver the RRDF projects on the Limerick Greenway to align with national, regional and local plans, policies and guidance documents. It will guide the work of the project team, thereby ensuring that the strategic goals of the projects are achieved.

### Limerick Greenway's Marketing Campaign continued throughout March and included the following:

- Limerick Greenway featured in an article about The Department of Transport's announcement of funding for Greenways and Active Travel infrastructure through Transport Infrastructure Ireland for a number of local authorities across Ireland on [agriland.ie](https://www.agriland.ie), as well as a number of other publications who further discussed the funding received for Limerick Greenway including: The Mallow Star and the Weekly Observer.

### Limerick Greenway's Social Media Campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:

- A post on 05 March promoting the entry points along Limerick Greenway, encouraging the public to explore Limerick Greenway over the St. Patrick's Day weekend.
- A post highlighting Glórach Theatre, Abbeyfeale, located near the Abbeyfeale Hub, on 12 March.
- A Happy St. Patrick's Day post on 17 March, encouraging the public to explore Limerick Greenway over the Bank Holiday weekend.
- A post encouraging the public to explore Limerick Greenway and its full 40km route on 26 March.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01 March to 31 March:

#### Facebook

Reach: 2,917  
Profile Visits: 403  
New Page Followers: 11

#### Instagram

Reach: 2,301  
Profile Visits: 189  
New Page Followers: 78

#### Google Ads

Clicks: 1,632  
Impressions: 15,110

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## TOURISM INDUSTRY TRADE EVENTS

Staff of the Tourism Development and Tourism Capital Projects Team attended the Active Travel and Greenways Conference hosted by Fáilte Ireland in the Strand Hotel in Limerick on 26 and 27 March. As part of the Conference activities, over 80 attendees from across Ireland cycled 22km of the Limerick Greenway.

## FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

### Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2025

Over the weekend 15 – 17 March, the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival gathered momentum with the theme 'A More Fun Limerick' seeking out the gathering of groups, communities and creatives to entertain and showcase the best of what Limerick has to offer. There was a range of events, street shows, concerts, a céilí mór, a post parade block party and even a giant snail called Mishelle on the streets of Limerick throughout the festival to keep everyone entertained.

### 53rd International Band Championship

On 16 March, the 53rd International Band Championship was held, a unique event to Limerick which saw thousands of viewers lining the streets of Limerick to cheer on the bands as they marched through Limerick City. This year's parade featured marching bands from Limerick, Ireland and International bands from Europe and the United States.

The overall winners were The Doherty High School Spartan Legion Marching Band from Colorado, receiving the Silver Perpetual Trophy from Councillor Catherine Slattery, deputising for Mayor of Limerick John Moran. Niall Carroll (Lyric FM Presenter), Dr. Evelyn Grant (Cork University Lecturer) and Mr. Stan Michalski judged the competition. Other prizes included Best International Band, Best Youth Band, Best Local Band and Special Judges Awards were available this year in the following three categories: Intergenerational Performance, Spirit of the Festival and Choreography. The bands marched on to Arthur's Quay Park after their wonderful performances to take part in the jamboree and receive their prizes.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's Limerick St. Patrick's Parade saw 70,000 people on the streets of Limerick City to enjoy and create 'A More Fun Limerick.' The Grand Marshal was Róisín Ní Ríain, Paralympic Silver Medallist, European Champion and World Champion. There were over 1,000 participants from over 70 groups, led by the Emergency Services. There was great entertainment and fun surrounding the diverse range of floats and street performance from groups such as Lumen Street Theatre and Fidget Feet who provided energetic street spectacles for the crowds. The parade also had wonderful traditional Irish dancing from Scoil Uí Ruairc – The O'Rourke School of Irish Dancing, and Scoil Uí Nualláin - Nolan Irish Dance.

### Limerick Early Music Festival 2025

The Festival took place from 21 - 23 March, including events on 18 and 20 March. The Early Music Festival showcases an array of high quality performances of music from the Medieval and Renaissance periods. The magical musical journey began with a performance in the unique surroundings of Saint Mary's Cathedral with the festival opening concert, Consolations and Confidence. Other events included a lunchtime concert at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at the University of Limerick and concert and panel at the Belltable.



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## 6. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### King John's Castle Celebrates St. Patrick's Day with Festive Events

In the lead-up to St. Patrick's Day, King John's Castle was beautifully illuminated with a festive theme featuring green and white shamrocks. This initiative garnered significant positive attention, particularly across our social media channels, drawing in visitors and locals alike.

To celebrate St. Patrick's Weekend, King John's Castle hosted Trad and Tales on 15 March, from 12 pm to 3 pm. This special event celebrated the rich cultural traditions of Ireland with an afternoon full of storytelling, live music, and Irish folklore. Guests enjoyed:

- Traditional Live Music.
- Ogham and Irish Language Workshop.
- Tales of Irish Folklore.

The event was well received, offering an unforgettable experience that truly honoured the spirit of St. Patrick.

In addition to the festivities, King John's Castle offered preferential admission rates from 2 pm to 4 pm on 17 March, allowing visitors to explore the Castle at a discounted price.

### Lough Gur St. Patrick's Festival Weekend

To celebrate St. Patrick's Weekend, award-winning Seanchaí, John Carew, delivered an engaging storytelling session for children at Lough Gur Visitor Centre on 15 March. The event shared the stories, folklore and legends of Lough Gur, helping to preserve and pass down these tales to younger generations.

### Adare Heritage Centre St. Patrick's Day Parade

The theme for the Adare St. Patrick's Day Parade was 'The Wild West,' and the team at Adare Heritage Centre created an imaginative float which added to the festive atmosphere of the day.

### Eoghan Dalton talk in Lough Gur

On 02 March, Eoghan Dalton, author of *The Magic of an Irish Rainforest*, delivered an insightful talk at Lough Gur, aligning with the site's emphasis on sustainability and preservation. The discussion highlighted the importance of protecting native woodlands and biodiversity, while exploring ways individuals can contribute to environmental conservation.

### Influencers and Media Visits

As part of ongoing efforts to promote King John's Castle, several influencers and journalists were welcomed during the month of March:

- 04 March: Hilda Smith, 'Over the Hilda,' an Irish lifestyle and fashion blogger for the over 50s and 60s audience, visited as part of her travel coverage.
- 15 March: UK media influencer, Sandy Breitmeier (@sandymakessense), as part of St. Patrick's Festival Weekend.
- 26 March: Austrian journalist, Harald Meyer, a reporter for ReiseLust (a daily newspaper with a readership of 50,000), visited to feature the Castle in his travel column.



