

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON MONDAY, 16TH JUNE, 2025 at 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Pond

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey-O'Mara, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donovan, O'Sullivan, Reale, Secas, Slattery and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District (Ms. S. Reidy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Director, Planning and Place-Making (Mr. V. Murray), Head of Property Management (Ms. J. Leahy), Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms. T. Knox), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. M. Richardson), Administrative Officer, Environment and Climate Action (Ms. S. Hourigan), Senior Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. S. McGlynn), Senior Executive Officer, Tourism (Ms. E. Coleman), Administrative Officer, Tourism (Mr. E. Crimmins), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), A/Senior Executive Officer, Regeneration, Sports and Recreation (Ms. F. McCormack), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy), Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. C. Ducie), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

Apologies for his inability to attend were received from Councillor K. O'Hanlon, Cathaoirleach.

As the Leas-Chathaoirleach, Councillor F. Kilcoyne was not present at the start of the meeting, the chair was taken by Councillor J. Pond.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Cathaoirleach and Members extended their condolences to the family of Daniel Nedelcu, Chairman of the Migrants Committee, who had passed away recently, and acknowledged his contribution to the Romanian and migrant communities in Limerick and Ireland.

Members extended their congratulations to the following:

- The Limerick Footballers on their victory against Wexford over the weekend and wished the Limerick Hurlers the best of luck in the All Ireland quarter finals.
- The Limerick Desmond Team on winning the Kennedy Cup.
- Fairview Rangers on winning the FAI Junior Cup.
- Limerick District School League Girls U14s on winning the Gaynor Cup Final.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 19th May, 2025.

Proposed by Councillor O'Donovan;
Seconded by Councillor McSweeney;
And Resolved:

“That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed”.

2. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

3. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 16th May, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 174 Cliona Park, Moyross, Limerick in exchange for 65 Pineview Gardens, Moyross, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 16th May, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 120 Cliona Park, Moyross, Limerick in exchange for 78 Cliona Park, Moyross, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (c) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 5th June, 2025, setting out proposals for disposal of land (Parcel 5) at Opera Development to the Office of Public Works and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Some Members raised concerns in relation to the membership of the Board of Limerick Twenty Three DAC, with no Elected Members appointed to the Board since 2024.

QUESTIONS

4. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the housing development by Peter McVerry Trust on Mallow Street and when completion is expected.

REPLY: The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) Construction project by the Peter McVerry Trust (PMVT) at 2/3 Mallow Street, Limerick was issued with a Certificate of Substantial Completion and handed over to PMVT.

Under the terms of the CAS funding granted, Limerick City and County Council hold 100% nomination rights to all the 12 no. 1-bedroom apartments in the development. Limerick City and County Council's Allocations Team have provided nominations for all units to PMVT and PMVT will begin their own assessments on the week beginning June 23rd, 2025. Once

this has been completed a 'move-in' date can be established. PMVT expect units to be occupied by the end of July 2025 at the latest.

5. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to clarify what progress is being made with the removal of outdated street and traffic directional signage including the former digital signs and to clean all relevant signage.

REPLY: A city centre signage decluttering project was completed by Limerick City and County Council in December 2023, where 50 no. signs were removed, and a further 70no. signs were identified for removal/repurposing under the 30 Kph project. Limerick City and County Council continues to monitor all existing signage and the function of each sign.

Executive Engineer

Development Management & Place Making.

A technical survey of the digital signs has been completed - 30 of our e-parking signs can be repaired but will only display "OPEN/CLOSED" status since the multi-story car parks no longer count spaces. All signs need 5G routers to operate and costs are being evaluated, but no commitments have been made pending decisions on scope and funding.

The Traffic Operations crew clean signage on a regular basis.

Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Transportation & Mobility Directorate.

6. Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what plans are in place similar to the flowers on our bridges to replant the flower beds on O'Connell Street and power wash the street furniture and paving.

REPLY: Flower Baskets were replanted on our bridges in advance of the June Bank Holiday weekend, other flower baskets and flower tiers throughout the city are being planted this week. A new City Gardener has been appointed recently and she will concentrate on the City Centre including Arthurs's Quay Park, O'Connell Street and William Street etc. The flower beds on O'Connell Street, Pery Square and the O'Connell Monument will be completed in the near future.

Senior Engineer

Environment and Climate Action.

The Cleansing Section cleans paving on O'Connell Street on a daily basis. Occasionally deep cleans are carried out by contractor depending on the need to do so and the availability of funding. Due to the large number of major events in the City recently, namely Riverfest, The Great Limerick Run and three Munster Hurling Championship matches five deep cleans have been carried out on the pavement and street furniture on O'Connell Street. The cost of a deep clean of the pavement and street furniture is approximately €8,000.

Senior Executive Engineer

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Transportation & Mobility.

7. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the total cost for cleaning up the bonfire debris left after the May bonfires.

REPLY: The cost of cleaning up bonfire debris after the May Eve bonfires is not yet finalised , but it is expected to be approximately €33,000. This does not include any repair works to green areas.

8. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what engagement the Regeneration Department have had with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) regarding the continuation of the Regeneration Programme in Limerick and if the government provided justification on their decision to wind-down Limerick's Regeneration Programme.

REPLY: The Limerick Regeneration Framework Implementation Plan (LRFIP) was launched in 2013 which was a ten year programme to deliver on the social, economic and physical objectives. Post 2023, the Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate have continued to deliver on the objectives outlined within the Plan with the continued support of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH).

In this regard, we can advise that Stage 1 approval is awaited for a number of projects with further capital appraisals being prepared for submission in the coming weeks/months.

The Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate continue to regularly meet and engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage officials on developing and progressing new projects.

9. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the list of the contacts that took place between the Active Travel team and the Redemptorist Community in the last 12 months and the results of the discussions on same.

REPLY: 1. **Meeting on 08/11/2023:**

- Active Travel Project Manager had a productive discussion regarding the car park at the front of the church, which is frequently used for school drop-offs.
- Active Travel Project Manager also explored the two-way traffic section between Quin Street and Laurel Hill Avenue, which emerged from recent amendments to the active travel scheme.

2. **Phone Call on 05/06/2024:**

- During a conversation, Active Travel talked about the details of the active travel scheme and how it might affect the facilities of the Redemptorist Community, ensuring their concerns were heard.

3. **Meeting on 19/06/2024:**

- Active Travel Project Manager focused on understanding the access needs of the Redemptorist Community, particularly concerning the section between Summerville Avenue and Laurel Hill Avenue.
4. **Public Information Session on 13th May 2025:**
- Members of the Redemptorist Community attended this session, and their participation provided valuable insights that will help shape our ongoing discussions about the active travel initiatives.

10. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Community Liaison Committee as is stipulated in the planning conditions in respect to Irish Cement and for the amount of the community fund that is due to be distributed.

REPLY: The Community Development section of the Rural, Community, Culture & Tourism Directorate has accepted responsibility for the formation of the Community Liaison Committee as is stipulated in the planning conditions in respect of Irish Cement. Having regard to legislation in this area, we have sought advice on the establishment of the committee, we will provide a further update to the members on the establishment of the committee on receipt of that advice.

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a detailed response of who will be given access to fobs for the retractable bollards that will be placed at the junction of Summerville Ave/South Circular Road as part of the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme.

REPLY: The Active Travel Project Design Team, in collaboration with the National Transport Authority (NTA), is currently conducting a review of access related to the fobs for the retractable bollards associated with the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme.

This process is crucial to balance the needs of local residents, while maintaining the effectiveness of the Active Travel Scheme.

The Project Design Team anticipate that the review will be completed within the next two weeks.

12. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the findings of the Sustainability Audit of Riverfest 2025 that was committed to as a result of the passing of a Motion on same at the March 2025 Meeting of Plenary Council to be shared. If the findings have not yet been compiled, can the Council please share an estimated date as to when these findings will be shared.

REPLY: The Sustainability Officer appointed by LCCC to provide a sustainability audit for Riverfest 2025 is finalising the report and the results of the audit are expected in the coming weeks. The results of the report will be shared at a future meeting of the Metro Council. LCCC can

advise that the Re-turn Riverfest pilot initiative collected 4,830 containers from members of the public raising €738.90 for charity.

