

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

May 2025

Riverfest Limerick 2025 Attracts 140,000 People Across Sun Soaked Bank Holiday Weekend

Mayoral Order Signed to Dispose of Land for key Mixed-Use Development in Moyross

Limerick Youth Get Creative: Exciting Lineup of Events Announced for Cruinníu na nÓg

Kilmallock and Limerick Honoured to Host National Famine Commemoration

Limerick City and County Council launches Limerick Biodiversity Plan 2025-2030 on International Biodiversity Day

Public Invited to Have Its Say on Key Elements of Iconic Cleeves Riverside Quarter Development

Limerick City and County Council Welcomes Official Announcement of 2027 Ryder Cup Dates

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Office of the Mayor

May 2025 was another active month for the Mayor's Office, marked by significant milestone events and international partnerships that continue to position Limerick as a dynamic and globally connected city-region.

The month's highlight was Mayor John Moran hosting his first Mayor's Charity Dinner on 02 May at the Limerick Strand Hotel. Over 400 guests attended the ball with The Marie Keating Foundation the chosen charity partner for the event. Guests on the night included members of various charity groups from across Limerick, civic leaders and the Lord Mayors of Belfast and Cork.

Limerick's international engagement continued with the hosting of diplomatic representatives, including the Ambassadors of Finland and Barbados, alongside productive meetings with a delegation from Chengdu, China. These meetings highlight Limerick's growing reputation as an attractive destination for international cooperation and investment.

On the national stage, the Mayor was honoured to deliver speeches at significant commemorative events, including the National Commemoration of the Great Famine in Kilmallock and the wreath-laying ceremony for United Nations Peacekeepers' Day.

Infrastructure development remained a key priority for the Mayor this month, with the official opening of the Bloodmill Road extension representing further progress in the transportation network.

The Mayor's engagement with the Global Economic Summit and various business forums further highlights Limerick's position as a centre for economic innovation and investment.

Limerick native, Michael Benn, Grand Marshal of the 2025 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, was the recipient of a Mayoral Reception in May. Mr. Benn has been a fantastic ambassador and active member of the Limerick diaspora in New York and was appropriately recognised for his role as Grand Marshal of the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world.

01 May

- Interview in relation to Modular Housing.
- Meeting between the Mayor, Director General and Deputy Director General.
- Attended and spoke at the University of Limerick Citizens' Assembly.
- Quarterly meeting with the Limerick Chamber of Commerce.
- Meeting in relation to the Ava Housing pilot programme.
- Meeting with the Project Director and Manager of the Ryder Cup.
- Meeting regarding the Mayor's Gala Dinner.
- Meeting in relation to the Mayoral Programme Tasks of Quarter 2.

02 May

- Hosted the Mayor's Ball.

03 May

- Attended and judged the Charity Vintage Car Show at Saint Mary's Cathedral.

04 May

- Delivered a speech before the start of each race at the Regeneron Great Limerick Run.
- Attended the Viewing Reception of the Riverfest Spectacular Fireworks Display.

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06 May

- Met with Avinya Technology.
- Attended a Local Community Development Committee meeting.
- Local Action Group (LAG) meeting.
- Interview on The Tonight Show, Virgin Media.

07 May

- Interview with Nick Rabbitts from the Limerick Leader.
- Held a meeting in relation to Retail Priorities and the Welcome to Limerick Office.
- Held a meeting on Christmas 2025 and August Activation.

08 May

- Attended the Speakers' Dinner at the National Infrastructure Summit 2025.
- Spoke at the National Infrastructure Summit 2025.
- Attended dinner with the State of Georgia Representatives and Delta Airlines Delegation.

09 May

- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly Corporate Plan Launch, where the ten-year anniversary of the Southern Regional Assembly and Europe Day were celebrated.
- Attended the Limerick School of Music Black Tie Gala Concert (fundraising event for Limerick School of Music Alumni and Friends Fund).

10 May

- Attended the funeral of former Mayor of Limerick, Kathleen Leddin.
- Attended Garden Day in Broadford.

- Toured the Broadford Projects.

- Visited Dohyle Lough in Rathkeale.

12 May

- Attended a Councillor Workshop with the Land Development Agency on Carey's Road Development for the Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- Meeting between the Mayor, the Director General and the Deputy Director General.
- Held a briefing with the Councillors regarding the National Development Plan review submissions and asks for Limerick.
- Met with Councillor Sarah Beasley.
- Held a Limerick City and County Council Briefing for Parliamentary Members.
- Attended a meeting on the Colbert Sports Facility.
- Attended a meeting on Roads.
- Held a Mayoral Programme discussion with the Mayoral Programme Manager.

13 May

- Meeting between the Mayor and the Director General.
- Attended and spoke at the Dochas Autism Support Building Relaunch.
- Attended the Smart Homes Working Group meeting.
- Held a meeting regarding the Bruff Childcare Project.
- Met with Councillor Brigid Teefy.
- Met with the Colbert Quarter Oversight Steering Group.
- Attended the Vintners' Federation of Ireland Gala Dinner.

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14 May

- Attended a briefing on the National Development Plan review.
- Integration Community Response Meeting.
- Attended the monthly Colbert Quarter Project Working Group meeting.
- Visited the Focus Ireland Office in Castletroy.
- Visited the Raheen Dooradoyle Active Retirement Club.
- Met with Vienna-based consultant about Integrated Urban Strategy on Newcastle West.
- Attended and spoke at the opening of the Patchwork and Quilting Textile Art Exhibition by Loretta O'Brien.

15 May

- Attended a breakfast meeting with the Chengdu delegation.
- First Meeting of the Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group.
- Met with the Bulgarian Film Crew making a Bulgarian film about James Bourchier.
- Attended and spoke at the Asia Matters Diplomatic Summit Business Reception.

16 May

- Interview with Live 95 in relation to the Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group.
- Phone call regarding the Shopfronts Paint Scheme.
- Attended a workshop in the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum to discuss the Corporate Plan.
- Hosted the Ambassadors of Finland and Barbados.

17 May

- Attended and spoke at the National Commemoration of the Great Famine in Kilmallock.
- Attended the Greenmount Cycling Academy races at the National Cycling Criterium Championships.

19 May

- Attended the Photo Call launch of Limerick Cruinníú na nÓg 2025.
- Attended the launch and photoshoot of the Limerick Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Meeting in relation to Abbeyfeale Housing with Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC.
- Virtual meeting with representative from Waterways Ireland.
- Attended the May Corporate Policy Group Meeting.
- Meeting regarding the Retail and the Welcome to Limerick section of the Mayoral Programme.

20 May

- Meeting with the Director General regarding Honan's Quay.
- Hosted a meeting with officials from Dublin City Council.
- Visit Askeaton Swimming Pool.
- Attended a photoshoot to mark the commencement of works at Barnagh Station House on the Limerick Greenway.
- Held a meeting with the Irish Dresden Visitor Experience.

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21 May

- Attended an Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.
- Meeting in relation to the 2027 Ryder Cup.
- Hosted a lunch meeting with the Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Councillor Jim O'Leary.
- Attended a meeting of the City Centre Revitalisation Steering Group.
- Met with Limerick Sport Huskies, who are Division 3 Under 14 All Ireland Winners.

22 May

- Meeting with the Director General.
- Attended a Workshop on the Development Plan and the Proposed Development Contribution Scheme.
- Hosted the National Learning Network in the Mayor's Office.
- Attended a meeting regarding the Festivals and Events section in the Mayoral Programme.
- Met with the Party Leaders.
- Attended a Protocol Committee Meeting.
- Met with the Director of Transportation and Mobility.
- Attended and spoke at the Limerick College of Further Education and Training Fashion Show.

23 May

- Recorded a Video for Euro Pride.
- Attended a meeting with the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment - Sixth Local Authority Funding Meeting - Southern Region.

- Attended and spoke at the official opening of the Bloodmill Road Extension.
- Met with the Director of Service for Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development.

25 May

- Attended and spoke at the Wreath Laying Ceremony for the United Nations Peacekeepers' Day.

26 May

- Attended Management Board Meeting.
- Did an interview with RTE Radio 1 on the Claire Byrne Show.
- Attended a Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC Meeting.
- Met with the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan, TD.
- May Meeting of the Plenary Council.

27 May

- Meeting with an Artistic group.
- Meeting between the Mayor, the Director General and the Deputy Director General.
- Attended the launch of the SALAAM Project in the University of Limerick.
- Attended and spoke at The Edge, hosted by the Honorary Consul to Estonia in the Midwest.
- Meeting with the Director General.
- Attended the Gala Dinner of the Global Economic Summit.

28 May

- Meeting with representative from St. Munchins.
- Meeting regarding Turner Vinery.

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- Meeting regarding the curating exhibition.
- Meeting regarding potential Mayoral Receptions.
- Innovate Limerick meeting with the Director of Planning and Place-Making and the Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services.
- Designated Activity Company (DAC) meeting.
- Attended a shareholder meeting with the Chairperson of Discover Limerick DAC.
- Attended the Colbert Quarter Steering Oversight Group meeting.
- Attended and spoke at the Limerick Chamber Strategic Partner Dinner.

29 May

- August Activation weekly meeting.
- Meeting between the Mayor and the Director General.
- Attended a Councillor briefing for the Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on Toppins Field, Sonny's Lands and Curragower Land Developments.
- Attended a Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board Meeting.
- Hosted a Mayoral Reception for Michael Benn, Grand Marshal of the 2025 New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Attended the 2025 Summer Concert for the Mary Immaculate College Community Choir in aid of Dochas Autism Midwest Support.
- Attended and spoke at the Stakeholder Launch Event for Twilight Thursday.

30 May

- Meeting regarding the Milk Market.
- Interview with Maxine Bramley from Virgin Media.
- Consultation with the Limerick SME Task Force in relation to its proposed Action Plan.
- Attended the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council's Charity Gala Ball.



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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 May 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,160,739 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	146,068
Writes offs/ Waivers €	1,303,546
Total for Collection €	68,279,880
Amount Collected €	42,336,647
Arrears €	25,943,233
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	864,673
% Collected	63%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31 May 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	655,043 ^
Writes offs €	- 34
To Collect €	923,776
Receipts €	808,134
Arrears €	115,642
% Collected	87%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for May 2025

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

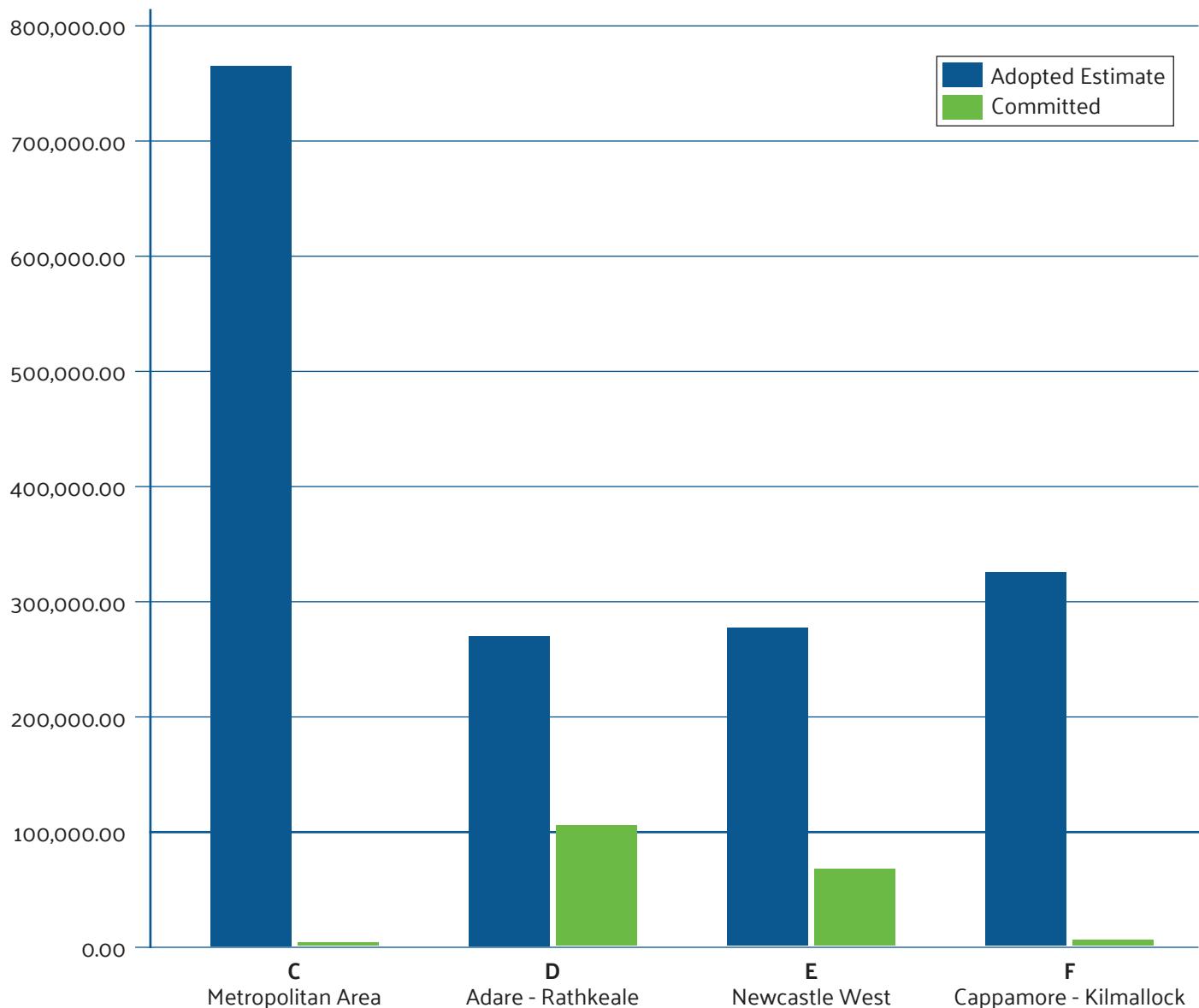
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General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 31st May 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 (€)

- 1,794
- 100,580
- 63,063
- 2,217

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2. Trade and Investment

Asia Now – The New Dynamics of Global Business

Trade and Investment facilitated a significant business summit in Limerick, in partnership with the University of Limerick, on 15 and 16 May. The summit highlighted the current opportunity to deepen ties with Asia.