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## Travel Trade Visits

In addition to media visits, King John's Castle also welcomed key travel trade partners, who were introduced to the Castle and its offerings with guided tours with our animators. These visits are key to strengthening our partnerships with travel trade and assisting them to recommend King John's Castle to potential clients.

- 09 March: Carrolls Irish Tours.
- 14 March: Specialised Travel Services.
- 25 March: Abbey Tours Northern Europe Groups Department.

On 30 March, Lough Gur welcomed 20 international travel trade buyers as part of a pre-Meitheal familiarisation trip. Meitheal takes place in Killarney and is 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.

## Northern Ireland Delegation Visit to King John's Castle

On 28 March, a Northern Ireland Tourism Delegation visited King John's Castle. The delegation was led by David Roberts, Director of Strategic Development at Tourism Northern Ireland, and included representatives from Carrickfergus Castle, Bangor Waterfront, Belfast Stories, Destination Royal Hillsborough, Causeway Coast and Glens, Derry.

## Community Workshops

The Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of Discover Limerick DAC hosted two community workshops to discuss The Discover Limerick DAC strategy:

- 27 March - Lough Gur Community Workshop.
- 28 March - King John's Castle Workshop.



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## Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

### 1. Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

#### Economic Regeneration

- As part of the Outreach to Employment Programme, the Department of Social Protection held an information session in Moyross Community Enterprise Centre on 11 March for the Moyross Community. The information sessions run every second Tuesday of the month in the Northside areas of Moyross and St. Mary's Park, and every third Tuesday of the month in Southill and Ballinacurra Weston areas.
- Members of the Regeneration Directorate attended an Intreo Stakeholder Networking Event held in the Strand Hotel, Limerick, on 20 March. The event gave an overview of the key initiatives and benefits available for people to return to employment, education or training.
- Invitations were sent to participants to attend the forthcoming Northside Skills Day being hosted by Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with TUS and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, in the Limerick Youth Service's Northside Youth Space, Ballynanty.

- Crafty Mondays, Family Learning and weekly drumming classes continued at King's Island Community Centre.
- The Weaving Willow Sculpture – a beehive – was finished by eight families. This programme, in collaboration with the Hunt Museum and LICP, saw a community collaboration and socially responsible partnership deliver a beautiful sculpture for the community.

#### Moyross

- In collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership, regular programmes continued. These include MoyFit, Good2Go and Men's Social Soccer. The programmes take place in Moyross Youth Academy, Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) and at other locations in the community.
- Limerick band, The Rogues, played at MCEC to celebrate Mother's Day. This event was sold out and the feedback from the community was extremely positive. The Moycafe, located within the Community Centre, continued with extended opening hours at the weekends and is proving to be popular with the community.

#### Southill

- Regeneration Staff held 42 one-to-one meetings with locals in the Southill area. Facilitated by Southill Hub, the weekly clinic allows people to engage with the Regeneration Department on topics including their housing applications, customer service requests and residents' concerns.

#### Social Regeneration

#### Community Activities

##### King's Island

- A community parade was held in the lead-up to St. Patrick's Day. This was held on 12 March, with the Hunt Museum, Limerick Island Community Partners (LICP), St. Mary's National School, St. Mary's Adult Education Group and An Garda Síochána coming together to celebrate, with over 300 participants involved.

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- Southill Hub celebrated the retirement of Head Chef, Bernard Ledger, on 28 March. This event was well attended with staff, families, neighbours and young people present to wish Bernard the very best. His contributions to the operation and development of the Hill Cafe, its catering services and the skills training he has provided since joining the Hub's team were acknowledged.
- Barista Skills Course commenced on 26 March at Southill Hub. This four-week course assists participants to master the art of coffee-making.
- Southill Hub invited applications for the role of Targeted Youth Employability Worker.
- The launch of the Re-love Paint social enterprise store took place on 06 March with Councillor Pádraigh Reale, who deputised for the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran. This project is run by Tait House Community Enterprise in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council's Environment Department.
- Tait House welcomed the Spring community education programmes, with classes in crafts and gardening commencing in March.
- The complex hosted PAUL Partnership's workshop on energy conservation. Tips and advice were given to the local community on how to lower their household energy bills.
- The grotto in Weston was painted and further revitalised. This was an initiative undertaken by the local Community Companions as well as students from Fifth and Sixth Class in Our Lady of Lourdes National School.
- The Early Years Service (EYS) teamed up with Community Gardaí on 14 March for "Play and Stay with the Community Police." This created a fun and engaging experience for young children in the locality. The event aimed to build positive relationships between juveniles and An Garda Síochána.

## Economic and Social Intervention Fund

The Independent Assessment Panel was convened in March to evaluate the Economic and Social Intervention Fund 2025 application processes. The panel was satisfied that the processes are fair and fit-for-purpose.

## Physical Regeneration

### Housing Developments

### Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group held an event for International Women's Day on 08 March. This saw three inspiring women from the Ballinacurra Weston community share their lived experiences – which included setting up a business, overcoming addiction and balancing work while raising six children.
- The local woodwork group are now accepting orders from the community. This is the next step in the journey of the group who continue to up-skill themselves and build a strong community ethos.
- Works progressed on 24 units of infill housing scheme at Carew Park and Delmege Park/Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Snagging works on the completed public realm and traffic calming elements of the Moyross Avenue upgrade continued.
- Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield (Phase 2), Southill construction works continued. The contractor, Jada Construction Ltd., completing the snagging element of the contract.
- Work on the preparation of the Part 8 Planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development, Moyross (22 units) continued during the month.
- Consultation with residents of Pineview Gardens was completed in relation to a revised infill scheme of 112 houses comprising five separate blocks.

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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 during March.
- 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 progressing 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) works also progressed towards being completed.

### Minor Refurbishments

- Contractor appointed and works commenced on two properties in St. Mary's Park and one in O'Malley Park.
- Tender process completed for 40 Dalgaish Park, awaiting mobilisation from contractor.

- Stage 2 Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage approval received for eight properties – four properties in O'Malley Park and four properties in St. Mary's Park. Associated tender documents progressed.
- Scoping for other properties in Regeneration areas continued throughout March.

## Infrastructure Projects

### Southside Connectivity Project

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

### Moyross Avenue

- Consultants commenced their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme between Pineview Gardens and Corpus Christi Church.
- Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension Consultants progressed their preparation of the tender documents for procuring a contractor.

### Southill Play Space

- Construction works in relation to the natural play space amenity by McSweeney Sports Surfaces commenced in March. The amenity design incorporates a small children's play area, gathering spaces and a high quality landscaped area.

## Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Patrick O'Donovan T.D. launched the Sports Partnership Core funding for 2025. Limerick LSP was awarded €661,297 for Core, Education, and Programme funding support, as well as Operational Costs for 2025. This funding was secured from Sport Ireland who are the lead funders for the LSP Network.

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- During March, Martin Casey was awarded the 2024 Local and National Volunteer in Sport Award Winner. Martin was a Limerick Sports Partnership Youth Leader programme participant when he was in Transition Year in St. Clement's College. Martin stayed connected to the Sports Partnership as a Volunteer. Being from the Traveller community, Martin has become an inspirational role model for his peers and younger generations.
- Limerick LSP presented at the EU Active Cities Conference in Brussels where over 40 cities from 12 countries were represented. Limerick LSP shared best practice on Active Governance, Active Schools, Active Workplaces and Active Mobility.
- 03 to 09 March was National Women in Sport Week. Limerick LSP delivered a programme of work showcasing opportunities for women and girls to be physically active. Over 2,200 participated in programmes and education courses throughout Limerick City and County.
- Limerick LSP hosted a four-hour online meeting with EU partners on its Global Active Cities Status Journey. The session facilitated an analysis of the project discovery questionnaire.
- The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and Wolfgang Bauman, President of The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA), launched Limerick as the host city for the European Games for Sport for All in August 2026. TAFISA and Limerick LSP will deliver the games in partnership with Limerick City and County Council, University of Limerick Events and Shannon Region and Conference Bureau.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit [www.limericksports.ie](http://www.limericksports.ie)

## Council Sporting Facilities

### Limerick Regional Athletics Hub

- There were 1,286 recorded uses by individuals at the track, while there was additional use of the perimeter walking track for recreational exercise. This was helped by having 39 users sign up to the online booking system.
- The Hub welcomed anchor residents, West Limerick Athletics Club and St. Mary's Athletics Club, for their regular weekly training sessions.
- As well as this, local adult GAA and Ladies Gaelic teams used the facility for pre-season fitness training.
- Desmond College, Newcastle West, and Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, utilised the facility for the delivery of their Physical Education programme.
- Electricity Supply Board (ESB) filmed a promotional video at the track. This was part of the Community Windfarm Funds programme. Tara Carr represented West Limerick Athletics Club, Jim Galvin was present on behalf of St. Mary's Athletics Club, with Kieran O'Connor, Grace Galvin and Tom Galvin also present.

### Rathbane Golf Course

- Energy Upgrade Works in the golf course – these works were completed in March by local contractor, PBC Ltd.
- Climate Action works continued, moving towards the planting of 10,000 saplings throughout the course. These works will enhance the biodiversity of the course, with the introduction of a mini-woodlands and a mini-orchard.
- The course played host to two inter-varsity student events. The University of Limerick faced South East Technical University Carlow (SETU Carlow) and University College Cork (UCC) in separate fixtures with more than 50 students playing on the course.

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- A fundraiser took place during the Captain's drive-in held on 23 March. This saw €1,120 raised for Motor Neurone Disease Ireland.
- There were 1,665 rounds of golf played during the month as the improved weather ensured a more consistent offering to players. Members accounted for 1,146 of these, while 519 were green-fee rounds.

## Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Martins Construction Ltd. were appointed as contractors for the refurbishment upgrade to the pool, health suite and changing village areas.
- 1,821 Pay-as-You-Go visits were recorded across Pool, Gym, Fitness Classes and Aqua aerobics Classes. The pool proved most popular with 1,317 (72%) registered uses.
- The membership grew by over 223 to 1,324 which represents an increase of 20%.
- The newly extended Gym has seen increased usage from members and Pay-as-You-Go customers.
- Fifteen schools used the pool for lessons during the month.
- Limerick Lifts, a programme to get older men to exercise, has proven successful. The numbers have increased from eight to 18 with additional slots available during the month.

## Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Playing Pitch – Tender documents were prepared during March.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Engagement with ESB continued, with an agreement reached for a new connection on site.

## Sports Club Engagement

- Engagement with Caherdavin Celtic Football Club and Newcastle West GAA Clubs on sporting provision took place during March.

## 2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Snagging and commissioning of the completed upgrade works continued on site with the contractor, Martins Construction Ltd.



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## Housing

### 1. Housing Support Services

#### Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,898
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	453

#### Closed Housing Applications

	March	Year to Date
Closed Applications	59	163

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 March	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	2	6
Newcastle West	3	7
Metropolitan District	21	53
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>74</b>

#### Refusals

	No. of Units March	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	1	7
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

#### Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
84	22	46	16

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## Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	599
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	620
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	9

## Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,872 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	€6,338,065	€14,988,462	€5,599,449	€9,389,013	38 %



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## Home Improvement Schemes

March 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	1	1	1	3
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€1,762.11	€14,877.00	€0.00	€16,639.11
	No. Paid	0	1	4	0	5
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	1	5	5	7	18
	HAG Expenditure	€16,720.00	€22,532.67	€139,507.41	€13,175.00	€191,935.08
	No. Paid	2	3	11	2	18
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	4	14	11	7	36
	HOP Expenditure	€34,939.75	€48,243.50	€73,051.00	€18,957.50	€175,191.75
	No. Paid	9	0	24	4	37
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
	No. Paid	0	0	0	0	0

Total No. Approved	57
Total Monies Paid	€383,765.94
Total No. Paid	60

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## Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - March 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	1	3	2	11
	MAG Expenditure	€4,582.00	€1,762.11	€26,057.00	€8,050.00	€40,451.11
	No. Paid	2	1	8	2	13
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	9	14	25	14	62
	HAG Expenditure	€101,645.00	€91,886.17	€480,126.68	€70,525.43	€744,183.28
	No. Paid	10	12	49	10	81
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	32	44	34	20	130
	HOP Expenditure	€166,069.25	€125,578.70	€271,323.10	€127,560.00	€690,531.05
	No. Paid	43	21	84	35	183
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€36,632.13	€0.00	€36,632.13
	No. Paid	0	0	2	0	2

Total No. Approved	203
Total Monies Paid	€1,511,797.57
Total No. Paid	279

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## Community Sustainment Unit

### Tenancy Inductions

	March	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	26	72

### House Visits

	March	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	263	546

### Microsoft Dynamics Cases

	March	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	219	219
Cases closed during month	121	316

### Repossessions

	March	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	7	33

### Garda Checks

	March	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	111	302

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

Date: 19.03.25		
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	70
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	24
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	7
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	75
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	14
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>231</b>

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimehneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	8	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	169	159	101
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	17	10
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Families</b>
		<b>186</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>117</b>

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	March	YTD
<b>Tenant Purchase</b>		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	2	5
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	0	2
<b>Local Authority Home Loans</b>		
Loan Applications: No. received	5	17
Loan Applications: No. approved	0	2
<b>Deed of Discharge</b>		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	16	35
<b>Consent to Sale</b>		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	3	6
<b>Cottage Purchase Annuity</b>		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	0	3
<b>Ground Rent</b>		
No. of Ground Rent applications	7	20
<b>Title</b>		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	19	51
Title Rectifications Received	0	2
<b>Private Rented Inspections</b>		
No. of Inspections	87	442

## Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	4
Ombudsman Query Cases	3
Data Access Requests	0

## 2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

### \* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered March	2
Year to Date	7

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

### Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits March	21
Year to Date	56

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## 3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

### Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns March	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

House Returns March By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

During March, the Local Authority Housing Construction team was notified of one property returned in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, two properties in the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock, none in the Municipal District of Newcastle West and six properties in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in March	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	3	50
Major Refurbishments	0	52
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	8	83
Major Refurbishments	7	35
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	16
Major Refurbishments	0	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>265</b>
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In March, works on three properties were completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on 15 properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of March, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 102 properties, Local Authority Maintenance was working on 118 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 45 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 17 properties.

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## Project Updates

- Stage 1 – 3 applications submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at property in Davin Gardens, Caherdavin.
- Chartered Surveyor appointed to carry out building surveys on five units in Dromsally Woods, Cappamore.
- Assigned Certifier Consultant appointed for 11 housing units at Cluain Dara, Broadford.
- Stage 4 approval received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment of property in Corrigg, Foynes.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at properties in Cois Má, Croom, Churchview Askeaton and Deel Manor, Askeaton.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Knockalisheen Road, Ballynanty.
- Brugh na Deise, Bruff, housing project currently out to tender for construction of 18 units which will form the contractor framework for accelerated delivery programme.
- (1) Quantity Surveyor (2) Mechanical and Electrical Consultant (3) Architectural Design Consultant (4) Civil and Structural Consultant appointed for housing development project at Michael Street, Watergate.

## Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €228,484 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €929,948 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Local Authority Housing Maintenance

### Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during March

Housing Maintenance Cases - March	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.03.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	767	1,155	1,153
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	78	58	339
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	155	169	483
Municipal District of Newcastle West	115	109	431
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>2,406</b>

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## Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	2	3
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	2	8	0	13	23
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	16	0	25	41
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	1	6	2	0	9
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>76</b>

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

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	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	10	16
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>



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

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	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	8	1	1	10
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	11	0	8	19
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	4	0	0	4
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>

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

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	10	0	3	13
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	12	0	7	19
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>

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## HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - March - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	12
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	0
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT</b>	<b>12</b>
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	2

## DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered March	3
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) March	8
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	3
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	2
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
<b>Total Applications Registered – Year to Date</b>	<b>8</b>

## Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects Ongoing – March

1	Fire Safety Consultants currently being appointed for Oak Lodge, Clare Street, Limerick.
2	Power Washing and Gutter Cleaning of Parkview, Hassett's Cross, now complete.
3	External Painting and Gutter Cleaning of Thomond Court, Hassett's Cross, now complete.
4	External Painting and Gutter Cleaning of Hassett's Villas, Thomondgate, underway.
5	Quotation tenders received back for Painting and Gutter Cleaning of Turagh Crescent, Cappamore, and DeValera Park, Bruree.
6	Roof works nearing completion on Oak Lodge.

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## 4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

### SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.03.2025 is as follows:

As at 31.03.2025 (01.01.2025 – 31.03.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	9	234	243	551
Buy *	2	87	89	Not yet assigned
Lease	0	27	27	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>359</b>	

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

### Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in March	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	5	35
Proposals being reviewed	0	50
Sale Agreed	0	15
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	1	455
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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>823</b>

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## Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey approval for 24 units at Castle Place, Newcastle West – CLÚID Housing Association	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey approval for 32 units at Knockhill, Ennis Road – CLÚID Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick

### Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in March

Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Part V	Submission for the Acquisition of nine units in Newtown Meadows Phase 3, Castletroy, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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## Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
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. Work continued on planning pack and link road design
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 continued with tenders under evaluation. Site Investigation tender was advanced and under evaluation. Design brief strategy was developed. Risk register updated and discussed.  Financial delivery model strategy was progressed. Meeting held with Regeneration on synergies with adjacent areas.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	Working Group meeting was held and Limerick City and County Council feedback was provided to the Land Development Agency on brief for infrastructural package. Density and viability testing was reviewed and additional testing ongoing.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Justification Test Tender was advanced throughout March.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Design Team meetings held and ongoing. Archaeological lab testing ongoing. Site investigation lab testing completed. Pre-planning design meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Planning Department.  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 advanced. Meetings held with local stakeholders.
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the pre-planning design. Pre-planning meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Planning Department. Updated costings underway and cost rental testing underway. Meetings held with local stakeholders. Additional vehicular tracking completed. Boundary conditions survey / design underway.
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.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
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 March. Contractor has been appointed.
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 March. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase  Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Clúid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Road	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.
Cloncanane	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	38	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Brú na Grúadán, Castletroy, Limerick	25	Processing of applications and the nominating of applicants for final units continued throughout March.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen	145	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.
	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March with Quantity Surveyor costings.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West	21	Processing of applications and the issuing of letters of offer continued throughout March for Phase 1 of the Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West, Affordable Purchase Scheme.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications was ongoing throughout March 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 March.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Killmallock Co. Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Knockhill, Ennis Rd, Limerick	6	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during March.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
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>SMART Housing workshop held with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 13 March.</p> <p>Results of Market Soundings testing being reviewed.</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 were ongoing through March and draft reports reviewed.</p> <p>Preparation of a Design Team brief was progressed through March.</p> <p>Expression of Interest for a modular prototype experience was published on e-tenders in March.</p>



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## Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €5,217,641.56 were submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in March.
- Claims totaling €5,966,693.14 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in March.

## Conferences and Workshops

- Staff attended a Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage briefing on the 'Arrangements for Second Hand Acquisitions' on 13 March.
- Staff attended the Modern Method of Construction (MMC) Ireland National Conference on 11 and 12 March at the Johnstown Estate, Co. Meath.
- Staff attended the Lean Construction Ireland (LCI) Client Forum on 20 March at the ISFC, Dublin.
- Staff attended a two-hour online Part V Workshop on 04 and 05 March. This was hosted by the Housing Agency and covered an Introduction to Part V and Part V Calculations.
- Housing Support Services Staff attended a Workshop for Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 18 March in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle.
- The first meeting of the Limerick Mayoral and Government Consultative Forum took place in Limerick City and County Council Offices on 28 March. Chaired by An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, TD, the meeting was attended by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran; the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, TD; and the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Patrick O'Donovan, TD, with staff from the Housing Directorate. A number of housing issues, including the Mayor's key priority; the SMART Housing Programme was discussed.