13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the development of a programme for delivery announced by Limerick Arts Office after a Motion was passed at October 2024's Metropolitan Council meeting in regards to the facilitation of temporary pop-up galleries to showcase the work of local artists in Council-owned and vacant spaces in the city centre in the run up to the Christmas season. Have any Council-owned and/or vacant spaces been identified for this scheme to date? Have any artists or exhibitions been contacted or selected to take part in this scheme to date.

REPLY: Expressions of interest from artists who would like to exhibit in temporary pop up galleries in city centre vacant properties owned by Limerick City and County Council, in the lead up to Christmas, will be requested by Open Call by the Arts Office in September. The availability of Limerick City and County Council owned properties which may be vacant and in a suitable condition for occupation in December is being reviewed.

14. Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the comprehensive safety review of the Parkway Roundabout.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council will conduct a comprehensive detailed Junction review to include assessment of all travel modes including pedestrian facilities of several key junctions and roundabouts across the Limerick City area. As part of this initiative, the Parkway Roundabout will be included in the assessment.

Given the limited funding available for such projects, this review will be strategically aligned with the implementation of bus priority measures under the Bus Connects programme. This integrated approach aims to enhance both road safety and public transport efficiency across the city.

15. Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Christmas in Limerick 2025 working group and what tentative plans/proposals they have identified to enhance the customer experience.

REPLY: The Christmas in Limerick 2025 working group have met to consider options within the budget allocated for Christmas in Limerick 2025. The Festivals and Events Office would hope to finalise the programme with the agreement of the working group in the coming weeks subject to the availability of members and in good time to promote Christmas in Limerick 2025. As soon as the programme is finalised, the Festivals and Events Office will advise the Metro Members.

16. Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of prosecutions/convictions or fines issued for illegal dumping, since the introduction of a new code of practice, and in accordance with Limerick City and County Councils Litter Management Plan 2023-2026.

REPLY: Since the roll out of CCTV for Waste and Litter Enforcement in December 2024, 145 fines have been issued by the Litter Enforcement Team (Dec 24- May 25). This represents a 39% increase on the same period in the previous year. During the same period, 26 prosecutions for litter and waste offences have been initiated and are working through the courts (13 on foot of CCTV footage).

NOTICES OF MOTION

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District request a meeting with An Garda Síochána to address the ongoing harassment of people and drug dealing on the streets with a view to increasing street patrols and to consider alternative security measures that will address the problems of begging.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Reale and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Leddin raised concerns in relation to issues of homelessness and begging in the city centre and the need for a more visible Garda presence on the streets.

Members welcomed the Motion and highlighted the need for a regular forum between An Garda Síochána and the Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick. Reference was made to the Joint Policing Committee for the Metropolitan District, which had previously been set up to address issues related to the city and wider district but was discontinued on the basis that a new Community Safety Partnership would be formed to replace it. Members requested an update on the Community Safety Partnership, and it was agreed to revert to Members with an update in due course.

Councillor Kilcoyne, Leas-Chathaoirleach took the Chair at this point of the meeting.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council reintroduce the street ambassador programme that will greatly enhance visitor experience to our city.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Leddin referred to the positive benefits of the re-introduction of the Street Ambassador Programme, noting that it had provided assistance to visitors and businesses. He also highlighted how the Street Ambassadors played a key role in reporting issues of littering and graffiti around the city, and emphasised the overall benefits of the programme in enhancing the city's appearance and visitor experience.

REPLY: The Street Ambassador programme was last in place in 2015. There is no budget provision for Street Ambassadors in 2025. Should budget be made available the Tourism section would be happy to assess the success of the previous programme and the merit of reintroducing the programme in the future

The Senior Executive Officer of Tourism noted that no budget had been assigned to the Street Ambassador Programme for 2025, but agreed to review the provisions of the previous programme and consider whether a proposal should be brought forward for next year's budget.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District write to the Minister of State, Christopher O'Sullivan to ask for the necessary funding for the eradication of hogweed. This is an issue in many different parts of Limerick and bordering counties.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Benson, seconded by Councillor Hartigan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Benson highlighted the dangers posed by hogweed, noting that it can cause significant damage to riverbanks and lead to health risks to the public. Members supported the Motion and emphasised the need to address the issue in collaboration with other Local Authorities. The Members also highlighted the need to communicate to the public what to do if they encounter hogweed.