Ambassadors from Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, joined by colleagues from China, India, Japan and Singapore, spoke of the window now for bilateral trade and their commitment to grow investment and business partnerships with Limerick. The programme of events included meetings with a delegation from the Chengdu High Tech Zone.

Draft Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Action Plan for Limerick

Trade and Investment is working with the Mayor's Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Expert Group to deliver a new SME Action Plan for Limerick City and County. Its purpose is to provide a framework which would lead to a stronger business ecosystem, conducive to sustained commercial success by SMEs. As part of this process, 12 SME-specific focus groups were held between 20 May and 29 May to get the views of SME owners.

Retail

- Voza Skin Health/Laser Clinic and coffee hub opened on Henry Street.
- Babylon coffee shop and restaurant opened on Lower Glentworth Street across from the Glen Tavern.
- Turkmen Grill takeaway/sit-in food outlet opened a premises on 13 William Street, Limerick. It currently has a second takeaway on No. 2 Parnell Street, Limerick.
- A member of the Trade and Investment team attended Miconex's first ever Irish Town and City Gift Card Conference in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, on 15 May.

- The Trade and Investment senior team attended the Retail Retreat 2025 Annual Conference hosted by Retail Excellence Ireland in Kilkenny on 27 May.

EU Projects

Two projects were successful in Phase 1 of the Interreg (North-West Europe) NWE funding application process and are now progressing to Phase 2:

- Tourism: SLOW TOUR - Unlocking Heritage Opportunities for Slow Tourism. This will assist Limerick City and County Council in developing Food Festivals in the city.
- Environment and Climate Action: URBAN - Understanding Recovery of Biodiversity and Animal Network. Participating in this project will assist Limerick City and County Council in meeting the objectives of the Climate Action and Biodiversity Plan.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

In May, the Night Time Economy officially launched the first instalment of Twilight Thursday, bringing together 35 different events and offerings across the City on 29 May. Partners - Live 95, Spin Southwest and The Limerick Post - covered the event, as well as some national press in the form of The Irish Examiner. Uber and FreeNow provided 40% off taxis; the Night Time Economy advisor continues to explore opportunities with new travel partners to make Limerick City more accessible for people to come from other counties.

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3. Digital Services

Digital Services and Marketing and Communications successfully launched a refreshed version of the award-winning website www.limerick.ie, delivering a more modern and user-friendly design. Significant updates were made to the homepage of the Council section at www.limerick.ie/council, aimed at improving user navigation and access to key services. Enhancements include a redesigned layout for easier exploration of Council services and local offerings, improved search functionality for specific services or information, and the addition of tabs that highlight the most frequently searched items. These improvements reflect the team's commitment to providing a streamlined and accessible online experience for all users.

4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran seven Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics for Limerick-based businesses, which were attended by 87 business owners from across the City and County.

Local Enterprise Office Limerick approved:

- Three Digital for Business supports to help Limerick businesses incorporate digitalisation strategies into their business models.
- One Green for Business programme was provided to Limerick enterprises to assist them to map out their sustainability journey.
- 22 One-to-One mentoring sessions with LEO Limerick Business Consultants.
- The LEO Limerick Business Advisor Roadshow commenced on 27 May with the first clinic, which was fully subscribed and held at the Doon Social Farm.
- On 22 May, the National Enterprise Awards were held in the Round Room of Dublin's Mansion House, where 31 enterprises from each Local Authority area competed in this prestigious competition. Limerick

City and County was represented by Sarah O'Sullivan of SOS Cookies, based in the Milk Market. The LEO Limerick team was delighted to see SOS Cookies take home the Regional Award Winner for the Mid-West Region; a very deserving recognition of the amazing work being done by Sarah and the SOS Cookies team.

5. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.05.2025- 31.05.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	1,365
Other Calls	728
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(1 min 48 sec) 108.22
Total No. of calls in May	2,093

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6. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company

Enterprise Infrastructure

- **Lease agreement signed** with Entara group to commence upgrades on existing sheds in The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale, to convert them into functional creative spaces.
- **Preparation of scope and funding strategy** for the Digital Accelerator Building progressed significantly during the month.
- **Tenant relationship management** was actively maintained throughout May across Engine, Engine Collaboration Centre, N21 Rathkeale Enterprise Centre, and The Old Bank Abbeyfeale as part of routine operations.
- **Building upkeep and maintenance** were proactively managed for all hubs, including interior cleaning, painting, and exterior cleaning to ensure facility standards.

Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

Enterprise Events

In May, the Engine Collaboration Centre hosted over 1,500 visitors/attendees at more than 34 events, 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:

- Romanian Elections (First Round 01-05 May, Second Round 15-19 May).
- HBAN (Halo Business Angel Networking) and Pitching Event (06 May).

- “Powering Smarter Business: The SME Sustainability Advantage” (08 May).
- Local Enterprise Office Limerick Meetings and workshops (LEO) (06, 12, 19, 21, May).
- Delegation from the Kumamoto Prefecture (Japan) (09 May).

Partnership and Collaboration

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

- **Romanian Presidential Elections**
Innovate Limerick hosted a Romanian presidential election polling station, enabling Romanian citizens residing in the region to participate in their country's electoral process. The establishment of the polling station at Innovate Limerick exemplifies the collaborative efforts between the Romanian embassy and local Irish institutions to support democratic participation among expatriate communities.
- **HBAN (Halo Business Angel Networking) and Pitching Event**
This event served as a platform to connect angel investors with promising start-ups from various sectors, including ClimateTech, BioTech, and Green Technologies and many more.
- **“Powering Smarter Business: The SME (Small and Medium Enterprises) Sustainability Advantage”**

Limerick Chamber and the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick co-hosted a significant event at the ENGINE Collaboration Centre. This free event aimed to assist small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in enhancing their sustainability practices. This collaboration between Limerick Chamber and LEO Limerick underscores their commitment to supporting local businesses in adopting sustainable practices and preparing for a greener future.

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- **Delegation from the Kumamoto Prefecture (Japan)**

The group, featuring representatives from the Kumamoto Prefectural Government, Kyushu University, Kumamoto University, and Mitsui Fudosan, visited to exchange insights for the further development of Innovation Park near Kumamoto Airport Japan.

Engine Hubs (E-Hubs) Network

- A strategic review of the Engine Hubs network was carried out to consider its future development and the potential progression to Phase 2 in the coming three years.
- Renovation works underway to repurpose the former sheds located behind The Old Bank eHub into dedicated workspaces.
- May Networking and Collaboration Events: LEO Limerick delivered Business Clinics across five Engine Hubs – Doon Social Farm E-Hub, Ballybrown/Clarina Community Enterprise Centre, The Yard Co-Working Space in Newcastle West, Croom Enterprise Centre, and Kilfinane eHub – culminating in a final session at The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale.
- New tenant onboarding continued this month, with lease agreement signed at Ballybrown/Clarina Community Enterprise Centre, expanding the tenant base across the Engine Hubs network.
- Innovate Limerick participated in a Government Auditing Body visit to The Pavilion Hub, Manor Fields, Adare, to contribute to the annual review of the Connected Hubs programme, focusing on operational performance, success metrics, and booking system management.
- Numerous strategic meetings with Doon Social Farm and Engine Hub were held with relevant stakeholders to explore growth opportunities for the facility and its surrounding community.
- Effective tenant relationship management remains a core operational focus, supporting the success and sustainability of the 19 hubs in the Engine Hubs network.

Film in Limerick

Partnership and Collaboration

- Screenability - in partnership with Wayfinders - has two work placements.
- Fastnet Regional filmmaking Panel - discussion in West Cork highlighting training and work opportunities in Munster with case studies from the Mid-West.
- Troy Studios tour with the Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, TD, and Screen Ireland.
- Set Visits for Wayfinders - regional local authority visits with crew and trainees.
- WIFT (Women in Film and Television) support for 2026 launch (Regional Film Manager at Film in Limerick Cannes Film Festival).
- Fastnet Film Festival networking - 150 in attendance.
- West Cork Film studios - Tour with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board LCETB/Mulgrave Street Campus.
- Limerick Mayor's Charity Gala - Film industry spotlight display - 400 in attendance.





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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

National Bike Week – 10-18 May

- Over 100 cyclists participated in a Sunset City Cycle on 16 May. The event was organised by Limerick City and County Council in collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership and Limerick Cycling Campaign. The cycle started at King John's Castle and followed the iconic Three Bridges route. Free bikes were provided for adults and children. Following the cycle, everyone returned to Nicholas Street and enjoyed an ice-cream.
- On 17 May, bike maintenance clinics were held at the Parkway Shopping Centre and at Castletroy Town Centre. A bike mechanic was in attendance and carried out free bike checks and fixes for people of all ages.
- Schools around Limerick had the opportunity to apply for funding support to run bicycle-related events throughout the city and county. A variety of events and promotions with staff and students were held, including cycle to school days, bike parades, cycle skills sessions, bling your bike competitions.
- A number of workplaces in Limerick got involved in Bike Week by holding cycling promotions.
- A number of inclusive cycle events were also held throughout the week with various groups from around Limerick.

Car Club Scheme

Procurement has commenced to secure the provision of a Car Club Scheme for Limerick City and Environs.

Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning (SUMP) Training

This month, members of the Team undertook a two-day training course on Sustainable Urban Mobility Planning.

Road Services Training Group/Department of Transport Conference

Members of the Team attended the annual Road Services Training Group/Department of Transport Conference in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, and gave a presentation on the Coonagh/Knockalisheen Distributor Road.

Bloodmill Road Extension

The Bloodmill Road Extension was officially opened on 23 May, marking the completion of a major infrastructure project aimed at promoting sustainable transport options and enhancing connectivity for residents and visitors alike.

The scheme 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 private hospital and Medical Diagnostics development, 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. With enhanced Active Travel measures, the project delivers high-quality pedestrian and cyclist facilities, designed to support a shift away from private car use towards walking, cycling, and public transport. As a critical element of the National Transport Authority BusConnects Project for Limerick City, the new extension ensures seamless integration with public transport routes, promoting environmentally friendly commuting solutions.

The completion of the Bloodmill Road Extension unlocks the development potential of the zoned lands to the east, supporting economic growth and improving transport options for both residents and businesses. The road's transformation from a rural link to a modern, accessible route exemplifies Limerick's dedication to building a sustainable urban environment.

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2. Active Travel

Key Highlights

Tampere NetZeroCities Visit

A delegation from Active Travel visited Tampere, Finland, on 13 and 14 May. Limerick and Tampere are collaborating on sustainable urban mobility as part of the EU Horizon NetZeroCities programme, focusing on knowledge sharing to achieve climate neutrality goals.

TUS Moylish to City Centre Scheme

Ongoing works include pedestrian crossing installations, new footpaths, and bus shelter upgrades, with operational bus stops maintained throughout construction.

Mill Road Scheme Corbally

Works ongoing, include kerbing and footpath improvements, with temporary traffic measures in place.

Russell Court Quietway

Recently completed works enhance access for pedestrians and cyclists, including shared surfaces and improved landscaping.

3. Mid West National Road Design Office

N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and Oola Transport Project

A design update in relation to the N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and Oola Transport Project commenced on 27 May. Details are available on the project website [N24 – N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction](#)

N20 O'Rourke's Cross

The Compulsory Purchase Order was approved by An Bord Pleanála on 08 May for the N20 O'Rourke's Cross.



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Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

1. Culture

City Library at Barrow House

- A drop-In Energy Advice Café with Limerick City and County Council's Climate Action Team took place on 01 May.
- Europe Day was celebrated on 09 May with a display stand of European Union information, sweet treats, and gifts. A European Union-themed competition attracted over 60 entries.
- On 20 May, CyberSafeKids brought a very topical and informative talk called "TEENAGE KICKS (SO) HARD TO BEAT - Empowering teens online" for parents and guardians.
- European Movement Ireland visited on 23 May for an "EU Unfiltered" coffee morning focus group session, as part of its citizen engagement programme for 2025.
- On 07 May, the City Library was delighted to welcome a tour group from the Netherlands. Fifteen librarians, teachers and educators visited the Library for a walk-through of the library and facilities and enjoyed seeing the weekly toddler story time in action and talking with one of the book clubs as part of the visit.
- The branch was delighted to host Women's Collective Ireland and AkiDwA Network of Migrant Women for a four-week course, "Together for a Better World." The course explored the causes of inequality by reflecting on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Sustainable Development Goal No. 5 (gender equality) and Sustainable Development Goal No. 10 (reduced inequalities).
- The ongoing Digital Skills training classes continued every Tuesday morning across the month. Excellent volunteers from Age Action Ireland facilitate these popular classes.
- There were nine book club meetings across the month.

- The University of the Third Age's Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups continued to hold their regular meetings at the City Library.
- Limerick Mental Health Association held a meeting of its steering group in the library on 28 May.
- Also holding meetings during May were the Writepace Creative Writing Group and Sahaja Meditation Group.
- English language learners from Student Campus Language School made three visits in May, while language learners from Rightword Language School visited on two occasions. All enjoyed a library tour and took the opportunity to register as first-time members.
- The Library also welcomed class visits from Scoil Íosagáin, St. Mary's, St. John's, Presentation, Bohermore, and St. John the Baptist.
- Poppins Pre-School visited on 20 May and were delighted to collect their Little Library Bags for children beginning school this autumn.
- Story times continued to draw a crowd at the City Library every week, while a special stand-alone sensory-friendly story time session took place on 01 May.
- A talk on the art of negotiation, by Dr. Habib Chamoun (University of Texas at Austin), was held in the City Library on the evening of 29 May. Dr. Chamoun is a recent recipient of The Cedar Award from the Irish Lebanese Cultural Foundation. A good crowd attended and Dr. Chamoun took the time to sign copies of his books afterwards.