## New Housing Schemes Launched by Strategy and Non Local Authority Construction Team

Limerick City and County Council launched its fifth initiative under the New Build Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme at Cois na Sionainne, Clonmacken, Limerick, on 24 March. This scheme is open to existing working Local Authority and Approved Housing Body tenants and households on HAP/RAS. It offers them the chance to transition from rented accommodation into homeownership. The properties are available to purchase at a discounted market price, ranging from €99,402 to €149,103 depending on income. There are seven three-bed terraced houses available in this scheme.



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## Planning and Place-Making

### 1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

#### Forward Planning

- The Part 8 application for 29-35 Nicholas Street (including the Fireplace Site) was approved by the Elected Members at a meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on 10 March. The proposal provides for the development of a Design and Innovation Centre to comprise artist studios, workspaces, retail area, exhibition space and café/restaurant with associated outdoor area adjoining St. Peter Street.
- Work continued in relation to preparing an application under THRIVE 2, for funding the development of 29-35 Nicholas Street. This included the appointment of Consultants for an Archaeology Survey, a Dilapidation Survey and a Quantity Surveyor for the Cost Plan.
- The Shopfront Guideline Document was completed, providing a set of guidelines to establish a minimum standard for shopfronts across Limerick City and County.

#### Heritage

- The Heritage Officer worked with the University of Limerick to prepare a funding application for 'Locating Benchmarks, Preserving Heritage: A Community Initiative to Record County Limerick's Ordnance Survey Heritage.'
- Additional community groups were helped with funding applications for the Heritage Council Community Grants Scheme.
- Work continued with the Irish Community Archives Network process with candidate local groups identified for participation.

#### Conservation

- Funding offer of €2,214 received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in order to run a Conservation Clinic for homeowners within the South City Centre and Newtown Pery Architectural Conservation Area.
- Funding offer of €12,400 in funding received from the Heritage Council under the Heritage Stewardship Fund 2025 in order to run a five-part lecture series on the built, archaeological and natural heritage of the Shannon Estuary.
- Nos. 35-39 Nicholas Street (the Fireplace Site) has been added to the Record of Protected Structures.
- The Conservation Section launched two Wonder Wander Walking Trails, in collaboration with the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, celebrating the diverse architectural heritage of the Architectural Conservation Areas in Foynes and Newcastle West. The formal launches were held on 25 March and were well attended by residents and local schoolchildren. The walking trails are available to download here [Places to Visit - Buildings of Ireland](#)

#### Archaeology

- The Council archaeologists delivered an ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) (Ireland) lecture jointly with Bradford University on the Visualising Heritage Project for Derry-Kilmallock-Bradford. This was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council's UK-Ireland Collaboration in the Digital Humanities.
- An application was made for funding for 'Dancing the Walls of Limerick Festival' under the Heritage Council's Irish Walled Towns Network Events Grant Scheme.
- The Council received confirmation of success of an Irish Walled Towns Network Capital Grants application for City Wall Conservation Phase 2 Island Road.

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## 2. Development Management and Place-Making

### Development Management

A total of 108 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	0
Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	62
Agricultural Developments	10
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	12
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	8
Other Developments	13

The current applications include proposals for:

- Construction of a four-storey development comprising 20 apartments at Old Church Street, Sráid na hEaglaise, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.
- Construction of a six-storey mixed use retail and residential development consisting of two retail units and 30 apartments at the Corner of Old Clare Street and Saint Lelia Street, Limerick.
- Construction of a four-storey (7,370 sq. metre) Primary Care Centre (PCC) and all related site development works at St. Joseph's Hospital Campus, Mulgrave Street, Limerick. The proposed development is within the curtilage of a Protected Structure (RPS 3363).

- Construction of a four-storey ward extension (10,514 sq. metres) consisting of 96 acute inpatient bed spaces at University Hospital Limerick, St. Nessel's Road, Dooradoyle. The Hospital Chapel within the Hospital Campus is a Protected Structure (RPS 1649). No works are proposed to the Protected Structure as part of this application.

### Place Making

#### Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

##### 58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Assessment of received tender submissions for 33 and 34 Thomas Street continued.

#### Strand 3 - Pedestrian Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

- Approval Gate (AG1) of Infrastructure Guidelines - Approval in Principle was received for the Project from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

#### Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Briefing of Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 03, 04 and 24 March.
- Stakeholder Meetings continued.
- Developed Design continued.
- Part 8 Documentation compilation continued.
- Draft Screening Reports received.

#### Food Hub at the Milk Market

- Purchase of four Milk Market units initiated.

#### Georgian Laneways

- Laneways identified for works in 2025 and beyond.

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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 12 March to monitor the project progress.

### Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held in Adare on 11 March to monitor and assess the project progress.
- A review of the Cost Benefit Analysis continued.
- Additional modelling commenced to inform the cost benefit analysis.

### Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on 24 March 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/Castle Troy, and Dock Road, focusing on flood defences and public realm enhancements.

- Geotechnical contractors onsite in March.
- The draft Hydraulic Report continued to be reviewed, following input from Limerick City and County Council and Office of Public Works.
- Ecology surveys continued to and will support the environmental assessments.

### Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- The review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report was finalised.
- Review of Cost Benefit Analysis continued.
- The first draft of the Options Report was under review.
- Reviewed the detailed site investigation contract in advance of commencing tender.
- Recoupment claims totalling €3,742,747 were submitted to the Office of Public Works.

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

### Opera Square

#### Project Update

- The Basement Vent Shaft was constructed to Roof Level within the footprint of Parcel 4.
- Mechanical and Electrical fitout works progressed across all floors in One Opera Square. Second fix fitout works continued on the Fifth Floor for the CAT A fitout.
- One Opera Square - Facade installation continued on Floors 1 - 5 with glazing works across all floors.

#### Project Media Engagement

- A member of the LTT Project Management Team presented to the students at Castletroy College on sustainability in Opera Square. Details were shared across social media platforms.
- The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, TD, and the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, visited Opera Square to view the progress on Opera Square from the fifth floor of the One Opera Square building. Details were shared across social media platforms.

### Cleeves Riverside Quarter

#### Project Update

#### Phase 1 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

Site Investigations Contractor appointed and site work 70% completed.

#### Environmental Assessment

- Tendering for Environmental Impact Assessment Report Chapters completed with consultants appointed and kick-off meeting held.

### TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter City Campus

- Stage 1 Definitive Project Brief 90% completed.

### Expressions of Interest Sites

#### Thomondgate

Full planning was received for the Thomondgate Development following an appeal to An Bord Pleanála but currently in a Judicial Review process.

### Gardens International

- Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC hosted The Limerick School of Art and Design Third Year Ceramics Exhibition titled 'Grounded' at Gardens International. Details were shared across social media platforms.
- The 'Friends of the Hunt Museum' enjoyed a tour of Gardens International, where they explored the historical significance of the Gardens International building. Details were shared across social media platforms.



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## Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

### 1. Housing Assistance Payment Shared Services Centre (HAP SCC)

- There were 52,638 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SCC at the end of March.
- A weekly average of 128 HAP tenancies have been set up during 2025.
- The March landlord payment run was €52.705 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of March was €3.069 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SCC collected a total of €39.294 million in differential rent to end of March.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of March was 96%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 7,399 HAP debt reminder letters in March.

### 2. Fire and Emergency

#### Statistics

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications March	18	14	1	18	
Disability Access Cert Applications March	10	5	0	13	
Licensing Applications March	1	1			
Commencement Notice March	45	35	6		35
Completion Certificate March	13	11	0		6
Planning Referrals March	23				12

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## Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- Breathing Apparatus Refresher training is required every two years. This training took place in Clonmel Fire Station, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- 70 Firefighters were trained.
- 32 Firefighters completed training in dealing with road traffic collisions, including cars and Heavy Goods vehicles.
- 32 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.
- 36 Firefighters were recertified as Advanced Cardiac First Responders, further enhancing their ability to deal with medical emergencies.
- Two Firefighters underwent Effective Decision-Making training in Clonmel Fire Station, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. This is a submersive and interactive learning experience to enhance decision-making skills when dealing with operational incidents.
- An officer from Cappamore Fire Station travelled to Killarney, Co. Kerry, to undergo a one-week Pump Operator course.
- An officer from Limerick City Fire Station instructed on the National Department for Fire and Emergency Management course – Fire Service Trainer (Delivery).
- Rostered Senior Fire Officers received familiarisation training with the newly delivered Rostered Senior Fire Officer operational response vehicle.

## Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place in March:

- Civil Defence National Radiation Exercise, Dromkeen, Co. Limerick.
- Medical cover for the International Band Parade in O'Connell Street, Limerick city.
- Medical cover for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in O'Connell Street, Limerick city.
- Participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in O'Connell Street, Limerick city.
- Participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Adare, Limerick.

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## Water Safety

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

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January-February	March	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	12	8	20
Municipal Districts	6	0	6

## 3. Environment and Climate Action

### Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team attended the Intelligent Cities Challenge final conference - "From Challenges to Change through Local Green Deals" in Brussels.

This month in the Citizen Innovation Lab:

- Several workshops were held by Limerick Lace on Repair, Repurpose and Recycling Skills.
- The Active Travel Team held an Active Travel Public Consultation on the route to proceed to a statutory planning process for the proposed Wickham Street to Clare Street Active Travel Scheme.
- A Cycling Ireland Conference took place during the month.

The Climate Action Team met with representatives of the TRESS EU project (Transforming Renovation in the Atlantic Seaboard South) to discuss the preparation of investment grade audits for the Council's Corporate Buildings.

### Veterinary Services

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	12
No. of dog fines issued	8
No. of call-outs to seize stray horses	2
No. of horses seized	0

### Food Safety

The transfer of responsibility for Food Safety Authority of Ireland food safety checks from Local Authorities to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine was completed in March.



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## Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	31
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics) <b>* 8 Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (DWWTS)</b>	57*
Warnings issued	1
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	4
Statutory Notices issued <b>**DWWTS - 1 Notice of Compliance with an Advisory Notice issued</b> <b>**1 Advisory Notice issued for a DWWTS Inspection</b>	5**
Prosecutions initiated	0
Fines issued	2
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	1
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	130
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics)	482
Warnings issued	140
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	6
Statutory Notices issued	3
Prosecutions initiated	10
Fines issued	20

- A clean-up operation was carried out in St. Senan's and St. Mary's Park, due to a significant amount of illegally dumped rubbish and large materials.

- A leaflet drop was arranged to all householders, landlords and occupiers in Wolfe Tone Street, Joseph Street, Clontarf Place, Gerald Street, Upper Henry Street, Bowman Street and Emmett Place advising on the presentation of waste for collection and informing residents that leaving bins and waste on public footpaths is subject to a fine, after collection times.
- A number of Section 9 Notices were sent to occupiers in regard to litter in basements on O'Connell Street, Cecil Street, Mallow Street, Catherine Street and Thomas Street.
- CCTV cameras were installed at bring banks in Milford Castletroy, Kilmallock, Croom, Bruree, Dock Road and Roxboro Shopping Centre, for enforcement purposes under the Waste and Litter Acts.
- A CCTV Press Release issued on 31 March advising that cameras will be installed at several areas throughout the city and county that are Black Spots for illegal dumping.

## Parks

### Works Undertaken

Location	Description of Works
Mungret Park Playground	Repairs to the Inclusive Roundabout
Castletroy Park Playground	Repairs to playground equipment
Mungret Dog Park	Upgrade works completed which included addition of higher fence, increase in dog park area and entrance gate moved

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## Tree Planting Undertaken

Location	Description of Works
Castletroy Greenway	Planting of specimen and multi-stem trees
The People's Park	Tree Planting with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, for National Tree Week

**In addition, the following review meetings to discuss tree and flower planting took place:**

- In Collins Park, Abbeyfeale, a review meeting took place between Parks staff and the Community Liaison Officer.
- Parks staff held a review meeting with Community Liaison Officers to explore closer cooperation in terms of community involvement.
- Parks staff held a review meeting in Askeaton with the Tidy Towns Group and the residents to explore tree-planting locations.

