



**Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick City and County Council to be held
on Monday, 21st July 2025**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council consider converting the green area outside the Glasgow Park houses into additional car parking spaces, given there is plenty of green space already in the area.

Reply:

Thank you for your suggestion regarding the potential conversion of the green area outside the Glasgow Park houses into additional car parking spaces.

A review of the existing car parking provision within the estate will be undertaken. This review will be carried out in accordance with the car parking standards set out in the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the current parking provision meets the applicable standards and to assess if any additional provision is required. If the area is deemed to warrant additional car parking provision then a budget would need to be provided for any proposed works.

**Karen McDonnell, Executive Planner,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.**
17th July 2025



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LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST JULY, 2025

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council introduce a reduced speed limit from 50km to 30km on the Ballinacurra Road and O'Connell Avenue to align with the new 30km limit in the city centre.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council will be conducting a comprehensive review of speed limits across the city and county following the publication of new national 'Guidelines', *The Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland*, by the Department of Transport. As part of this review, the Council will assess whether a 30 km/h speed limit is appropriate for Ballinacurra Road and O'Connell Avenue. This assessment will consider the suitability of such a limit in the context of the updated national guidelines and the specific characteristics of these roads.

John Gannon,
Senior Engineer,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Date: 16/07/2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council support an artistic campaign for Post Office Lane and Todd's Bow.

Reply

The arts office will proactively liaise with internal and external stakeholders with regards to an artistic campaign for Post Office Lane and Todd's Bow. We will investigate to determine the scope and objectives of the artistic campaign, and determine what support we can reasonably offer within existing resources.

Sarah O'Farrell

Creative Communities Engagement Officer

14th July, 2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for this Council to liaise with Laurel Hill, St. Clements, Scoil Mhathair De and An Mhodh Scoil for a designated school drop off and pick up area to accommodate students, as vehicular traffic is causing significant safety issues on South Circular Road/O'Connell Ave and other roads close to these schools.

Reply:

Thank you for your Notice of Motion regarding the urgent need for a designated drop-off and pick-up area for students at Laurel Hill, St. Clements, Scoil Mhathair De, and An Mhodh Scoil.

Active Travel acknowledges the safety concerns raised due to increased vehicular traffic on South Circular Road, O'Connell Avenue, and surrounding areas.

As part of the construction works and proposed design, the project manager for the South Circular Road (SCR) will liaise with the respective schools to discuss construction works.

**Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.
15th July 2025**



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council consider installing a disabled parking space in the Go-Car space outside the Strand Hotel, now that the Go-Car service has been withdrawn.

Reply:

Travel & Transport Strategy are currently in the procurement process (out to tender) for a Licensed Service Provider to operate a Car Club scheme for the Limerick City & Environs area. A review of future uses of the existing Go-Car spaces including the space currently in existence outside the Strand Hotel will be carried once an Operation Plan is assessed and agreed between Limerick City & County Council and any preferred tenderer.

**John O'Leary, A/S.E.E.,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.**
16th July 2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors S. Kiely and D. McSweeney

We will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we examine the rollout of a Home Improvement Grant Scheme for Social Housing Tenants of Limerick City and County Council in the Metropolitan District in advance of Budget 2026.

REPLY:

There is currently no Home Improvement Grant Scheme available for Social Housing Tenants of Limerick City and County Council. There was however, a Pilot scheme in operation in the Newcastle West area in 2022 and the uptake for the pilot was low among local authority housing tenants. However, we will review the operation of the pilot scheme and prepare a county wide proposal for the next SPC. Any funding allocation can then be considered as part of the budgetary process.

Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
17th July 2025



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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 Council plant a row of trees along the road between the Tesco Roundabout and the entrance to Ferndale which will act as a carbon offset for the Coonagh-Knockalisheen Distributor Road, improve air quality for local residents, absorb noise pollution, and increase privacy for residents living in Ferndale.

Reply:

An extensive landscaping plan is included in the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road Project which includes the provision of over 3,000 trees. There is an existing gas main located in the grass verge between the road and footpath in the section referred to above at the Tesco Roundabout which would make it unsuitable for tree planting.

**Natasha Mc Garry, A/Senior Engineer,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.**
16th July 2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council erects purple flags on Thomond Bridge for the month of September in support of National Recovery Month 2025 - raising awareness about substance use disorder and mental health, celebrating those in recovery, and promoting the idea that recovery is possible.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council are currently examining the mechanism of civic decoration throughout the city and county to provide for a protocol having regard to legal and operational obligations. While this is underway, the erection of flags in support of worthwhile causes on one of the city centre bridges cannot be facilitated.