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Kilmallock Library

- Kilmallock Library was honoured to be the venue for a number of the events taking place for the National Famine Commemoration on 17 May at Kilmallock Famine Park:
 - 13 May - Launch of a special exhibition by the Curator at the Limerick Museum. This exhibition examines the Great Famine in Limerick, one of the most significant turning points in the history of both the city and the county.
 - 14 May - Lecture by Dr. Maura Cronin, retired Senior Lecturer from Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, on the impact of the Great Famine in County Limerick. The audience was enthralled with a large attendance resulting in standing room only.
 - 15 May - the Limerick Arts Officer unveiled a series of willow sculptures specially commissioned to reflect the strength and resourcefulness of those who endured the Great Famine, while also celebrating the continuity of traditional skills in contemporary Ireland. Willow weaver and Craft worker, Elaine Feely, worked with the local community and students in Kilmallock to create three large-scale pieces bringing to mind the experiences of those unfortunate people who lived through the Great Famine in Limerick.
- 17 May - Kilmallock Library hosted a reception for all dignitaries, both national and foreign, who attended the National Famine Commemoration 2025, offering refreshments and entertainment by Ballyhoura Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann.
- 24 May - "Gather Round me Now," a moving family show about the Irish Famine through a powerful blend of story, song, verse and music, led by renowned storyteller and musician, Daithí Collopy, accompanied by two accomplished young musicians. Held as the final event of the National Famine Commemoration 2025, the performance brought history to life with great heart and sensitivity.

- "Book Buddies," Children's Book Club, met on 01 May.
- 15 children from Abbey Kids' Pre-School visited on 20 May to collect their "My Little Library Book Bag" in advance of starting primary school in the Autumn.
- On 23 May, to celebrate Bealtaine, Kilmallock Library held a screening of "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry."
- Weekly English Conversation Club, led by Ballyhoura Development CLG, continued on each Tuesday afternoon.
- The Irish Conversation Circle met on 13 and 27 May for an informal, fun Irish language conversation.
- "Walk and Talk" group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library on Wednesday mornings with an average of 20 participants.
- Weekly Craft Group sessions continued on Thursday mornings.
- Ongoing visits throughout May from St. Joseph's Foundation to the Magic Table under the Happiness Programme.

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

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- Poetry Ireland Day event: Readings by Poet, Michael Dooley, and the Desmond Scribblers on 01 May.
- Healthy Ireland at your Library event: Limerick Sports Partnership talks: Eight schools attended on 06 and 07 May.
- Author Visit: Peter McGarry discussed some interesting stories and facts from his book 'Falling Stars: Lost Stories from the Shannon Airport Crashes', on 29 May.

Dooradoyle Library

- On 08 May, the artist, Celina Buckley, ran a 'Create a Class Monster Book Workshop' for forty-three pupils from St. Paul's National School.
- On 13 May, the creative writing organisation, Fighting Words, ran a story-writing workshop for twenty-six pupils from St. Paul's National School. These workshops promote creative writing skills and storytelling.
- An exhibition of photographic images by the Artist, Jonathan Rossney, titled 'A Strange Kind of Reality,' concluded 11 May.
- On 15 May, Dooradoyle Library hosted the opening of an art exhibition by Artist, Dominic McNamara, titled 'Some of My Best Bits.'
- On 20 May, thirty children from Future Heroes Pre-school, Dooradoyle, visited the library for storytime and craftmaking.
- The Limerick Multiple Sclerosis Support group held its monthly meeting on 09 May.
- The weekly Himalayan meditation sessions continued at Dooradoyle on Friday evenings.
- Three Dooradoyle book clubs met during the month of May, including the inaugural *Whodunnit Bookclub*.
- The Dooradoyle knitting group 'Close Knit Friends' continued to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings.
- Class visits continued throughout the month of May

and included students from St. Paul's National School, the Red Hill School, Crescent College Comprehensive and the Health Service Executive Training Services, Limerick.

Adare Library

- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group met every Thursday throughout the month.
- Digital Skills Workshops, organised in collaboration with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, were held on 01 and 15 May.
- As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, two Tai Chi sessions took place on 07 May. Members of the 2020 Club and Men's Shed Adare attended.
- Karen Fitzgibbon, Limerick-based actor, producer, director, writer, and educator, visited on 13 May, where she spoke about her writing and publishing process.
- Classes from Scoil Naomh lósaf visited the library on 15 and 16 May.
- On 16 May, pupils from St. Nicholas' National School visited for a fun arts and crafts session.
- First and second-class pupils from Scoil Naomh lósaf enjoyed making friendship bracelets during their library visit on 26 May.
- An oil-on-canvas art exhibition by the Adare Art Group continued on display.
- On 29 May fourth class pupils from Scoil Naomh lósaf attended a Nutrition and Exercise talk organised in collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership.

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Watch House Cross

- To celebrate Poetry Day Ireland on 01 May, approx. 100 children and parents from Thomond Primary School were invited to a special reading of a poem which they collaborated on with Irish writer, Rose Servitova. The poem was titled 'The Day a Shark Went to Thomond Park,' and was on display in the library for the month of May.
- Digital skills classes hosted by Age Action Ireland and their volunteers continued throughout May.
- The latest Healthy Ireland at Your Library event took place on 16 May with a talk by health coach, Órla Murphy, on 'Thriving After 55: Practical Strategies for Positivity and Resilience.'
- The library welcomed local author, Patsy Peril, on 20 May for an interesting and informative conversation about his book 'Swimming Upstream' and his mission to save the Shannon's wild salmon. The talk was followed by a Question-and-Answer session with Patsy.
- On 21 May, the library welcomed Senior Infants from Clonlara National School. All of the children registered for library membership and enjoyed browsing the children's library where they each selected a book to take home.
- The Incredible Years Parenting Programme held a class on 28 May. This programme offers parents the chance to develop new skills to help their child.
- There were two book club meetings during May.
- Regular visits from Little Seeds Childcare took place during the month.
- Weekly activities including story-time and Crafty Saturdays continued.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 57 bookings during May and 154 visitors.

Local Studies

- There were 55 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, materials from the Local Studies collection, and six family history consultations. There were 35 remote queries.
- Several new acquisitions were added to the stock.

Abbeyfeale Library

- Abbeyfeale Library hosted the opening of the 'Fleadh by the Feale' Festival, with music and Irish dancing from students of Scoil Mhathair Dé, and storytelling by Gabriel Fitzmaurice, on 01 May. The prizes for the 'Fleadh by the Feale' Artwork competition were also awarded on the night, with artwork displayed in branch until 22 May.
- Pius Murray presented a talk on the benefits of walking to physical and mental health as part of the Health Ireland at Your Library programme on 08 May.
- Stepping Stones Pre-School visited for a storytime session on 13 May.
- The Abbeyfeale Library Craft Group continued to meet monthly.

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Other Branches

- Glin – On 14 May, Mary McCarthy, Health Service Executive Cardiac Rehabilitation Co-ordinator, gave a talk on 'Heart Health – Keeping Your Heart Healthy.' On 20 May, Limerick author, Karen Fitzgibbon, met with the members of the Book Clubs to talk about her new novel 'Never Look Back.' The Craft Groups and local Community Singing groups continued to meet regularly in the branch.
- Rathkeale – On 06 May, Rathkeale Library hosted the launch of the 'Vibes' Art Exhibition. The exhibition featured work by the students and staff of Coláiste na Trócaire, Fainleog Campus, and was on display in the library until 27 May. The exhibition included a collection of clay and wire sculptures, and over thirty semi-abstract paintings created by the students and staff over the past two years. On 14 May, the branch hosted a toddler storytime.
- Roxboro – On 09 May, Edel Curtis visited the branch to host two 'Mindfulness and Meditation' sessions for children from local primary schools. This was part of the Healthy Ireland at your Library programme. On 15 May, Limerick Sports Partnership hosted two sessions on nutrition and keeping active for children from local primary schools.
- The My Little Library initiative kicked off again in all library branches. From 09 May, all those children starting primary school were invited to call into the library to collect a free bag containing books (in English or Irish). The bag also contained resources to support parents and their children with the transition to primary school. Every child collecting a bag is encouraged to become a library member, giving them lifelong access to the joy of books and reading.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The full suite of exhibitions continued throughout the month of May including:
 - An Ciúnas/The Silence, by Marianne Keating - (a national touring exhibition originated by Sirius Arts Centre, Cobh).
 - BOW, a group exhibition curated by Sarah Searson.
 - 40 x 40 - a selection from the Permanent Collection in collaboration with the University of Limerick.
- Other activities throughout the month included:
 - A talk with Marianne Keating, with critic and writer, Luke Clancy.
 - Adam Stoneman gave a talk on the use of technology in art education to mark the 40th Anniversary of the opening of Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA).
 - Adela Passas, Shinnors Scholar, conducted a number of school tours reaching 132 children from schools in Limerick.
 - Sheenagh Geoghan the artists in the TEST SPACE Residency, ran a workshop with women from the Syrian Community in conjunction with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.
- Loan to Visual Carlow for group exhibition featuring the work of Tina O'Connell.
- A ceramics exhibition, URBANESQUE: Mike Byrne, finished on 11 May.
- The Gallery celebrated National Drawing Day on 17 May with an LCGA workshop based on the temporary exhibition of works from LCGA's National Collection of Contemporary Drawings, facilitated by the Shinnors Scholar.
- A photographic exhibition by graduates from the College of Further Education and Training, Limerick, took place for one week from 19-23 May.

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- Helium, the arts organisation for children with long-term illnesses, ran a workshop on 24 May.
- Narrative 4 hosted a workshop on 29 May.
- Meetings and workshops with the University of the Third Age continued throughout May.
- Total visitor numbers in May: 5,898.

Limerick Museum

- The exhibition '*Shaped by the Shannon*' explored how central the River Shannon was to Limerick's foundation and growth, from the early Viking settlement through Medieval Ennishtown and Irishtown, to the city as we know it today.
- Using photographs, ephemera and artefacts from the Limerick Museum collection, it examined how Limerick profited from its position at the mouth of the mighty Shannon and evolved with the river, enjoying its bounty. Curated by Museum staff, '*Shaped by the Shannon*' formed part of the wider celebrations of Riverfest across Limerick city.
- On 08 May, an *Exhibition of Art Works* by Geraldine Sadlier and Brian McMahon opened. Limerick native, Geraldine Sadlier, was educated at the Salesian Convent, Fernbank, and graduated from the Limerick School of Art and Design. She has been living in Nice for the last 12 years and regularly returns to her native city Limerick. Her paintings and drawings have been exhibited in France and Ireland and can be viewed all year round in her gallery in Nice. Brian MacMahon is a well-known Limerick artist who studied at Limerick School of Art from 1973 to 1977. After moving to Dublin in 1979, he quickly developed a reputation as a portrait painter which led to a number of exhibition opportunities and solo shows. Brian moved back to Limerick in 1998. He has a studio in Limerick, lives near the city and takes every opportunity to explore new vistas around the country.
- On 13 May, an exhibition, *The Great Famine in Limerick*, opened in Kilmallock Library, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock. It was curated by the Museum Curator and examined the Great Famine in Limerick, one of the

most significant turning points in the history of both the city and the county. It used objects, images, books, and documents to tell the story of this most tragic period in our history. The exhibition formed part of the National Famine Commemoration 2025, a state event which Limerick City and County Council was honoured to host, and which was led by the Department of Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport.

- On 20 May, the *Opera in Limerick* exhibition opened in the Museum. It was curated by Museum staff and Ger Reidy, Director of the Limerick Opera Festival, of which it formed part of. It featured objects from the permanent collection of Limerick Museum and items on loan from private collectors. They demonstrated the high quality of Limerick's musical life over the past two centuries and reminded us of some of the great venues that the city boasted such as the Theatre Royal on Mallow Street and the Savoy Theatre on Bedford Row. The exhibition showed how Limerick punched above its weight in the world's musical culture in the past 200 years.
- On 17 May, Limerick Museum collaborated with St. John's Brass and Reed Band in a commemorative event marking the Band's 160th anniversary. It featured a special anniversary exhibition and concert in Dance Limerick, at the historic Old St. John's Church, John's Square, tracing the Band's remarkable journey since its founding in 1865. The exhibition and concert were officially opened by Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- On 11 May, the Curator took part in Poetry People on RTE Radio 1, speaking about the history of the limerick poem and its connections with Limerick.
- On 14 May, a group of students from North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, visited the Museum and were given a guided tour.
- The *Spirit of Ireland Photography* Exhibition by Limerick Camera Club continued in the Museum until 17 May.

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- On 30 May, the Friends of Lace Limerick held Bring Out Your Lace in the Museum. Members of the public brought in their own items of lace to be assessed, catalogued and photographed and were given useful advice about lace preservation and storage. The Friends of Lace also organised a pop-up exhibition with pieces from its members' personal collections.

Limerick Arts Office

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 May, five letters of support were issued.

Culture Night 2025 Event Registration

- Expressions of interest for grant support opened to the public on 09 May. The average grant for Culture Night is €150 - €300 with approximately 40-60 events.
- An online information session on how to get involved was held on 08 May.

Inclusive Dance Showcase

Inclusive Dance Artists Training is an Arts Office project funded through Arts Council Partnership funding and delivered on behalf of Limerick City and County Council Arts Office by Dance Limerick. It supports local dance artists with and without disabilities through ongoing dance training. The Inclusive Dance Group presented its work in progress showcase on 14 May to an audience of 87 people.

Public Art Commission, The People's Park Soundscape

An open call for a Public Art Soundscape Commission opened on 08 May. Interested artists may submit proposals for two audio islands to be situated in The People's Park for the public to sit, rest, and enjoy commissioned sounds. An information session was held on 20 May.

Limerick Cruinniú na nÓg 2025

Limerick Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 was launched by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 19 May. This features a diverse range of activities across the city and county, showcasing creativity through music, visual art, circus, storytelling, film, theatre and more. Cruinniú na nÓg is an initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme, in partnership with 31 Local Authorities and RTÉ. Limerick City and County Council has worked with Limerick-based creatives, artists, professional bodies, cultural organisations and community groups to organise and deliver creative activities and workshops.

Wonder Walls for Cruinniú na nÓg

Wonder Walls for Cruinniú na nÓg invited young people aged 12-18 to unleash their creativity through vibrant, collaborative murals. Participants worked together in a hands-on workshop, alongside a professional artist, to create a mural and present their work on Cruinniú na nÓg.

Artistic Facilitator, We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick

"We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick," in partnership with Creative Ireland, Healthy Limerick and Limerick City and County Council, sought quotations from suitably qualified individuals, collectives or organisations to work as a creative facilitator to develop and implement a participatory creative project for breastfeeding families, culminating in an exhibition/showcase of project during Breastfeeding Week 2025. The closing date for submissions was 07 May, and an artistic facilitator has been engaged.

The project supports the broad aims of the We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick initiative which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of breastfeeding families by raising awareness and promoting the benefits of breastfeeding through the development and promotion of breastfeeding.

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Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Unit	
Site Inspections Completed	184
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	7
Derelict Sites Cases opened	13
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	13
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	3
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	3
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	15

Public Participation Network Limerick

- Membership of PPN Limerick continued to grow and stands at 266. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN [website](#) and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- The Secretariat continued to fulfil its functions, holding a Secretariat Meeting.
- PPN Limerick continued to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

Local Authority Integration Team

Support Visits to Accommodation Centres during month of May

Accommodation Centre Visits	13
Group Information Clinics Held	4
Individuals supported	106

SALAAM PROJECT

- In collaboration with the University of Limerick, Limerick's Local Authority Integration Team launched the SALAAM exhibit, part of the Suitable Alliances Against Anti-Muslim Hatred (SALAAM) initiative.
- The exhibit features compelling artwork by Soufeina Hamed, known for her exploration of identity, racism, and Islamophobia through visual storytelling.
- Entitled "Building Bridges: Forging Pathways Beyond Prejudice," the exhibit presents seven poignant comic pieces that reflect the lived experiences of Muslim communities in Ireland.
- It aims to spark meaningful conversations around diversity, equality, and inclusion. The exhibit was launched on 27 May in the Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay, Limerick.

3. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee

- Meetings of the Local Community Development Committee and Local Action Group were held on 06 May.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

- Pobal, in conjunction with the Department of Rural and Community Development, held a Climate Justice Workshop on 29 May in Limerick which was attended by the SICAP Support Staff.

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AFRICA DAY

- In collaboration with Limerick Youth Service, the Local Authority Integration Team proudly hosted the Africa Day Youth Culture Festival - a vibrant celebration of African heritage, creativity, and community spirit.
- The event featured a wide array of exciting activities for all ages, including fun-filled games for children, face painting, a charming magic show and a youth fashion show showcasing traditional and modern African styles.
- Attendees also enjoyed live music, dance performances and a delicious African cooking experience. The festival was a joyful and inclusive gathering that highlighted the talents and cultural pride of young people in Limerick and beyond.

Healthy Limerick

Turin Study Visit 07-08 May

- The Healthy Ireland Limerick Co-ordinator travelled to Turin, Italy, to undertake ongoing research, including a comprehensive mapping initiative, to better understand and improve the local food environment.
- This project plays a key part in Limerick's goal of becoming a certified World Health Organisation (WHO) Healthy City.
- Turin is a city renowned for its advancements in food mapping, food policy, and food strategy.
- Turin has successfully implemented comprehensive food policies that support sustainable and equitable food systems. Observing their methodologies will provide valuable insights for Limerick's own food strategy development.
- Turin's expertise in geo-spatial analytics and food environment mapping will serve as a benchmark for our Food Finder initiative, ensuring best practices are adopted in data visualisation and stakeholder engagement.

- Turin's food policy lab effectively integrates stakeholders from government, private sector, and community organisations. Understanding their collaborative approach will inform how Limerick Food Partnership fosters multi-sectoral partnerships in Limerick.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Crafty Mondays – Women's Group

Weekly creative sessions continued every Monday in King's Island, facilitated by a Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board tutor. These sessions provide a supportive space for women to engage in arts and crafts, nurturing social connection and general wellbeing.

Island Gardens – Community Gardening

Every Wednesday, hands-on gardening workshops were held at Island Gardens in St. Mary's Park. Led by Rebecca Hussey, this initiative is part of a collaboration with University of Limerick's Community Wellness, Empowerment, Leadership and Life Skills course, Limerick Growing Communities, Limerick Island Community Partners, and Sláintecare Healthy Communities. The workshops promote healthy eating and mental wellness through community growing.

Willow Weaving for Climate Action Week

On 07 May, the Gardening Group participated in a willow-weaving workshop at Island Gardens as part of Climate Action Week. The event highlighted sustainable practices and community creativity in a peaceful outdoor setting.

Launch of Island Gardens

The newly renamed Island Gardens was officially launched on 14 May. The event welcomed approximately 100 attendees and celebrated the transformation of the community growing space in St. Mary's Park.

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• Period Equity Programme

Two workshops focusing on menstrual health and menopause were held at Southill Hub on 06 May. These sessions aimed to raise awareness and support women's health in the community.

• Women's Health Workshop – Cappamore

On 15 May, a women's health workshop was hosted at Limerick College of Further Education Campus in Cappamore from 7 - 9 p.m. The session engaged women aged 50-90 from the Women's Shed Cappamore in discussions around menopause and overall wellbeing.

• Health Workshop for Migrant Women – Clayton Hotel

On 21 May, Doras hosted a workshop with Orla Murphy (Reversible Health) on lifestyle medicine and wellbeing.

• Menopause Talk – Longcourt House Hotel, Newcastle West

On 28 May, a menopause-focused talk was delivered from 7 - 9 p.m. at Longcourt House Hotel, Newcastle West. The session welcomed approximately 90 attendees providing valuable information and support for women navigating midlife health changes.

• Mid West Simon Community Resident Engagement

As part of ongoing resident engagement, a meeting was held at the new Community Kitchen to connect local young men with Slaintecare Healthy Communities.

Bin Waivers Scheme

- **Audit 2025:** An audit of the 2025 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme renewals currently in progress.

IPB Pride of Place Competition

- Limerick City and County Council evaluated expressions of interest received from community groups interested in being nominated in this year's All Island IPB Pride of Place Competition.
- Four Groups were nominated for 2025 IPB Pride of Place Competition and preliminary meetings were held with the groups on 23 and 26 May as part of the preparation:
 - Thomondgate Residents' Association - City Competition Category 1 - Urban Neighbourhoods under 3,000.
 - Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum - Main Competition Category 11 - Community Tourism Initiative.
 - Templeglantine - Main Competition Category 3 - Population 1,000-2,000.
 - Glenbrohane - Main Competition Category 2 - Population 300-1,000.

AGE FRIENDLY

Property Marking Machine

- Age Friendly Limerick facilitated An Garda Síochána's Community Engagement Initiative at the Dromcollogher Harvest Fair and Vintage Rally on 18 May and in Dromcollogher Mart on 22 May. The Property Marking Machine was heavily utilised over the course of the two days.

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National Older People's Council Convention, South Dublin

- This year's theme was 'The Wisdom of Years, A lifetime of Perspective.' The convention addressed many challenges faced by older people. Up to 200 people from across Ireland gathered for the convention, giving them an opportunity to discuss topics of interest to older people. Representatives from Limerick's Older Persons' Executive used the opportunity to get involved in national consultation and workshops. Limerick's representatives attending the convention got the chance to discuss their opinions with the Minister of State with responsibility for Older People, Kieran O'Donnell, T.D., who was a guest speaker on Day 1 of the convention.

Comhairle na nÓg Steering Group Meeting

- Comhairle na nÓg consists of local councils for young people between the ages of 12-17, allowing young people to get involved in decision-making both locally and nationally. The Limerick Comhairle na nÓg Steering Group, chaired by the Age Friendly Programme Manager, met on 23 May. The group received a presentation from Alison McCarthy, National Activities Co-ordinator with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Alison gave the group a presentation on *"Creating a Dementia Inclusive Generation - Youth Programme."* Members of the Steering group include representatives from Limerick Youth Services, West Limerick Resources, Foróige, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons from Limericks Comhairle na nÓg committee.

Irish Physical Activity Research Collaboration

- On 28 May, the Age Friendly Limerick Programme Manager took part in a half-day workshop with the Irish Physical Activity Research Collaboration and Limerick Sports Partnership. The workshop aimed to learn how best to adapt and implement existing evidence-based physical activity programmes to improve their population reach and their effectiveness in the real-world setting. The target group selected for inclusion in the workshop was Older Adults, and the geographical location prioritised was the Northside of Limerick City.

University of Limerick Age Inclusive Symposium

- Limerick's Age Friendly Programme Manager was invited to a symposium hosted by one of its Age Friendly Alliance partners, the University of Limerick. University of Limericks "Age-Inclusive Symposium: From Principles to Practice," took place on 30 May from 12 noon to 2pm at the School of Medicine, University of Limerick. This symposium is a significant event that underscores the commitment of the University to advancing age-friendly initiatives and fostering an inclusive environment for an ageing population.

4. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

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 May:

Properties	May 2025	To Date
Offered	1	249
Inspected	1	249
Allocated /People Housed	2/4	154/ 463
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	4	85
Not yet Ready	1	1
To be matched	0	0

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5. Tourism

Tourism General

Limerick City Walking Tour - 'Explore Limerick: Stories, Streets and Heritage'

- Following an Expression of Interest process, on 27 May the Tourism Department appointed Limerick Civic Trust to provide a walking tour seven days a week in Limerick City from June to September.

Food Festival for Limerick

- On 02 May, the Tourism Department appointed Neon Agency as the successful tenderer in relation to the '*Provision of Services for the Delivery of a Food Festival in Limerick in 2025*'.
- A kick-off meeting was held between Limerick City and County Council and Neon Agency on 27 May, with planning for the festival underway.

Virtual Mapping of Limerick Greenway

- Global Virtual Asset Management Ltd. conducted a virtual reality mapping exercise of Limerick Greenway in May. The project is currently 70% complete.
- On 23 May, Limerick Greenway featured in Episode 3 of RTÉ's popular travel series, *Tracks and Trails*. Host, Doireann Ni Ghlacáin, Broadcaster, Musician and Podcaster, was accompanied by former Munster and Ireland Rugby Player and frontman of Hermitage Green, Barry Murphy. The episode began with a cycle along the 40km Limerick Greenway, starting in Abbeyfeale and winding through Barnagh, Newcastle West and Ardagha, before reaching Rathkeale. Highlights of the journey included visits to the Desmond Castle Banqueting Hall and the site of the famous Ardagha Chalice discovery.

Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

- Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued throughout May and included the following:
 - Limerick Greenway featured in the RTÉ One series, *Tracks and Trails*, and also in articles in the Irish Independent, RTÉ.ie, Leinster Express, Limerick Leader, Westmeath Examiner, RTÉ Guide and the Irish Daily Star.
 - Limerick Greenway also featured in The Kerryman, Weekly Observer, Live95, and Run Republic highlighting the Limerick Greenway Wellbeing Series.
 - Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:
 - A post on 05 May promoting Limerick Greenway as the place to explore on the May Bank Holiday.
 - Darkness into Light took place on 10 May with four official routes around Limerick with walks included in Newcastle West.
 - A post on 13 May highlighted National Bike Week encouraging people to cycle Limerick Greenway and also highlighted The Limerick Greenway Wellbeing series with a Bike Week themed event taking place at Abbeyfeale Greenway Hub on 18 May.
 - A post encouraging people to tune into RTÉ One at 8pm, or to the RTÉ player, to see Limerick Greenway in all its glory on *Tracks and Trails* which featured the beautiful Limerick countryside, and all that Limerick Greenway has to offer.

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- Influencer trip with the Irish professional road bicycle racer, Fiona Mangan, took place on Limerick Greenway on 15 May as part of National Bike Week. Fiona's trip from Rathkeale to Abbeyfeale highlighted Limerick Greenway as a cycling destination for a variety of users/capabilities – for both locals and tourists coming to Ireland; the importance of amenities such as Limerick Greenway; how Limerick Greenway is a safe and quiet training amenity; the ease of access to car parks and hub towns and the friendly hospitality along the route.

Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

- Barnagh Station House** – On 23 May, Limerick City and County Council announced the beginning of works for the Barnagh Station House restoration project.
- The contract with Alan O'Connell Developments includes the full refurbishment of the building, platform and public realm area. The Station House will be set dressed and recreated as it was when the station master and his family lived there, featuring interpretations of railway history and heritage.
- Limerick Greenway Hub at Newcastle West Car Park** – On 15 May, the Capital Project Team in the Tourism Department published a Request for Tender on eTenders in relation to the construction of a Greenway Hub and Car Park at Station Road in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick. The deadline for the receipt of submissions is midday on 20 June.
- Limerick Greenway Hubs and West Limerick Tourism Hub, Fullers Folly, Newcastle West: Interpretation Design Services** – On 30 May, the Tourism Department published a Request for Tender in relation to interpretation design services required at the Limerick Greenway trailhead sites. The deadline for the receipt of submissions is midday on 20 June.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01 May to 31 May:

Facebook

Reach: 121,701
Profile Visits: 1,012
New Page Followers: 67

Instagram

Reach: 21,062
Profile Visits: 583
New Page Followers: 240

Google Ads

Clicks: 1,794
Impressions: 8,801

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

• Riverfest 2025

A very vibrant and sun-filled Limerick saw Riverfest 2025, now in its 21st year, taking place over the May Bank Holiday Weekend from 02 to 06 May. Over 140,000 people attended a diverse range of events taking place around Limerick City. The Riverfestival Village was the main hub of activity, overlooking the River Shannon at Arthur's Quay Park, where live music, artisan food, craft stalls and other offerings were there for all to enjoy, including an air bag drop on Honan's Quay. The festival village was also home to a carnival for the weekend, with the Panoramic Wheel located just a short walk around the Quays in the Potato Market, past The Hunt Museum which hosted games in the garden. FashionFest showcased Limerick's talented designers; The National All Ireland BBQ Competition and The Riverfest Street Party took place at Howley's Quay, with a partnership with Red Bull DJ Jeep rolling in, seeing the Quays come to life with music. Fidget Feet Aerial Dance took to the skies with their new show 'The Dreaming Heart.'