## Cemeteries

### Number of Burials in City Cemeteries

Mount St. Lawrence	13
Mount St. Oliver	10
Castlemungret	18
Kilmurry	3

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## Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Types
Farm Re-Inspections	9	Follow-Up Inspections to verify programmed works completed
Microsoft Dynamics	5	Complaints received through Microsoft Dynamics
Farm File Reviews	43	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Warning Letters	5	Letters to farmers where non-compliances under Good Agricultural Practices Regulations were identified
Advisory Letters	6	Letters to farmers where non-compliances under Good Agricultural Practices Regulations were identified
Closing Letters	2	Letters to farmers where works not required or completed
Invasive Species Site Visit and Letters	8	Identification and review of Invasive Species
Invasive Species Website	4	Giant Hogweed locations indicated
Planning Files	10	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to Planning
Forestry Files	7	Assessment of forestry applications referred from Forestry Service
Local Catchment Assessments	3	River monitoring and inspection
Poultry Books and Dockets	4	Review of Poultry Dockets and issuing of Poultry Books
Internal Meetings	4	Environment Strategy
External Meeting	2	River Deel and River Feale Catchment Focus Group Meeting
Training	3	National Agricultural Inspection Programme Training
Court Case	1	Prosecution under Good Agricultural Practices Regulations

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## Environmental Awareness

### Green Schools Programme

Visits to Limerick schools, working for two years to renew their Green Flag, continued during the month of March with a further 25 schools receiving visits. Themes included Litter and Waste, Travel, Water, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship Travel, Global Citizenship Food and Biodiversity, Global Citizenship Litter and Waste, Global Citizenship Marine, and Climate Ambassador. Practical supports including signage from [www.mywaste.ie](http://www.mywaste.ie), kitchen caddies, battery collection boxes and gardening for biodiversity books were distributed.

## Relove Paint

On 05 March, Tait House Community Enterprise, in partnership with Limerick City and County Council, launched their retail store at 17 Galvone Industrial Estate. Relove paint, created in Galvone Industrial Estate from waste paint donated to the Limerick City and County Council Recycling Centre in Mungret, will now be available for public sale to residents, community groups and schools.

## FoodCloud Food Truck

FoodCloud provided the catering at the Relove paint launch where 50 attendees enjoyed eco-friendly food and participated in a food waste awareness briefing.



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## Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

### 1. Business Improvement

- A total of 913 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 683.
- MyPoint Consultation training was held on 06 March.
- Business Improvement updated the Staff Structure and Contact Details to reflect the Organisation Restructuring that became effective on 09 March.
- Business Improvement assisted Rural Development to launch a "Draft Integrated Urban Strategy for Newcastle West" consultation on MyPoint.
- The first Internal Communication Action Plan Workshop was held in the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle on 11 March.
- Staff Liaison Network meeting was held in the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle on 19 March.
- The second Internal Communication Action Plan Workshop was held in the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle on 25 March.

### 2. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

#### 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 March:

<b>New Procurement References set up</b>	44
<b>Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement</b>	19

The Unit continued to work with staff of all Departments to ensure procurement to pay cycle was adhered to within the Council through the validation of all requisitions for approval or rejection via the Requisitions Oversight Unit.

#### Requisitions Oversight Unit

The Requisitions Oversight Unit staff validate all requisitions raised across the entire Council and the Unit provides a segregation of duties to avoid any potential conflict of interest. The following statistics applied for March:

- Approved requisitions accounted for 89% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 11% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
March	1,402	173	1,575

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The Top five requisition rejection reasons for March were identified as follows:

Rejection Reason	March
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – omitted/insufficient detail	39
Procurement Reference omitted/incorrect	34
Documentation attached omitted/incorrect	20
A signed Order (Mayoral Order/Director General Order/Approved Officer's Order) – omitted/incorrect copy provided	19
Award Notice – omitted/incorrect copy provided	17

## Register of Electors

Staff from the Register of Electors Team processed the following during the month:

- Additions to the Electoral Register – 117
- Deletions from the Electoral Register - 402
- Modifications to the Electoral Register – 1,960

## Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Site Dumper training	4
Refresher Chainsaw Training for Local Authority Operatives	12
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	4
First Aid	1
Manual Handling	63
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Locating Underground Services	12
Safe Pass	5
Dealing with Aggressive Customers	42
Confined Spaces – Management of Risk	7
Working at Heights	8
<b>Total Staff Trained</b>	<b>158</b>

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## Schedule of Meetings for March

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Full Council</b> Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	31/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Operational Briefings</b>		
Limerick City East	04/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City North	04/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City West	05/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Municipal District of</b>		
<b>Newcastle West</b> Monthly Meeting	05/03/2025	Newcastle West and Online
<b>Adare-Rathkeale</b> Monthly Meeting	11/03/2025	Rathkeale and Online
<b>Cappamore-Kilmallock</b> Monthly Meeting	20/03/2025	Kilmallock and Online
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b> Monthly Meeting	10/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b>		
Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning	03/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment	11/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture	12/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Home and Social Development	13/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Discover Limerick DAC Audit and Risk Committee Meeting</b>	03/03/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
<b>Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting</b>	04/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting</b>	04/03/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Discover Limerick DAC Meeting</b>	12/03/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
<b>Corporate Policy Group Meeting</b>	24/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Party Leaders' Meeting</b>	27/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Protocol Committee Meeting</b>	27/03/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online

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## Access to Information

	March	2025 (January to March)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	24	56
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	1	4
Information Commissioner Appeals	0	1
Total Ombudsman Requests	5	12
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	6
AIE Internal Appeals	0	0

## 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 throughout the month of March:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,019 calls. This represents an average of 501 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 665. 82% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 4,740 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.

- 3,216 cases were created, with 802 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. 3,491 cases were closed, with 822 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- Of these 3,216 cases, Customer Services staff logged 66% of same.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 144 cases being logged during the month. Of these, 128 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests and, throughout March, 92% 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 147 out-of-hours cases were created.
- Customer Services continued to provide other frontline services to the general public, such as processing applications for Residential Parking Permits, of which 100 were applied for and 75 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,430 customers at both the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.



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## 3. Marketing and Communications

### Marketing

#### Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2025

- Managed a three-week multimedia marketing campaign up to 17 March across social, digital, radio and print media, targeting local and regional audiences.
- Created a digital event guide with comprehensive event listings across the festival period linking back to a Limerick St. Patrick's Festival hub on Limerick.ie
- A tabletop tent card with a QR code directing to the online festival hub was also produced and distributed to businesses throughout the city and county so visitors could easily access event information.
- Coordinated a social media competition to increase awareness, engage audiences and promote local businesses, along with the Limerick Gift Card.
- Provided live social media coverage of events across the three-day festival.
- Created dedicated campaign e-newsletters and a schedule of press releases, circulated to local and national media.
- Commissioned festival photography and videography for use in future festival promotion as well as a highlights video.
- Worked with our Festivals colleagues in preparing an itinerary for international travel blogger and social media influencer, Sandy Breitmeier (<https://www.instagram.com/sandymakessense/>) to showcase Limerick city and county over the Bank Holiday weekend.

#### Other Marketing Activities

- Commenced campaign development for Riverfest Limerick 2025.
- Limerick featured in The Place Brand Observer Yearbook 2025.
- Limerick was profiled on The Place brand Observer website.
- Brand Limerick was named a finalist in the 2025 Place Brand Impact Story Awards.
- Created a range of new branded display items for each Municipal District office for use at events, presentations etc.
- Provided branded merchandise to St. Patrick's Day delegations.
- Provided support to our colleagues in Ryder Cup, SMART Housing and Trade and Investment in the creation of new visual identities.

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## Social Media

Management of Marketing and Communications' 14 social media channels, including [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie) and Limerick City and County Council accounts, to engage with citizens and promote Limerick to locals, visitors, students, and the business community.

Followers across our seven main social media platforms is now as follows:

Limerick.ie Facebook: 35,939

Limerick.ie X: 21,161

Limerick.ie Instagram: 37,292

Limerick.ie TikTok: 3,360

Limerick City and County Council X: 18,981

Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 15,191

Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 3,265

## Limerick.ie

In March, there were 217,432\* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 4.6% increase on the same period in 2024. (\*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie) in March were:

1. [www.limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival](https://www.limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival)
2. [www.limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie)
3. [www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning](https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning)
4. [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/limerick-st-patricks-day-parade](https://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/limerick-st-patricks-day-parade)
5. [www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs](https://www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs)

Content Report: 89 articles, 280 events and 14 new amenities were added to [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie) in March.

## Communications

- Issued 18 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 23 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted a total of 320 times on our accounts, @limerickcouncil, with total followers across our three social media accounts now 37,437. Our posts earned 331,174 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Handled all media queries, which come into [communications@limerick.ie](mailto:communications@limerick.ie) and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.
- Social media posts were created and shared for the following:
  - Limerick St. Patrick's Festival
  - The Hare's Corner initiative for Environment Department
  - Limerick Dog Shelter – re-homing requests
  - The Residential Zoned Land Tax
  - Limerick Person of the Year Awards 2024
  - Relove Paint store launch
  - National Tree Week
  - Limerick Gift Card
  - New Build Incremental Purchase Scheme
  - New siskin mural on Thomas Street
  - Inaugural Limerick Mayoral and Government Consultative Forum
  - Career Opportunities at Limerick City and County Council

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## 4. Municipal District Offices

### Metropolitan District of Limerick

#### Meeting

The March Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 10 March.

#### Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing on proposed Property Disposals;
- Briefing on Limerick City Transport Plan;
- Briefing on Part 8 for 35-39 Nicholas Street, Limerick;
- Workshop in relation to the Community Initiative Scheme;
- Briefing on Meadow Brook, Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick;
- Workshop for Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Project.

#### Operational Area Briefings

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

#### Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of Project: Dunalaun Road Surface Improvement Scheme**
- Location: New Road, Thomondgate.
- Cost of project: €50,000.
- Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering.

- **Description of Project: Castle Park Restoration Improvement**

- Location: Mulcair Road, Dooradoyle.
- Cost of project: €150,000.
- Contractor: Roadstone.

- **Description of Project: City Centre Footpath Pavement Upgrades**

- Location: King John's Castle and City Centre.
- Cost of project: €10,000.
- Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team.

- **Description of Project: Mountshannon Drainage Scheme**

- Location: L5006 Mountshannon Road, Lisnagry.
- Cost of project: €13,245.
- Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations Team.

### Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The March Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 11 March in Áras Seán Finn, New Line, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

The annual schedule of Municipal District Works was presented to the Elected Members at this Meeting.

Essential repairs to social houses and public roads were undertaken by the Housing Maintenance and Roads Maintenance Teams:

- 79 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 89 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

#### Drainage Works

Surface Water Drainage Works on Regional Road R519 Ballingarry towards Cahill's Cross, Kilfinny - Phase 2 - completed.

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## Footpath Repairs

R518 Coláiste na Trócaire footpath connectivity on Ballingarry Road to the south of Rathkeale Town completed.

Footpath refurbishment and widening along R518 Ballingarry Road, Rathkeale, to improve connectivity to Coláiste na Trócaire Secondary School, completed.

## Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

### Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 20 March Online and in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

A Workshop in relation to the Cemeteries in the Municipal District was also held on 20 March before the Monthly Meeting.

### Housing Grant Improvement Schemes

- **Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme:**  
0 initial inspections;  
0 final inspections;
- **Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme:**  
8 initial inspections;  
1 re-inspection;  
1 final inspection;
- **Housing Aid for Older Person Grant Scheme:**  
11 initial inspections;  
8 final inspections;
- **Disabled Persons Grant:**  
4 initial inspections.
- **Total Housing Grants Paid March**  
€ 32,132.50 (6)

## Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned to Microsoft Dynamics

- 104 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 81 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

### Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

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

- **Description of Project: Depot Improvements - Installation of Access Stairs and Platform for Tar Tank**
  - Location: Grange Roads Depot;
  - Cost: €13,847;
  - Contractor: Keith Ryan Engineering.
- **Description of Project: Drainage Works - 328m of New Drainage System and Road Gullies**
  - Location: L5094 New Road Caherconlish;
  - Cost: €37,600;
  - Contractor: Direct Labour Pallasgreen Roads Crew.
- **Description of Project: Footpath Works**
  - Location: Knocklong South;
  - Cost: €30,000;
  - Contractor: Kilmallock Roads Crew.
- **Description of Project: Installation of Street Litter Bins**
  - Location: Hospital;
  - Cost: €12,800;
  - Contractor: Kilmallock Roads Crew.

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## Merchants House, Sheares Street, Kilmallock

An application for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) was lodged with the Department of Rural and Community Development in March. This grant funding, if approved, would assist in the preparation and development of detailed project proposals for a funding application for a large-scale capital programme of works for the Merchants House in Kilmallock.

## National Famine Commemoration Ceremony for Kilmallock

The Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, Patrick O'Donovan, T.D., announced in March that this year's National Famine Commemoration will take place in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, on 17 May. The venue will be the Kilmallock Famine Memorial Park which is located within the historic Kilmallock Union Workhouse complex. This is the first time the State Commemoration has taken place in County Limerick.

## Municipal District of Newcastle West

### Meetings and Briefings

- 05 March - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- 27 March - Briefing on the N21 Abbeyfeale and Newcastle West By-Passes and Newcastle West Urban Strategy.

### Housing Grants

- 20 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €146,117.15.
- Payments of €48,243.50 were made to 15 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.

- Payments of €22,532.67 were made to three applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.
- Payment of €1,762.11 was made to one applicant who completed works under the Mobility Aids Housing Grant.

### Housing Maintenance

- 116 Microsoft Dynamics cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

### Transportation and Mobility

- 97 Microsoft Dynamics cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

### Motor Tax

The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,286 routine transactions, generating an income of €208,537.