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District write to the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Department of Health to express concern regarding the management of patient data, particularly in relation to the registration of deaths and the subsequent issuing of appointments to deceased individuals.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor McSweeney and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely highlighted the distress caused to grieving families who receive appointment letters for deceased relatives. She referred to patient lists in GP practices that still included names of individuals who had passed away and no longer needed the service. Councillor Kiely suggested that a centralized database should be considered to overcome this issue.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to Uisce Éireann to voice our concern about the proposed abstraction of water from the river Shannon to supply Dublin and other counties, because the scarce water supply in parts of Limerick, the need to maintain adequate supply for our expanding population and its potential adverse ecological impacts.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hartigan, seconded by Councillor Secas and

agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hartigan raised concern in relation to the proposed abstraction of water from the river Shannon and the need to maintain the supply of water for Limerick and its future development. He referred to studies showing a trend for more drought in the years ahead.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors S. Kiely and E. Secas

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we formally request the reinstatement of the public bus stop previously located on Ballysimon Road, recognising its importance to the residents, commuters, and local businesses who rely on accessible and reliable public transportation. We also call for a procedure to be put in place to ensure that no bus stop is removed in the future without prior consultation with Elected Members. The removal of this stop has caused significant disruption, especially for vulnerable groups such as the elderly, people with disabilities, and those without private transport.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor Secas and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely highlighted the need to reinstate the bus stop, which had been well used by residents in the area over the past fourteen months. She expressed concerns over the removal of the bus stop without consultation with the Elected Members, stressing the need to discuss with all stakeholders in advance. Councillor Kiely also requested an update on the installation of a pole and bus stop near Lyons of Limerick on the Ballysimon Road, and it was agreed to revert to Members in this regard.

REPLY: Thank you for your Notice of Motion concerning the reinstatement of the public bus stop on Ballysimon Road. I fully support your request and would like to affirm that the bus stop will be reinstated over the next two weeks. The removal of the stop was due to its unofficial status, and I appreciate your efforts in advocating for the needs of the community. I can confirm that we received communication from Bus Éireann on Friday, June 6th, indicating that it will now be recognised as an official stop.

We acknowledge that it is essential that detailed communication takes place prior to removal of any bus stops going forward to ensure impacts on all bus users are addressed appropriately.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council consider developing an annual community bonfire event as an alternative to the current practice of multiple, often unregulated bonfires during the May tradition.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Beasley and seconded by Councillor Reale.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Beasley highlighted the benefits of developing a community bonfire event, which would create a positive community atmosphere, benefit public safety and manage waste more effectively.

A number of Members were not in agreement with the Motion, highlighting the potential effects

these events could have on the environment.

REPLY: Having regard to climate and fire safety considerations, the Community Development section will explore the possibility of developing an annual community bonfire event as an alternative to the current practice of multiple, often unregulated bonfires during the May tradition.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District prioritise Summerville Avenue footpaths for re-surfacing and re-design as part of the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme as they are very narrow and dangerous and multiple complaints have gone into the Council on same over many years with no response.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Leddin and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan highlighted the importance of upgrading the footpaths to ensure the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.

REPLY: Active Travel acknowledges the concerns raised regarding the need for resurfacing and redesign of the footpaths on Summerville Avenue.

We are currently in discussions with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to explore possible solutions. As part of these discussions our Project Manager, will evaluate the narrow footpaths and assess the necessary improvements. We understand the importance of addressing the numerous complaints received over the years and are committed to finding an effective resolution.

We anticipate having more information to share and will provide a response within the next two weeks.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District calls on the Government to apply restrictions on developers and landlords applying for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and Derelict Property Top-up Grant and prioritise first time buyers and those who will have the property as their primary residence for these grants.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan referred to the high costs involved in renovating derelict properties and that first time buyers should be prioritised for grants to ensure a more liveable city.

It was agreed to amend the wording of the Notice of Motion as follows:

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District calls on

the Government to apply restrictions on developers and landlords of multiple properties in the Georgian quarter and central business district applying for the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant and Derelict Property Top-up Grant and prioritise first time buyers and those who will have the property as their primary residence for these grants.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District write to the Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, expressing our collective support for the retention, extension, and expansion of the Basic Income for the Arts (BIA) pilot scheme beyond 2025.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hickey-O'Mara highlighted the large number of applicants that had applied for the pilot scheme and the importance of retaining and expanding the scheme to ensure support for artists.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District work with Limerick LGBTQ Pride, The Outing Festival and Quare Clare to provide support in their bid to bring EuroPride 2028 to the West of Ireland and commit to enhancing understanding and awareness of the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hickey-O'Mara highlighted the significant number of people the event could potentially attract to the region, as well as the positive benefit it would have on the local economy. Members supported the Motion and suggested that an invitation should be issued to the EuroPride adjudicators, inviting them to attend the July Metropolitan Meeting, if timings were suitable.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Councils Festivals and Events are happy to support the bid by Limerick LGBTQ Pride to host EuroPride 2028. LCCC have already met with the organisation, who are aware of the Councils support for the event. Europride is the biggest LGBTI+ event in Europe it is being hosted in Lisbon in 2025 having previously being held in Berlin, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Paris, Riga, Belgrade and Rome. Europride would be expected to attract in excess of 100,000 visitors to Limerick if chosen as a host city.

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District identifies areas within the Limerick Metropolitan District that have had most incidents of call outs or can be designated black spots in relation to traditional May Eve bonfires, I propose that we introduce a targeted hazardous litter collection initiative next year in the week leading up to the May Eve bonfire in these identified areas to encourage families and households to dispose of their

hazardous waste/materials in a safe manner.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Reale, seconded by Councillor Beasley and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Reale stated that introducing a hazardous waste collection on May Eve would be a positive initiative, which he felt would benefit the environment, as well as encourage disposal of waste in a safe manner. He highlighted that Team Limerick Clean-Up has been hugely successful in reducing illegal dumping and believed that an organised hazardous waste collection would also be successful.

REPLY: Fire calls on May Eve summarised by location as follows:

- Hyde Road/Ballinacurra Weston – 8;
- Garryowen – 5
- Moyross – 7
- O’Connell Avenue – 1
- Dublin Road – 1
- Condell Road – 1
- Griffith Avenue 1

Chief Fire Officer, Fire Service.

Clean ups from recurring May Eve bonfires take place in the following locations:

- Southhill,
- Rathbane
- Rosbrien,
- Galvone,
- Kennedy Park,
- Glasgow Park,
- Keyes Park,
- Colbert Avenue,
- Lower Careys Road,
- Moyross,
- Ballynanty Beg,
- Quarry Road, Thomondgate,
- St Mary’s Park,
- Lee Estate,
- Kings Island,
- Island Field,
- Garryowen,
- Singland

Senior Executive Engineer

Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Transportation & Mobility Directorate.

A limited Bulky Waste collection aimed at mitigating illegal dumping and burning was introduced in October 2024 in St. Marys Park, Ballinacurra Weston and the Hyde Road area. Householders can contact a licensed waste collector and arrange a collection from their homes of bulky items such as furniture, doors, pallets, mattresses etc. A similar bulky waste collection will take place in the coming week in Johnsgate and Watergate from Monday June

16th to Friday June 20th.

Collections are funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment through the anti-dumping Initiative. This funding becomes available annually in June. Additional bulky waste collections can be arranged in advance of May Eve where additional funding is made available.

With regard to hazardous waste collections, we are working with the Regional Waste Office and have identified a suitable location for a hazardous waste collection day for Limerick if funding becomes available.

Senior Engineer, Environment and Climate Action.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District writes to the Department of Justice and to the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan to invite them to come and brief this Council on future resourcing of policing in the Limerick Metropolitan District for the lifetime of the current government.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Reale, seconded by Councillor Benson and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Reale highlighted issues of anti social behaviour in the city and the need for additional Garda resources.

30. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Dated: _____