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- **Children's Run for Fun and Great Limerick Run**

The Children's Run for Fun and Great Limerick Run took place on 03 and 04 May respectively, during the Riverfest weekend, and saw record-breaking numbers of 18,000 for the Great Limerick Run and over 2,000 for the Children's Run for Fun.

- **The Limerick Opera Festival**

The Limerick Opera Festival had a wonderful line-up of events on 03 May for the Riverfest Weekend. The festival brought Opera to the streets of Limerick with performances at Colbert Station, Hook & Ladder on Sarsfield Street, and on Lower Thomas Street. A particular treat was a special mini-Carmen concert at The People's Park Bandstand.

- **Fleadh By the Feale 2025**

The annual weekend-long event took place in Abbeyfeale from 01 – 05 May. Traditional entertainment was showcased in every corner of the town, including a Trad Disco, local Comhaltas Groups, Sliabh Luachra musicians and Polka, to name but a few. There was great traditional entertainment provided by young people from schools within the vicinity, as well as storytelling and different live performances in the Town Square.

- **Hear Say International Audio**

The annual festival attracts audio makers from all over the world to join their peers in the village of Kilfinane and be inspired by the beautiful surroundings. Now in its 11th year, the festival has become a hub for International Artists who work with film sound, audio features sound art or radio drama to explore the Co. Limerick countryside and share their experiences and stories as contributors to the festival, which this year ran from the 26 May to 02 June.

- **Maigue River Festival**

The Maigue Rivers Trust River Festival took place at Croom Town Park on 31 May. There was a lovely mix of events lined up for the day, including 'Life in the Maigue' where Geoff Hunt (Heritage in Schools) gave a talk about the food cycle of the river and had a display of a selection of aquatic invertebrates and fish. Other events included Folklore talks with Brian Collopy, Aquatic Insects with Colum Walsh of the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) and fly-fishing workshops.

- **Fleadh Ceoil Luimnígh**

Held in Coláiste Chiarán Secondary School in Croom from 30 May to 01 June, Fleadh Ceoil Luimnígh is an annual event where members and non-members resident in Co. Limerick are welcome to compete in the music festival with an array of Irish musical instruments, including the Harp, Uilleann Pipes, Accordion and Fiddle.

- **Festivals and Events Grants Scheme 2025/2026**

The recommendations for Festivals and Events funding for the Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2025/2026 went before the Full Council at the May Meeting. The following recommendations from the Assessment Panel were approved:

Recommendations: Strand 1: Fund Available €32,000

- 22 applications were considered under this Strand with a total ask of €99,639.
- The assessment panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 18 successful applicants totalling €32,000.

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Recommendations: Strand 2: Fund available €171,500

- 20 applications were considered under this Strand with a total ask of €466,030.97.
- The assessment panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 17 successful applicants totalling €171,500.

Recommendations: Strand 3: Fund Available €4,500

This award is intended to support a step change in the ambition and delivery of the festival.

- 17 applications were received with a total ask of €68,655.
- The assessment panel has recommended the allocation of funding to two successful applicants totalling €4,500.

Festivals and Events Section Supported Events:

- Staff of the Festivals and Events Section met with the committee and athletes of Transplant Sports Ireland on their Training Day in Newcastle West at the Regional Athletics Hub on 18 May.
- The Limerick Wellbeing Series 2025 Event 2 took place at Abbeyfeale Greenway Hub on 18 May, coinciding with National Bike Week 2025.

6. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DACP)

Mayoral Charity Ball

The Sales and Business Development Manager, alongside the Junior Acting Sales and Marketing Manager, proudly represented Discover Limerick DAC at the recent Mayoral Charity Ball held at The Limerick Strand Hotel. The evening was a celebration of community spirit and civic ambition as the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, shared his inspiring vision for the future of Limerick.

KING JOHN'S CASTLE

Live at The Castle - David Gray kicked off the Limerick Festival May bank holiday weekend in King John's Castle with a stunning performance that set the tone for an unforgettable series of concerts, Dolans presents Live at The Castle. The weekend continued with two sold-out shows from Qween and The Coronas, delivering incredible energy and crowd-pleasing hits. Glorious weather added to the electric atmosphere, making the Riverfest May bank holiday weekend an unforgettable celebration of music and community.

Launch Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 - On 09 May, the Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, T.D., launched Cruinniú na nÓg 2025 with a celebration of creativity at King John's Castle. The launch featured an outstanding special performance by the Irish Chamber Youth Orchestra and members of the County Limerick Youth Theatre, marking its 30th anniversary, along with Youth Theatre Ireland ambassadors, Ella Jurascheck and Ryan Keogh (17), Megan Hogan (17), ambassador for Waterford Walls, Khloe Kavanagh and Rosie Barker, Circus ambassadors, and ambassador for RTÉ's This Is Art initiative, Isabella Prime (15).

Limerick Rose Centre Visit - On 10 May, 24 enthusiastic Limerick Rose hopefuls were welcomed for a day of medieval fun and festivities. The Roses enjoyed a guided tour of the Castle and took part in an exciting range of activities, including swordsmanship training, horseshoe throwing, dazzling magic tricks and captured some fabulous photos from the castle towers.

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Ambassador of Finland Visit - On 16 May, Discover Limerick DAC had the honour of welcoming the Ambassador of Finland, Leena Gardemeister, to King John's Castle, accompanied by Senator Maria Byrne. During their visit, they enjoyed a guided tour of the Castle and explored the rich local history of the area.

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Visit - On 20 May, Discover Limerick DAC was delighted to welcome members of the National Monuments Service and the National Built Heritage Service to King John's Castle for a special tour. The group was in Limerick attending a conference and took the opportunity to explore the historic site. The visit was particularly meaningful as some of the attendees had worked on archaeological excavations at the Castle in the 1990s, making it a nostalgic and insightful experience for all involved.

Launch of Intergenerational Storytelling Project - On 20 May, University of Limerick Community Students, St. Mary's School children and their grandparents, launched their intergenerational Storytelling project at King John's Castle.

Media Visits - As part of the ongoing efforts to promote Discover Limerick DAC, media were welcomed to King John's Castle on 29 May - Johann Vargas and Edith Spitzer from Austria who are writing an article for 55plus-Magazin.at.

Gillian Lattimore Joins Discover Limerick DAC as General Manager, King John's Castle - Discover Limerick DAC is delighted to welcome Gillian Lattimore to the Discover Limerick DAC team as the General Manager, King John's Castle.

LOUGH GUR

Lough Gur Grant - Lough Gur Visitor Centre has been awarded grant funding (70% of eligible costs funded) to advance its agri-food tourism initiatives. The funding is provided under the 2025 Rural Innovation and Development Fund, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. This investment will support the Centre's ongoing efforts to promote sustainable rural development and enhance visitor experiences through agri-food-related programming.

Lough Gur Inaugural Bee Festival - Lough Gur celebrated its inaugural Bee Festival on 24-25 May, aligning with World Bee Day, to promote awareness of pollinator conservation and biodiversity. The two-day event featured workshops, expert talks and a lakeside market, offering attendees an opportunity to engage with Ireland's rich pollinator heritage. Highlights included the Busy Bee Workshop, led by Zoë Moloney, providing hands-on learning experiences for participants, and an informative talk entitled 'Identifying Wild Bees Flying Now,' delivered by bee expert, John Breen.



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Economic Regeneration

- Members of the Outreach to Employment Project Team collaborated with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in providing a work placement opportunity to one of the students in their Pathways to Construction Course. The programme is delivered in the Moyross Youth Academy, Moyross. The student started the five-week placement with Limerick City and County Council in May. The purpose of the placement is to provide on-the-job work experience. It has created a template for other students to follow.
- Evaluation and feedback from this year's Northside Regeneration Skills Fair took place throughout the month. Feedback was sought from the participants, including employers, training and education providers, service providers etc. Preparations are underway for the delivery of the Southside Skills Fair.

Social Regeneration

Community Activities

King's Island

- Limerick Island Community Partners at King's Island Community Centre continued to host regular events which offered a wide range of educational and enjoyable activities for the King's Island Community.
- Crafty Mondays, Family Learning and Community Gardening were among the monthly activities delivered through the Strengthening Communities initiative in King's Island.

- Pupils from Thomond Primary School and St. Mary's National School, Limerick, were treated to a morning in King's Island as part of World Bee Day. This event, on 20 May, took place at the Widow Alms Houses on Nicholas Street which has several hives on site. This was a fun day, which had a strong educational element to it.
- The King's Island Community Law and Mediation Clinic, in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, took place at the Widows Alms Houses on 06 May.

Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) staff visited Dublin during the month. The purpose of the visit was to engage with community projects in Tallaght and Cherry Orchard. These site visits were inspiring for those who travelled. The attendees took time to plan for future collaborative opportunities.
- MCEC recently acquired a new minibus. This is a major boost to operational capacity and will greatly support the ongoing youth work, outreach initiatives and community events.
- The minibus will enhance the Centre's ability to provide transport for local programmes, day trips and inter-community exchanges.
- The weekend services at MCEC continued to grow. Increased numbers of young people and families availed of these services, which is a positive sign of the Centre's role as a welcoming and reliable hub for the local community.
- The Limerick Sports Partnership Hub continued its offering of fitness and sporting activities. Included in the programme was 'Mike's Boxercise.' This is a boxing fitness programme delivered by a local resident. Additional activities included Line Dancing, Zumba and Good2Go, all of which were available to the public and were delivered in a number of centres across Moyross, including the MCEC, Corpus Christi Primary School Hall and Moyross Youth Academy.

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- The Moyross Community Law and Mediation Clinic, in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, took place at MCEC on 20 May.

Southill

- The staff at Southill Hub collaborated with Limerick Sports Partnership for a team building activity day held within the Hub on 23 May.
- Regeneration staff met more than 25 members of the public during May at the weekly clinic held in Southill Hub. The clinics provide individuals with an opportunity to have face-to-face meetings with Regeneration Staff. Enquiries ranged from housing, estate management or other topics important to them.
- The Southill Community Law and Mediation Clinic, in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, took place at Southill Hub on 14 May.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions Team at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) has introduced a new Zumba class in collaboration with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. Held every Thursday evening in the community hall, the class has already proven popular and is fostering social connection through physical activity.
- The Ballinacurra Weston Community Law and Mediation Clinic, in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council, took place at OLOL CSG on 27 May.
- The Lunch Club continued to thrive with growing attendance each week. OLOL now provides transport to ensure that local seniors can travel safely to the Centre where the lunch event has evolved into a valued weekly social gathering.
- The Afterschool Service has successfully completed registration with Tusla. This milestone secures the continuation of the current service and allows for an extension of operating hours to better support families whose children attend.

- OLOL CSG Board of Management formally approved and endorsed the implementation of the BESTON Model. This is a programme funded under the Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF). It is aimed at celebrating and promoting positive behaviours within the community in Weston. The model was presented by Maria O'Dwyer and has been adopted as the strategic framework for an integrated community response going forward.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Works progressed on 26 units as part of an infill housing scheme at Carew Park and Delmege Park/ Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Snagging of Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield (Phase 2) continued with a view to handover of units in Q3-2025.
- Work on the preparation of the Part 8 Planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development, Moyross (22 units) continued during the month.

Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 121 (47 houses in Moyross) achieved Substantial Completion in May.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 house 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 May.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) progressing on site with the contractor.
- Tender issued for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill/ Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross).

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House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- Scheme 2 and 3 – three houses achieved Substantial Completion this month, the remaining three houses in Lot 4a progressed towards completion.

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

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

Minor Refurbishments

- Works progressed on 31 St. Brendan's Street, St. Mary's Park and 246 Valley View, O'Malley Park with the respective contractors.
- Works at 120 Cliona Park, Moyross, have been completed, with the house now ready for occupation.
- Contractor progressed works at 40 Dalgaish Park, Moyross during May.
- Tender process for 2 Galtee Drive, O'Malley Park, Southill, was completed.
- Property 56 Delmege Park, Moyross, received Single Stage approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Scoping continued at various properties located in the four Regeneration areas during May.

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

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

Moyross Avenue

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme between Pineview Gardens and Corpus Christi Church.

Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Tender documents for procuring a contractor were returned on 29 May and are currently being assessed.

Southill Play Space

- Construction works continued on site at Southill Play Space in O'Malley Park.

Community Projects

- The Stage 2 Report for the Renovation and Extension of King's Island Community Centre was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Heritage Projects

- The Regeneration Directorate recently supported Tait House Community Enterprise in its successful Built Heritage Investment Scheme grant application for the restoration and stabilisation of several original plaster and lath ceilings in South Hill House. The restoration works were undertaken by George O'Malley Plastering.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- LSP co-ordinated a number of events and programmes during Bike Week, which was held from 10 to 18 May. This included an Evening City Cycle on 16 May which was aimed at all levels of ability.
- Ballyhoura Mountains hosted the 'Try Mountain Biking,' on 10 May. This programme encouraged participation by cyclists with different levels of ability to enjoy the varied surroundings in South Limerick.

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- The 'Women on Wheels' programme commenced on 05 May in Castletroy and 06 May in Rathkeale. This eight-week programme is designed to encourage increased participation in cycling in a manner that promotes fun, fitness and feeling confident on two wheels.
- For more information on programmes and activities, visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan

- Following an invitation to tender for the 'Provision of Services for the Development of a Local Sports Plan for Limerick City and County,' a consultant was appointed.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- There were 1,379 uses of the track recorded during the month of May.
- A further 30 new users signed up via the Sports Key platform, allowing them to access the facility for training.
- St. Mary's Athletics Club (A.C.) and West Limerick Athletics Club continued their weekly training sessions.
- Nearby secondary and primary schools, including Hazelwood College (Dromcollogher), Desmond College and Scoil Iosaef Primary Schools (Newcastle West), held their Physical Education Sports events.
- The County Juvenile Outdoor Championships were held on 10 and 11 May. Local Community Games took place on 14 May.
- The Irish Transplant Sports Team held a training session on 18 May and was highly complementary of the facilities on offer.

- The Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board held a Sports Day on 01 May. This saw more than 150 students from Desmond College, Newcastle West; Scoil Mhuire agus Íde, Newcastle West; Coláiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale; and Thomond College Limerick, Secondary Schools, participate in a variety of athletic disciplines, including individual running, relay, long jump and shot putt.

Rathbane Golf Course

- A total of 3,406 rounds were played during the month, with a mixture of Member Rounds (54%) and Green Fee Rounds (46%).
- Junior Membership has increased, with 30 Juniors now signed up as members. There are a further 18 in the Kids Club, which is for 5 - 11 year olds.
- The 'Play in Pink' event, held on 16 May, was greeted with fantastic sunshine. Those participating raised just over €1,750.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Martins Construction Ltd. commenced the renovations of the dry changing rooms, which is part of the ongoing improvements being made to the facility.
- There were 11,328 member visits during the month. The gym accounted for 65% of these.
- Additionally, the Pay As You Go visits accounted for another 1,725 uses of the facility. The pool continued to prove the most popular amenity for Pay As You Go customers.
- Membership numbers at Grove Island grew to their highest in 2025, with 1,573 people now registered as members.
- Eight schools continued to use the resource for their swimming lessons. These included the nearby Scoil Íde, as well as Corpus Christi Primary School in Moyross and Presentation Primary School.

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Sports Capital Projects

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

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

Swim Ireland was appointed as the operator for the facility and subsequently commenced the recruitment process for relevant staff.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,955
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	487

Closed Housing Applications

	May	Year to Date
Closed Applications	75	293

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 May	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	6
Newcastle West	2	13
Metropolitan District	23	98
Cappamore-Kilmallock	6	14
Total	31	131

Refusals

	No. of Units May	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	7	16
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
Total	7	16

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
110	43	46	21

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	588
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	628
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	7

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,849 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	20
No. of Amendments	284
No. of Cessations	34

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€10,404,307	€19,054,704	€9,301,891	€9,752,813	49 %

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Home Improvement Schemes

May 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	1	2	9	0	12
	MAG Expenditure	€5,022.00	€3,856.00	€5,750.00	€2,400.00	€17,028.00
	No. Paid	1	1	1	1	4
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	6	10	10	8	34
	HAG Expenditure	€25,233.00	€3,082.82	€43,911.86	€31,612.50	€103,840.18
	No. Paid	3	1	7	5	16
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	11	20	10	14	55
	HOP Expenditure	€46,293.00	€89,005.00	€122,236.52	€50,827.50	€308,362.02
	No. Paid	9	18	29	7	63
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€11,508.91	€0.00	€11,508.91
	No. Paid	0	0	2	0	2

Total No. Approved	101
Total Monies Paid	€440,739.11
Total No. Paid	85

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - May 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	6	3	13	3	25
	MAG Expenditure	€23,104.00	€5,618.11	€54,102.62	€10,450.00	€93,274.73
	No. Paid	5	2	12	3	22
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	21	39	47	22	129
	HAG Expenditure	€144,253.50	€94,968.99	€668,954.04	€110,137.93	€1,018,314.46
	No. Paid	15	13	70	16	114
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	53	81	58	45	237
	HOP Expenditure	€235,462.25	€236,658.95	€494,310.62	€216,530.00	€1,182,961.82
	No. Paid	58	44	138	47	287
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€138,961.23	€0.00	€138,961.23
	No. Paid	0	0	5	0	5

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

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	May	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	20	122

Repossessions

	May	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	7	47

House Visits

	May	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	191	921

Garda Checks

	May	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	143	529

Microsoft Dynamics Cases

	May	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	241	241
Cases closed during month	80	476

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

Date: 16.05.25		
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	73
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	21
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	69
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night-by-night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
Total		227

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	166	166	103
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	12	17	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		184	193	119

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	May	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	3	10
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	0	3
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. received	7	39
Loan Applications: No. approved	4	11
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	21	70
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	1	9
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	0	4
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent applications	11	32
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	18	83
Title Rectifications Received	0	5
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	1,107	1,726

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	14
Ombudsman Query Cases	4
Data Access Requests	1

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered May	1
Year to Date	9

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	May	Year to date
Number of Inspections	49	263
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	-
Number of active cases at end of month	54	67
Cases closed	3	17

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits May	31
Year to Date	99



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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns May	
Total	7

House Returns May By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0
Newcastle West	1
Metropolitan District	5
Total	7

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

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in May	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	47
Major Refurbishments	0	59
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	12	67
Major Refurbishments	5	28
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	29
Major Refurbishments	3	13
Total	20	243
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In May, works on 17 properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and works on three properties were completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are three teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of May, the Local Authority Construction Team was in the process of completing works on 106 properties, the Local Authority Maintenance Team was working on 95 properties and the Regeneration Team was working on 42 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 17 properties.

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Project Updates

- Stage 1 approval received from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for construction of seven units in Oola.
- Stage 1 approval received from Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for construction of four units at St. Patricks Road, Dublin Road, Limerick.
- Stage 4 approval received from Department of Housing, Local Government for knock-through refurbishment works at two units in Sharwood, Newcastle West.
- Stage 4 application submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for construction of 10 units in O'Connor Park, Ardagh.
- Stage 3 application submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for construction of six units at Mulcair Drive, Annacotty.
- Stage 4 applications submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for refurbishment works at property in Glasgow Park, Limerick.
- Civil and Structural Engineer appointed for services on 30 units at Mary Street, Limerick.
- Fire Safety and Disabled Access Consultant appointed for services on 30 units at Mary Street, Limerick.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Deebert, Kilmallock.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Clarina Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston, Limerick.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in St. Lawrence Park Garryowen, Limerick.



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Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during May

Housing Maintenance Cases - May	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.05.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	674	938	1,003
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	65	63	362
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	152	178	471
Municipal District of Newcastle West	113	121	439
TOTAL	1,004	1,300	2,275

Grants Inspections

Metropolitan District of Limerick - Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations - May

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	0	6
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	15	1	14	30
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	13	0	14	27
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	5	2	0	7
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	39	3	28	70



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

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	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	1	7
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	4	8
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	11	0	5	16

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

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	3	0	3	6
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	8	11
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	6	0	11	17



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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	1	4
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	6	1	9	16
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	18	0	5	23
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	0	3	5
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	29	1	18	48

HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - May- Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	7
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	2
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	1
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	10
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	5

DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered May	4
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) May	7
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	3
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	1
Remediation Option Grant Approved	1
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	14

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4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.05.2025 is as follows:

As at 31.05.2025 (01.01.2025 – 31.05.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	13	249	262	551
Buy *	2	51	53	€15m funding allocation
Lease	0	33	33	10
TOTAL	15	333	348	

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

Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in May	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	0	23
Proposals being reviewed	0	31
Sale Agreed	0	10
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	13	534
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	1	55
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	1	65
Grand Total	15	868



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Social Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Approved Housing Body CALF Turnkey submission for 15 units at Ballysimon Road/Woodlawn Park- Focus Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme	Stage 3 submission for seven units at Broadford, Co. Limerick - Broadford Voluntary Housing Association and Community Childcare Facility CLG	Municipal District of Newcastle West

Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

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

Affordable Housing Fund	Approval for 36 affordable purchase dwellings at Ballykeefe, Raheen	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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Affordable Housing - Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in May
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Pre-planning meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Planning Section. Councillor briefing held on 29 May. Planning pack was finalised throughout May. Updated surveys carried out on site.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Design Team consultants now appointed, and start-up meeting held with the National Development Finance Agency team and Lot 7 Private Public Partnership Social Housing participants. Design Team in place and design review commenced. Councillor briefing held on 29 May.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	255	Working Group meeting was held. Density and viability testing continued based on feedback received from Councillors at the previous workshops.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Justification Test Tender was advanced throughout May. Design being progressed towards Affordable Housing Fund application.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Design Team meetings held and ongoing. Planning drawing packages progressed. Ongoing liaison with Limerick City and County Council Archaeologist on design evolution. Local authority Water application has been successful for €30,000 for initial landscaping at the fosse. Councillor briefing held on 29 May.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in May
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the pre-planning design. Updated costings underway and cost rental testing underway. Councillor briefing held on 29 May.
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	23	Judicial Review in progress. Project on hold.
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on progressing this scheme during May. 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 May. 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 May. 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 May.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in May
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Bru na Gruadán, Castletroy, Limerick	25	Work continued on completing the sales process for the remaining units during May.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Raheen	145	An Affordable Housing Fund funding application was submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 08 May.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West	21	Work continued on completing the sales process for the remaining units during May.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout May for Phase 1 of Castle Place, Newcastle West.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during May.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in May
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 scheme during May.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick	6	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during May.
	SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	<p>Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing.</p> <p>Meetings held with Town Planning Consultant for specific advice regarding the SMART Housing Programme and provision of an Affordability Assessment.</p> <p>Meetings held with consultant for the provision of services for preparation of a Preliminary Business Case.</p> <p>Tender for Design Team Consultancy Services was issued.</p> <p>Appointment of supplier for provision of modular prototype experience in Arthur's Quay was completed.</p> <p>Appointment of consultants for screening for Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment in relation to proposed sites for the SMART Programme was completed.</p>

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €4,708,519.51 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €6,482,142.78 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Conferences and Workshops

- Staff attended the ZEB 2025 Summit – Pathways to Zero Emission Buildings, on 01 May at the RDS in Dublin.
- Housing Support Services staff attended a HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) conference on 20 May in Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

New Build Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme at Clonmacken

Housing Strategy progressed to offer all seven units at Clonmacken to applicants under the New Build Tenant Incremental Purchases Scheme. Over 30 applications were received, over 95% of these were deemed as eligible.



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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Heritage

- €31,907 was awarded under Community Heritage grants for Limerick projects, including the Askeaton digital trail, which is designed to provide virtual access to sites especially for those with disabilities.

Conservation

- The Conservation Clinic was held on 14 May in The People's Museum. The Clinic engaged with two Conservation Consultants who carried out 16 appointments throughout the day, consisting of 45 minutes of sessions.

Archaeology

- Archaeology Team attended seminars and events, including Community Monuments Seminar in Dublin, National Famine Commemoration in Kilmallock and Irish Historic Towns Atlas/Irish Walled Towns Network Seminar at the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin.

2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

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

Type	Amount
Part 8	1
Housing Developments	2
Domestic Developments	72
Agricultural Developments	15
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	13
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	9
Other Developments	14

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for a reduction in the width of carriageways, increase in footpath widths to prioritise pedestrians over vehicular traffic, outdoor dining, additional amenity spaces, provision of street furniture including seating areas, trees, planting, bicycle stands, bollards, litter bins, public lighting and signage, provision of interpretive signage at Cruises Street, Todd's Bow, Chapel Street, Denmark Street, Market Alley, Robert Street, Cornmarket Row, Carr Street, Ellen Street, Back Lane, High Street, Munget Street and Michael Street.
- Construction of a development comprising 74 residential units and all ancillary site development works at Rivers, Annacotty.

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Place Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street and 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Tender process for 33 and 34 Thomas Street continued.
- 58 O'Connell Street Roof Repair Works – Tender Assessment completed, Letters to Successful and Unsuccessful Tenderers issued.

Strand 3 – Active Travel Bridges and Waterfront Infrastructural Works

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

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Part 8 Application submitted on 12 May.
- The tender for an Integrated Design Team for Consultancy services for Stages ii(b) – v, was issued via eTenders under an existing National Transport Authority Framework, on 30 May.

Milk Market Food Hub

- Procurement process for the purchase of three Milk Market units continued.
- Location of proposed Food Hub investigated.

Georgian Laneways

- Site visit to identified priority laneways took place.

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 and new wall construction commenced.

Area A3 St. Ita's Street

- Importation of material for new flood embankment.

Area A6 Athlunkard Boat Club and Lee Estate

- Piling works for new flood wall continued and preparation for new flood embankment ongoing.

Area B3 Merchant's Quay

- Archaeological excavation continued.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme

- The Detailed Site Investigation was advertised on eTenders.
- Initial meetings with landowners have commenced to discuss landowner agreements.
- Discussions began with the appointed Consultant regarding Stage 3 detailed design service engagement.
- Preparation of draft Compulsory Purchase Order drawings continued.
- A Steering Group Meeting was held on 07 May to monitor the project progress.

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Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held in Adare on 06 May to monitor and assess the project progress.
- A Grade 1 Conservation Architect was appointed to provide input on the preferred option in advance of the planning submission.
- The Cost Benefit Analysis for the scheme has commenced.
- Ongoing engagement with the National Monuments Service continued.
- Underwater archaeology investigations along the River Maigue were completed.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on 27 May to assess and monitor the project's progress.
- Ecological surveying of the project site continued during May.
- A meeting was held with Cleeves representatives to discuss integration with the Cleeves development and potential flood defence options.
- Stakeholder engagement has commenced to support the development of scheme options.
- A Conservation Architect was appointed to advise on heritage-sensitive areas within the scheme.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Continued engagement with the National Monuments Service ongoing in preparation for the planning consent process.
- Limerick City and County Council issued correspondence to all landowners affected by the scheme.
- Version 2 of the Draft Options Assessment Report was received.
- The Cost Benefit Analysis for the scheme commenced.

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

Opera Square

Project Update

- Mechanical and Electrical fitout works continued to progress across all floors in One Opera Square. Second fix fitout works progressed on the Fifth Floor for the CAT A fitout. Tiling and finishes fitout continued within all floors of One Opera Square.
- One Opera Square and Basement has been energised in full by the ESB.
- One Opera Square - Facade installation continued and nearing completion and glazing installation 95% complete, this is ongoing on Floors 1 - 5 with Glazing underway across all floors.
- External streetscape works surrounding One Opera Square, including landscaping and finishes on the terraces of One Opera Square, progressed.
- Mechanical commissioning of all plant within Parcel 1 has commenced.
- PV Solar Panels have all been installed.

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Project Media Engagement

Limerick Chamber Strategic Partners visited Opera Square for an exclusive site tour of One Opera Square, details of which were shared across social media platforms.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Projects Update

Heritage Works to Flaxmill Building

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

Phase 1 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- Stage 2A2 interim designs completed.
- Viability check completed.
- Site Investigations completed.

TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter City Campus

- Budget completed.

Financial Modelling

- Financial Model updated to track commercial viability for residential zones.

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund

- LTT Executive presented a further update on Cleeves to Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Team.

Project Media Engagement

Work commenced on the public engagement for the first phase 'Residential and Public Realm' at Cleeves Riverside Quarter. Details of sessions to be held with neighbouring residents and the public were shared across social media platforms in advance of the public engagement events.

Gardens International

Project Media Engagement

- LTT hosted the annual University of Limerick Citizens' Assembly at Gardens International on 01 May. Over 100 Limerick citizens joined with the University of Limerick to take part. Three research projects were identified, aimed at developing a more sustainable future for the city and region. An image of the event was shared to LTT social media channels.
- LTT hosted the opening event to Riverfest 2025. The annual fashion event, held for the second year running in Gardens International, was a huge success. Ticket details were shared to LTT social media along with the video of last year's event.
- LTT hosted Limerick School of Music: A Black-Tie Fundraising Concert featuring performances of classical favourites with a summer theme by the teachers of Limerick School of Music was held in the foyer on 09 May. The concert saw a strong turnout of faculty and was held for the second year at Gardens International. Details were shared to LTT social media channels in advance of and after the event.

Progress Update

Subsidiary Activity - EMNR Advisory Ltd.

Modular Accommodation Project

- In line with the EMNR (Emergency Modular National Residential) Service Level Agreement with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), EMNR continued project managing the delivery of modular accommodation on State-owned sites aimed at expeditiously addressing the modular housing needs within the DCEDIY for International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS).



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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 52,048 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of May.
- A weekly average of 127 HAP tenancies have been set up during 2025.
- The May landlord payment run was €52.216 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of May was €3.058 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €65.711 million in differential rent to end of May.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of May was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 9,958 HAP debt reminder letters in May.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/05/25 – 31/05/25	103	69	172
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	57%	60%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	28%	34%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	15%	6%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications May	19	13	0	20	
Disability Access Certificate Applications May	16	13	0	9	
Licensing Applications May	3	4			
Commencement Notice May	63	52	5		52
Completion Certificate May	20	16	0		16
Planning Referrals May	23				20

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- Limerick Fire Service delivered a two-week Hazardous Materials course in Limerick Racecourse. Five fire firefighters from Limerick were joined by firefighters from around the country in a very successfully run course.
- An officer from Limerick completed a one-week Fire Service Management course, within the Hydra immersive learning Suite in Clonmel Fire Station, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.
- An officer from Limerick City Fire Station attended a National Road Traffic Collision Instructor course in Nenagh Fire Station, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
- On-Station training progressing well in all stations.
- Medical Cover at the Regeneron Great Limerick Run, Limerick City.
- Boat and medical cover at the Riverfest Fireworks, Limerick City.
- Reception for the 75th anniversary of the Civil Defence in Ireland in Áras an Uachtaráin, Dublin.
- Medical Cover at Darkness Into Light, Limerick City.
- Medical Cover at the Limerick Primary Schools Athletics Finals at University of Limerick, Limerick.
- Limerick volunteer participation in the 2025 International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes, France.
- Medical Cover at the National Famine Commemoration 2025 (State Commemoration), attended by President Michael D. Higgins, at the Kilmallock Famine Memorial Park, Co. Limerick.
- Medical Cover at the Limerick Wellbeing Series 2025 at Abbeyfeale Greenway Hub, Co. Limerick.
- Medical Cover at the Fleadh Cheoil Luimnígh 2025, Croom, Co. Limerick.

Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place:

- Medical Cover at the Riverfest International BBQ Competition, Limerick City.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January-April	May	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	7	1	8
Municipal Districts	2	2	4

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January-April	May	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	27	3	30
Municipal Districts	14	7	21

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Unit organised Limerick's first Climate Action Week at the beginning of May. Among the many events held over the week were:

- Pop-Up Exhibition Launch event held in the Citizen Innovation Lab, Sarsfield Street.
- A public talk by Anne Dolan from Mary Immaculate College addressing Climate Change within the Irish Education Sector: policies, perspectives and possibilities.
- Batch cooking event – Cooking healthy food on a budget, held in Tait House.
- Food Waste Initiative, Biodegester Show and Tell, and a Climate Café hosted by the Climate Action Project Network, held in the Learning Hub, Kileely.
- Energy Café held in Limerick City Library, Barrow House, Michael Street.
- Free Repair Workshop held in the Citizen Innovation Lab.

One of the highlight events held was the 'Toy Library Swap and Play,' which was a free event to promote toy reuse, reduce waste, and encourage circular economy principles in communities. A total of 103 family members attended, 790kg of CO₂ was prevented, 131.7kg of plastic saved and 212 toys recirculated.

The Energy Management Team held its second quarterly meeting to review the organisation's energy performance in 2025.

In the month of May the Climate Action Unit:

- Held a Climate Action Implementation Team meeting. The Implementation Teams help to build a body of evidence of climate action work across the Council, explore potential gaps, and identify ways the Climate Action Team can support colleagues over time.

- Presented an update on the implementation of the Local Authority Climate Action Plan to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.
- Presented at the "Powering Smarter Business: The SME (Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises) Sustainability Advantage" event organised by Limerick Chamber on 07 May.
- Attended the sixth National Climate Stakeholders' Forum on 09 May.
- Participated in the Councillor Induction Session for the Environment and Climate Action Department.
- Presented to the Staff Induction Day.
- Participated in the Junior Achievers' Programme.

The following events were held in the Citizen Innovation Lab:

- 13 May - A Public Information Session on the upcoming South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme. This scheme will complete the vital link between previous Active Travel Schemes on the Father Russell Road and Quinn's Cross, to provide direct safe access from Raheen and Dooradoyle to the City Centre.
- 15 May - A Workshop by Friends of Lace on 'Repair, Repurpose and Recycling Skills.'

Veterinary Services

No. of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	14
No. of dog fines issued	0
No. of call-outs to seize stray horses	3
No. of horses seized	3

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Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	52
Inspections undertaken (Microsoft Dynamics)	87*
*29 DWWTS (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems) (Septic Tank Inspections May)	
Warnings issued	0
** 0 DWWTS Warnings from Non-Compliance to advisory	
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	12
Statutory Notices issued	24***
***DWWTS - 22 Advisory Notices issued	
***DWWTS - 2 Notices of Compliance Issued	
Prosecutions initiated	1
Fines issued	2
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	1
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received (Microsoft Dynamics)	97
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	402
Warnings issued	161
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	4
Statutory Notices issued	8
Prosecutions initiated	8
Fines issued	17

Clean-Up

A clean-up was undertaken at Bedford Row, Limerick City, following a series of dumping complaints received.

CCTV

A public consultation on the use of CCTV for litter and waste enforcement at a further 11 schemes was launched in May. This initiative will adhere to the Codes of Practice for the Operation of CCTV for the Purposes of Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Litter and Waste Offences. This action is being taken in accordance with Aim 3.2 of the Limerick City and County Council Litter Management Plan 2023-2026.

The sites involved are:

Park Road Bring Bank, V94F1P3
Fedamore Bring Bank, V35KT54
Coolbawn Meadows Bring Bank, Castleconnell, V94YD58
Long Pavement Halting Site, Entrance Gate
Castlemungret Cemetery, Limerick
Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, Limerick
Mount St. Oliver Cemetery, Limerick
St. Mary's Park Community Cameras
Southill Community Cameras
Moyross Community Cameras
Ballinacurra Weston Community Cameras

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Parks

Projects Progressed in May

Location	Description of Works
Castletroy and Munget Playgrounds	Playground repairs completed.
Askeaton Playground	Grant funding has been awarded through the capital grant scheme for play and recreation for installation of an inclusive carousel roundabout, inclusive trampoline and sensory play panels. Quotations have also been sought for provision and installation of same.
Hospital MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)	Contractor appointed to complete redevelopment

- Communication boards have been installed at 10 playgrounds throughout Limerick city and county. The purpose of these communication boards is to enhance communication and inclusion for all children in playground settings.
- A landscape masterplan has been prepared for Garryowen and a landscape plan has been prepared for the St. Patrick's Well grotto area. In addition, a site review has been undertaken with Garryowen Community Group.
- A landscape review has been undertaken of the Ballynatty greens at Monabraher Road and Ballygrennan Road.

URBACT Greenplace

Limerick received an invitation from the Mayor of Vila Nova de Poares to attend the URBACT Greenplace Core Network Meeting in Portugal on 13 and 14 May. Limerick is one of the nine project partners in Greenplace. This meeting brought together Elected Representatives from the project partners to exchange views on the importance and feasibility of green revitalisation actions as a key factor in mitigating climate change in urban areas. The visit consisted of a number of site visits and panel discussions.

The Limerick Greenplace Integrated Action Plan, the output document of the URBACT project, was peer reviewed in May. Its remit is to:

- Inform the planning and management of target areas.
- Guide to deliver priority actions to regenerate the project area.
- Inform how a city considers these forgotten spaces for education, place making, tourism, sustainability and wellbeing.
- Inform how these spaces can be more relevant to citizens.

Cemeteries

Projects Progressed

Location	Description of Works
Kyletaun Graveyard, Rathkeale	Repair of Celtic Cross and boundary wall completed.
Templeglantine West Cemetery	Tree works and clearing of area completed.

Quotations were sought for the installation of Columbarium walls in Adare and Castlemungret cemeteries.

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Number of Burials in City Cemeteries

Mount St. Lawrence	16
Mount St. Oliver	13
Castlemungret	11
Kilmurry	3

Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
Farm Re-Inspections	15	Follow-up Inspections to verify programmed works completed.
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections Notification Letter	22	Notification of commencement of Farm Inspections to Farmers in Bunoche_010 Catchment.
Warning Letters	8	Non-compliance on farm identified during re-inspection.
Advisory Letters	4	Farm re-inspection advisory letter.
MS Dynamics	9	Complaints received through MS Dynamics.
Farm File Reviews	27	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close.
Invasive Species Toolbox Talks	2	Identification and Health and Safety requirements when dealing with Invasive Species.
Invasive species website	4	Giant Hogweed locations indicated.
Planning Files	18	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to Planning.
Forestry Files	6	Assessment of forestry applications referred from forestry service.
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	1	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations.
Internal Meetings	2	Environment Strategy Farm Team.

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Inspection Type	No. of Inspections	Inspection Details
External Meeting	4	Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) Meetings - Local Authority Meeting. South West Local Authority Liaison Meeting. Regional Operational Committee Meeting. Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Wyeth, Askeaton.
Training	2	National Agricultural Inspection Programme and Catchment Science and Management Training.

An acoustic report has been completed on the assessment of the Castletroy Greenway Candidate Quiet Area based on a soundscape approach (based on sound measurements and citizens perceived affective responses to sounds on the Greenway).

The Council has been featured in a newly published book this month on noise, *Clamor: How Noise Took Over the World – and How We Can Take It Back*, by Chris Berdik (published by W. W. Norton & Co.).

Environmental Awareness

After a very busy Spring visiting schools, the Environmental Awareness Officer attended the Green Schools Award ceremony in Killarney, Co. Kerry, at which 38 Limerick schools received their Green flags to acknowledge work undertaken within the international Green Flag Programme.

There is great pride in the ongoing work in Limerick schools, which is evident in the fact that there are now three more new Green Flag schools in Limerick. These are: Bruree National School, St. John the Baptist in Pennywell and Glengurt National School in Tounafulla. We also have another Climate Ambassador school (Meenkilly National School, Abbeyfeale), a nominee for a National Award and an awardee of a Regional Award (Limerick School Project, O'Connell Avenue), and a further awardee of both a National and Regional Award (Mungret Community College – Secondary School).



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Primary Schools

GC = Global Citizenship i.e. the Sustainable Development Goals

Bruree National School	Bruree	Litter and Waste - First Green Flag
St. John The Baptist Boys' National School	Pennywell	Litter and Waste - First Green Flag
Glengurt National School	Tournafulla	Litter and Waste - First Green Flag
Meenkilly National School	Abbeyfeale	Global Schools Program Primary Climate Ambassador (All 10 flags completed)
Carnane National School	Carnane, Fedamore	Biodiversity
Scoil Naomh Íde	Ashford, Ballagh	Biodiversity
Kilteely National School	Kilteely	Biodiversity
Knockainey National School	Knockainey	GC Energy
Le Cheile National School	Roxboro Road	GC Energy
Scoil Dean Cussen	Bruff	GC Energy
St. Brigid's National School	Singland	GC Food & Biodiversity
Scoil Mhathair Na Trocaire	Doon	GC Food & Biodiversity
Banogue National School	Banogue	GC Litter and Waste
Gaelscoil Sáirséal	Bóthar Shíol Bhróin	GC Litter and Waste
Ballysteen National School	Ballysteen	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil Ide Naofa Raithineach	Raheenagh, Ballagh	GC Litter and Waste
Shanagolden National School	Shanagolden	GC Litter and Waste
Scoil Náisiúnta Ailbhe	Killinure, Boher	GC Litter and Waste
Mahoonagh National School	Castlemahon	GC Litter and Waste
Monaleen National School	Castletroy	GC Litter and Waste
Herbertstown National School	Herbertstown	GC Litter and Waste
Limerick School Project National School	O'Connell Avenue, Limerick	GC Marine - Nominated for National Award and Regional Primary School Winner Southern Region

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Our Lady's Abbey National School	17 Orchard Avenue, Adare	GC Marine
Scoil Naomh Iosef	Dromcollogher	GC Marine
Church Street National School	Church Street, Rathkeale	GC Travel
Catherine McAuley School	Ashbourne Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick	GC Travel
Caherconlish National School	Caherconlish	GC Travel
Kilbehenny National School	Kilbehenny	GC Travel
Scoil Chaitríona	Cappamore	GC Travel
Tineteriffe National School	Cappamore	Travel
Kilfinane National School	Castle Street, Kilfinane	Travel
Kilmeedy National School	Kilmeedy	Travel
Knockadea National School	Knockadea, Ballylanders	Water
Donoughmore National School	Donoughmore	Water

Secondary Schools

Thomond Community College	Moylish Park, Limerick	GC Energy	Secondary
Coláiste Chiaráin	High Street, Croom	GC Travel	Secondary
Mungret Community College	10 Mungret Woods, Mungret	Water - Overall National winner of the Secondary School Water Flag programme and Southern Regional Winner of the Water School of the year programme.	Secondary
Coláiste na Trocaire	Main Street, Rathkeale	Water	Secondary

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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Business Improvement

- A total of 913 active users now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681
- Business Improvement collaborated with Finance to create the “Local Property Tax Consultation 2026” on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement assisted Place-Making to launch a MyPoint consultation for “Part 8 - Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Upgrades.”
- Business Improvement worked with Regeneration to roll out the “Local Sports Plan Children and Young People Survey” on MyPoint.
- Business Improvement engaged with Environment and Climate Action to launch a MyPoint survey about “CCTV Schemes to Enforce the Waste Management and Litter Pollution Acts.”

2. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Limerick Women's Caucus

- A Meeting of Limerick Women's Caucus took place in The Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, on 01 May. The meeting commenced with a very detailed welcome from Mary Fitzgerald, Woodlands House Hotel, outlining her journey and how the hotel has expanded over the years. It was unanimously agreed to elect Councillor Bridie Collins as the new Cathaoirleach and Councillor Noreen Stokes as the Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Limerick Women's Caucus. Members acknowledged the work done by outgoing Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sarah Kiely. The meeting was well attended.

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 May:

New Procurement References set up	36
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement	15

Requisitions Oversight Unit

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

- Approved requisitions accounted for 84% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 16% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
May	1,397	265	1,662

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

Rejection Reason	May
Memo Requisition not raised in advance - Omitted/Insufficient detail	68
Request for Quotes - Omitted	43
Procurement Reference Omitted/ Incorrect	31
Documentation attached Omitted/ Incorrect	29
CAPA (Corrective Action, Preventative Action form) - omitted/not signed/insufficiently completed	29

Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	56
Deletions from Electoral Register	39
Modifications to the Electoral Register	694
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	789

The Register team has completed Version 2 of Phase 1 of the Local Government Electoral Reform Project.

The Register team participated in two meetings with Dublin City Council which is the lead authority for the Local Government Electoral Reform project.

A new copy of the Register of Electors has been printed and, to date, copies have been distributed to:

- Dooradoyle - Customer Service Office
- Merchant's Quay - Customer Service Office
- Limerick County Library - Dooradoyle
- Limerick City Library - Barrow House
- Kilmallock District Office
- Rathkeale District Office
- Newcastle West District Office

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Dealing with Aggressive Customers	26
Biological Agents Training	6
Health and Safety Representative Training	1
Chemical Safety Awareness	7
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Mini Digger	4
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Health and Safety at Roadworks	10
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Telescopic Handler	3
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	10
Roller Driver Training	6
Fire Warden	6
First Aid	5
Manual Handling	63
Safe Pass	3
Total Staff Trained	150

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Schedule of Meetings for May

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to pass a Vote of Sympathy on the passing of former Mayor of Limerick, Kathleen Leddin, RIP	09/05/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	26/05/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	06/05/2025 06/05/2025 07/05/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	06/05/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting Special Meeting to discuss social housing in Pallaskenry	13/05/2025 27/05/2025	Croom Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	15/05/2025	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	19/05/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment	14/05/2025 20/05/2025	Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	06/05/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	06/05/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	14/05/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	19/05/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	21/05/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Party Leaders' Meeting	22/05/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Protocol Committee Meeting	22/05/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Meeting	28/05/2025	Engine - Cecil Street

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Access to Information

	May	2025 (January to May)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	26	108
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	0	5
Information Commissioner Appeals	0	2
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	20
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	2	13
AIE Internal Appeals	0	1

Customer Services

The Customer Services Team continued to support customers and Public Representatives at first point of contact by answering queries via telephone, email, My Limerick and social media. Case creation, payments processing and generally facilitating applications for all Council services also continued throughout the month.

The following figures highlight the activity within the Contact Centre in May:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,540 calls. This represents an average of 454 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 561 on one particular day. 81% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,636 emails were processed through the Customer Services email platform.
- 2,369 cases were created, with 700 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 67% of the cases created.

- 3,160 cases were created, with 783 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 95 cases being logged. Of these, 85 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- Customer Services continued to support the Housing Maintenance Department in creating service requests. 99% 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 114 out-of-hours cases were created.
- Customer Services processed applications for Residential Parking Permits, 86 were applied for and 51 issued.
- Throughout May, Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,726 customers at both the Merchant's Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

3. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Great Days Out Initiative

- Preparation ongoing for a five-week domestic tourism initiative to encourage locals and individuals within a two-hour radius of Limerick to get out and experience all the city and county has to offer. Targeting families, couples and friend groups, we will push itineraries showcasing memorable and affordable days out via audience appropriate digital and social channels.
- The Initiative is set to launch next month.

Limerick Student City

- Ongoing engagement with our Tertiary Education colleagues in the preparation of our Limerick Student City '25/'26 activations and campaigns.

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Other Marketing Activity

- Collaborated with champion boxer, Lee Reeves, on 'Wing Week' across our Limerick.ie social media channels to promote Limerick's food offering.
- Collaborated with our Night-time Economy colleagues in the promotion of Limerick's first 'Twilight Thursday.'
- RTE's Tracks and Trails programme, featuring Limerick Greenway and Limerick's favourite walk, 'The Three Bridges,' aired in May following collaboration with our Tourism Department colleagues in the selection of guest guides, preparation of itineraries etc.
- Limerick on Foot: ongoing preparation for Limerick on Foot activations and collateral preparation.
- Sockies 2025 Award Win: Limerick's official Instagram page was a finalist at the National Social Media Awards or Sockies 2025, while the social media marketing of Riverfest 2024 secured a bronze award.

Social Media

Management of 14 social media channels including Limerick.ie to engage with citizens and promote Limerick to locals, visitors, students, and the business community.

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

- Limerick.ie Facebook:** 36,453
- Limerick.ie X:** 21,060
- Limerick.ie Instagram:** 38,091
- Limerick.ie TikTok:** 3,662
- Limerick City and County Council X:** 18,904
- Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 3,923
- Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 15,670

Limerick.ie

In May, there were 227,009* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 6% decrease on the same period in 2024. (*Fathom Analytics)

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

- www.limerick.ie/riverfest
- www.limerick.ie
- www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning
- [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfestival-village \(event over\)](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfestival-village (event over))
- [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfest-spectacular-fireworks-display \(event over\)](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/free/riverfest-spectacular-fireworks-display (event over))

Content Report: 99 articles, 234 events, 17 Council Services and 11 new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in May.

Communications

- Issued 28 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 24 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted 398 times across the three Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 38,497. Our posts earned 535,083 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Handled all media queries which came into communications@limerick.ie and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

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Social media posts were created and shared for the following:

- Climate Action Week
- Active Travel: TUS to City Centre and South Circular Road Scheme
- Riverfest
- Town and Village Renewal Scheme
- Going for Gold 2025 Expression of Interest
- Limerick Museum Exhibitions Announced
- Series of posts for events in the build-up to National Famine Commemoration
- National Famine Commemoration Killmallock (live posting all day) on 17 May
- Northside Skills Fair
- National Biodiversity Week 2025
- Limerick Dog Shelter Re-Homing: Venom and Callie
- Traffic Notices for Munster Hurling Championship
- Did You Know posts
- N24 Cahir to Limerick Junction and Oola Transport Project
- Cruinníú Na nÓg
- National Water Safety Awareness Week
- Twilight Thursday
- Asia Matters Business Summit
- Ryder Cup dates announcement
- Salaam Project
- National Food Waste Recycling Week
- Road Safety Video in collaboration with Cork City Council, Cork County Council and Kerry County Council

4. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

The May Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 19 May.

Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing on the General Municipal Allocation Local Roads Project;
- Briefing from the Land Development Agency on the Carey's Road Development;
- Briefing from Limerick's Alcoholics Anonymous;
- Briefing on Toppins Field, Sonny's Lands and Curragower Lands.

Operational Area Briefings

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

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of Project:** Hilltop Restoration Improvement
 • Location: St. Patrick's Road, Singland.
 • Cost of project: €201,500.
 • Contractor: Lynkeo.
- **Description of Project:** Parnell Street Cycle Lane Safety Improvement Scheme
 • Location: Priors Land.
 • Cost of project: €30,000.
 • Contractor: Ecoflex Surfacing Limited.

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- **Description of Project: Oakview Drive Permeability Active Travel Scheme**
Location: Ballinacurra.
Cost of project: €25,000.
Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited.
- **Description of Project: Ballinacurra Gardens Footpath Scheme**
Location: Ballinacurra.
Cost of project: €11,000.
Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited.
- **Description of Project: Garryowen Footpaths Improvement Scheme**
Location: Garryowen.
Cost of project: €100,000.
Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Limited.
- **Description of Project: King's Island Bollards and Footpath Pavement Maintenance**
Location: Limerick City Centre.
Cost of project: €10,000.
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team.

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The May meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 13 May in St. Mary's National School, Croom, Co. Limerick.

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

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

Road Reconstruction

Road Reconstruction Works completed in:

- Ballynort, Askeaton.
- Blossomhill, Kilcornan.
- Kilbreedy, Kildimo.
- Basket Road, Shanagolden.
- Knocknabooly, Foynes.

Drainage Works

- Drainage works carried out at Enniscouch, Rathkeale and Kilmore, Granagh.

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meeting/Workshop

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 15 May in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, and Online.

A Workshop in relation to Policing in the Municipal District was also held on 15 May, before the Monthly Meeting.

National Famine Commemoration Ceremony

The National Famine Commemoration ceremony took place in glorious sunshine in Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, on 17 May. The event took place in the Kilmallock Famine Memorial Park which is located within the historic Kilmallock Union Workhouse complex.

The ceremony was attended by President Michael D. Higgins; the Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, T.D.; the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran; Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council; along with other invited guests.

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It was the first time the State Commemoration has taken place in County Limerick and was broadcast on the RTÉ News Now channel and provided an opportunity for the people of Co. Limerick and the surrounding counties to honour the memory of those who perished or emigrated as a result of An Gorta Mór.

Housing Grant Improvement Schemes:

Total Housing Grants Paid during May - €84,840 (13)

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 86 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 59 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

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

Description of Project: R663 Galbally to Garryspillane Surface Dressing Scheme
Location: R663
Cost of project: €38,618
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: R512 Glenosheen to Kildollery Surface Dressing Scheme
Location: R512
Cost of project: €42,250
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: L1518 Killengarriff Ballylanders Surface Dressing Scheme
Location: L1518
Cost of project: €28,600
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: L8511 Ballinstona Kilmallock Surface Dressing Scheme
Location: L8511
Cost of project: €24,750
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: L8609 Forty Acres Bruree Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L8609
Cost of project: €28,600	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council
Description of Project: L1140 Herbertstown to Patrickswell Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L1140
Cost of project: €30,250	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council
Description of Project: L1516 Ballintubber Kilfinane Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L1516
Cost of project: €44,550	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council
Description of Project: L1575 Well Road Kilfinane Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L1575
Cost of project: €13,200	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council
Description of Project: L5171 Cromhill Kilteely Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L5171
Cost of project: €19,800	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council
Description of Project: L8512 Shrubbery Road Kilmallock Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L8512
Cost of project: €28,600	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council
Description of Project: L8576 Glenfield Road Kilmallock Surface Dressing Scheme	Location: L8576
Cost of project: €22,000	Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

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Description of Project: L8609 Dromin South Dromin Surface Dressing Scheme

Location: L8609

Cost of project: €24,750

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: L8649 Gibbonstown Kilmallock Surface Dressing Scheme

Location: L8649

Cost of project: €16,500

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: R505 Dromcluher to Eyon Cross Surface Dressing Programme

Location: R505

Cost of project: €17,091.38

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: Inch St. Lawerence to Bohermore National School Surface Dressing Programme

Location: L5106

Cost of project: €33,000.00

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: Dromkeen house to Uncle Toms Surface Dressing Programme

Location: L5070

Cost of project: €22,440

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: Tobin's Quarry to Rath Surface Dressing Programme

Location: L5098

Cost of project: €17,091.38

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of Project: New Footpath Old Pallas General Municipal Allocation

Location: L1152

Cost of project: €11,157

Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meeting

- 06 May - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- 29 May - Briefing for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

Housing Grants

- 32 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €221,292.28.
- Payments of €89,005.00 were made to 18 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €3,082.82 were made to one applicant who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.
- Payment of €3,856 was made to one applicant who completed works under the Mobility Aids Housing Grant.

Housing Maintenance

- 115 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 82 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

- During the month, the Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,399 routine transactions generating an income of €226,574.