In order to display the Metropolitan District of Limerick's support for National Recovery Month 2025, the Civic Offices at Merchants Quay can be lit in the colour of purple to symbolise hope, healing and the journey toward recovery from substance use and mental health challenges. Available dates for the lighting of Merchants Quay are from 1st September to the 28th September excluding 15th September and the weekend of 20th & 21st September.

Sonja Reidy
Senior Executive Officer
Metropolitan District of Limerick
15th July, 2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Forward Planning develop an interactive Landuse and Vacancy Map for the City Centre to identify potential sites for meanwhile use in Limerick City Centre, and to support the creation of a more detailed Zoning Map for the City Centre in the next iteration of the Limerick Development Plan to inform more beneficial and viable future developments.

REPLY:

Forward Planning carry out an annual land use and vacancy survey of the City Centre to monitor the implementation of the Development Plan. The Forward Planning Section will investigate the potential to display this material online. The information collected will inform policy and land use maps in the next iteration of the Development Plan.

Signed: Carmel Brislane.

Date: 16/7/2025

Carmel Brislane
Senior Executive Planner
Forward Planning, Planning & Place-Making Directorate



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council's mixed tenure policy is implemented more authoritatively within the City Centre, through the use of planning conditions in accordance with the LCCC's own Development Plan and in accordance with national guidance, to repair and create sustainable communities by integrating different types of housing – social, affordable, and private – to avoid concentrated areas of social housing and promote social inclusion.

REPLY:

The Council appraises residential schemes in accordance with the policy provisions of the Limerick Development Plan and Housing Strategy. In this regard in accordance with Objectives set out in Chapter 4 of the Limerick Development Plan, the Council seeks to support a range of housing options in residential schemes across the City. At an early stage and part of the pre-planning consultation, applicants are encouraged to incorporate a mix of tenure in residential developments and to bring forward schemes of a high quality that will both attract and offer choice to new residents to the City Centre.

In accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), an applicant is required to meet the provisions of Part V of the Act (proportion of a scheme to be provided for social and/or affordable housing provision) and this requirement is a condition for any permission. An applicant may bring forward a fully private and owner occupied scheme subject to this Part V requirement. Alternatively, an applicant may seek to bring forward a mixed tenure scheme involving a blend of ownership, private rental, social-rental, and affordable housing (both affordable sale and affordable rental) integrated within the same development.

While Part V of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 has express provision for a planning condition to be attached in respect of a particular tenure, i.e. social and affordable housing, there is no legislative provision to extend this to restrict tenure across a full scheme. To do this could affect property rights and it would not be possible to enforce through planning provisions.

However, the Council through the Housing Section and in implementing 'Housing for all' administers a range of Government supported scheme to promote a mix tenure approach. In applying a structure approach, for large-scale housing developments (over 40 units) proposed to LCCC that are seeking State subvention to deliver social and/or affordable above Part V provision for example, the following approach has been agreed with the Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council:

A minimum of 20% private tenure - presumption in favour of private sale subject to viability

A minimum of 50% private affordable tenure - presumption in favour of affordable sale subject to viability

A maximum of 30% social-rental tenure, including rightsizing and Part V properties

For acquisitions, leases, or turnkeys with fewer than 40 units, where social-rental tenure is proposed, a thorough pre-assessment process is followed:

- A review of housing needs in the area for the proposed property types, with consultation via the I-house system and confirmation from the Housing Support Services Allocations unit of the waiting list for the bed type proposed.
- An evaluation of the level of social-rental housing (including Housing Assistance Payment [HAP]) in the area to avoid an overconcentration of any one tenure type.
The approach of the Housing Directorate is no more than 30% on an Electoral Division within the City and for settlements outside the City the built up town boundary is used.
- An analysis of the HP Pobal Deprivation Index for the area to ensure that areas classified as 'extremely disadvantaged' or 'very disadvantaged' are not recommended for progression.
- In relation to acquisitions we acknowledge that acquisition funding is limited in 2025. However should a purchase of a house be required for a particular case, a check is undertaken to ensure that no first-time buyers are bidding. The Housing Directorate seeks confirmation from the vendor/Estate Agent that first-time buyers are not involved in bidding for the property. If they are, the Housing Directorate will not support the acquisition of the unit.

Overall, the implementation of Limerick City and County Council's mixed-tenure policy has been successful in fostering balanced and integrated communities. The structured approach to both large and small-scale developments has generally achieved the intended goals of avoiding mono-tenure areas and overconcentration of social-rental housing. However, as with any policy, there have been a small number of cases where challenges have arisen, but these are being actively addressed to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the policy.



Nuala O'Connell
Senior Planner
Development Management



Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer