



Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday, 21st July, 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if Limerick City and County Council has considered an outdoor seating rebate for outlets which prescribe to a living wage in a move to encourage outdoor dining/investment and living wage coupled with encouraging late night activity in our local economy.

Reply to be inserted below:

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne, confirmed that the government intends to waive the €125 per table per year fee for businesses such as restaurants, cafes, pubs, and hotels that place tables and chairs on public roads or footpaths for outdoor dining

The Council has not introduced a specific rebate or incentive scheme that links outdoor seating licences or supports to businesses that pay a living wage. While the Council supports outdoor dining through fee waivers and infrastructure improvements, the adoption of living wage policies falls under national pay frameworks. As such, the Council does not currently have discretion to implement wage-based incentives or conditions for licence rebates.

Signed: Kieran Lehane
Director of Service for the Metropolitan District of Limerick

Dated 10/07/2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the figures for the total number of Notice to Quits that the Housing Department is currently handling.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council has been operating the tenant in situ scheme since April 2023. To date, Limerick City and County Council have been notified of 906 NTQs. Please see current breakdown below, as at 11/07/25:

Category	Cumulative to date
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council regarding NTQ (that meet eligibility criteria, should funding become available)	42
Proposals being reviewed	25
Sale Agreed	11
Purchase Completed	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Withdrawn - e.g., Main reasons - vendor not accepting offer based on independent valuation or presence of deleterious material in property (e.g., pyrite) or Fire Safety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	557
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however owner or family member wishes to reside in property	55
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant in Situ)	66
Grand Total	906

Sarah Newell

Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
14th July 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a follow up on the progress of my motion from the October 2024 meeting which was passed by the Councillors: "That Limerick City and County Council agree to source more hostels beds for individual homeless people".

Reply:

The Council works with all service providers on a daily basis to ensure the usage and the management of hostel bed capacity/temporary supported accommodation for individuals is run in an efficient and well organised manner.

An additional 8 emergency hostels beds will come on stream in Quarter 3 2025.

Limerick Homeless Action team continues in its efforts to review existing and additional hostel capacity in conjunction with our HSE partners and other stakeholders.

Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
14th July 2025



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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 use of the Go-Car share scheme spaces in the City Centre area now that the 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 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**



16th July 2025

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 taking in charge of Ard Thomáin, Slí Na Manach in Mungret as this estate is over 12 years old and requires road infrastructure.

Reply:

The Council has issued a snag list of works required to bring the development up to the required taking-in-charge standard, and the Council and developer are in ongoing discussions about necessary development works.

N O'Connell

Nuala O'Connell,
Senior Planner,
Planning & Place-Making



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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 800m shared cycle/pedestrian path with public lighting along the Rosbrien Road from the railway track to Old Crescent Rugby Club that this Council received funding to deliver in 2022.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council were not in a position to drawdown previous allocated funding on this matter. Active Travel will liaise with Operations & Maintenance and the National Transport Authority in relation to the preparation of a new application for funding for this project and update members if successful.

**Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.
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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Ballysimon Road active travel scheme and the timeframe for its delivery, including the pedestrian crossing at Garryglass Roundabout.

Reply:

We are currently developing plans for improved walking and cycle facilities along Ballysimon Road from its junction with Garryglass Roundabout to the Childers Road, including pedestrian crossings at Garryglass Roundabout.

Plans are at preliminary stage and have been submitted to the NTA for review and comment and to pass through their project appraisal guidelines.

Active Travel are anticipating going to public consultation in Q4 2025.

**Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.
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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for clarity on the future of the bus stop outside the Limerick Baptist Church, Old Cratloe Road. Will this bus stop, which serves the 302, be preserved as part of the Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme.

Reply:

Yes, the existing bus stop outside of the Limerick Baptist Church, Old Cratloe Road will be retained as part of the Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme.

John O'Callaghan MEng BEng(Hons) CEng MIEI Eur Ing
A/Senior Executive Engineer
Active Travel
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
15th July 2025



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21st JULY, 2025.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if, given the plans for forthcoming 'August Activations' throughout the city, the Council plans to increase the provision of public toilets to serve the expected increase in the number of people to locations outlined as part of this project? If so, where will these additional public toilets be located.

REPLY:

It would be the responsibility of the event management company procured to animate the city centre during August to determine if additional public toilets are required for any elements of the August Animations. The Festivals & Events Unit are working on the planning of August Animations with the procured event management company at present and will ask them to factor this into their preparations and budget.

Signed: _____

Eileen Coleman
Senior Executive Officer
Tourism, Festivals & Events Department
Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development

17th July 2025



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

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District:

- a) How often was the Council contacted to remove roadkill in the Metropolitan area over the past 5 years.
- b) If any roadkill blackspots have been identified by the Council as a result.
- c) Whether the Council records the species of animal when removing roadkill in the Metropolitan area.
- d) Were there any significant increases/decreases in the number of animals removed per month i.e. are there times of the year that saw an increase or decrease in roadkill.
- e) How is this roadkill disposed of once removed.

Reply:

- (a) The Council's complaints system does not have a service option for small dead animals which can be searched and result in definitive data, however the Customer Service Team has conducted a search of the CRM system for the years 2020 to 2025 which shows approximately 101 reports of dead animals on roads requiring removal. The actual amount of roadkill is probably higher.
- (b) No particular roadkill blackspots have been identified but they tend to occur on heavily trafficked routes.
- (c) The 101 reports referred to above include 12 reports of dead dogs, 8 reports of dead cats, 1 report of a dead bird, 28 reports of dead foxes and 7 reports of other animals of unrecorded species.
- (d) Roadkill occurs throughout the year, no significant increases/decreases per month have been noted.
- (e) Roadkill is disposed of as general waste which is processed by a waste management company.

**Liam Browne, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.**
16th July 2025



**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
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Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the implementation of bye laws for busking including a timeline for introduction.

Response

Limerick City and County Council Street Performance and Busker Bye – Laws 2025 were signed and sealed on the 3rd July last, and are in force since that date. An Garda Siochana, Henry Street, The Law Society, and The relevant Ministers have been officially advised of the bye-law making and commencement. Furthermore, the making of the bye-laws and commencement notice will be advertised in local newspapers and published in *Iris Oifiguit*. The bye-laws are available on the Limerick City and County Council website.

<https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/environment-and-climate-action/environmental-control/noise-nuisance>

Cathal Brodie SES

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
11th July 2025



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
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Question by Cllr. P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on what discussions are ongoing with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the wind down of the Economic & Social Intervention Fund in Limerick and what discussions are happening in relation to identifying an alternative funding stream to support these communities who benefit from these funds.

REPLY:

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

The DHLGH gave guidance via letter on the 9th of May 2025, that the Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) funded by their Department, is set to wind down with a final tranche of funding to be granted in 2028. The Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate replied via letter on the 19th of May 2025 to appeal this decision. The Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate continues to regularly meet and engage with Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage officials regarding ESIF and on developing and progressing new capital projects. Staff have also briefed the Oireachtas Members on the status of the Economic & Social Intervention Fund who in turn will engage with the relevant Minister in this regard.

Within the Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate, the social regeneration team works with agencies, service providers, and community groups on an ongoing basis to identify opportunities for collaboration, coordination, and funding.

Signed: Fiona McCormack, A/Senior Executive Officer, Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate

Date: 15th July 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many fines have been issued in 2024 and to end-June 2025 for failure to comply with waste management bye-laws, both in relation to domestic waste and commercial waste. Also, what revenues have these fines raised for LCCC in 2024 and to end-June 2025.

Response

A total of **392** fines were issued by the Domestic Waste and Litter team and the Commercial Waste team between 1st January 2024 and 30th June 2025. A total of **€23,130** was collected from these fines.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
15th July 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the cost for 2024 Riverfest, specifically pertaining to the Festival Village cost of €144,211.35, is broken down on a detailed and itemised basis.

REPLY:

The Riverfest village is the anchor event for Riverfest attracting in excess of 60,000 patrons over the 4 days of the bank holiday weekend. The Village offers an unparalleled opportunity for vendors to showcase their produce. The Village offers free entry and entertainment, fantastic food and craft all within the safe and fun surrounds of Arthurs Quay right in the heart of the city, providing significant temporary employment over the weekend. The expenditure budget for Riverfest Festival Village 2024 is as follows:

Riverfest 2024 Festival Village	
Item	Amount ex.vat
Timber Cabins	€17,600.00
Furniture - and seating	€4,500.00
Bandstand	€2,450.00
Fencing - Heras, CCCB's - Arthurs Quay	€1,400.00
Transport of barriers	€2,750.00
Toilets - Chemical, wheelchair, urinals & hand sanitizers	€2,800.00
Toilets serviced	€1,650.00
Sound for bandstand	€5,850.00
Lighting for staging area	€950.00
Site Office	€1,150.00
Fire fighting equipment	€900.00
Equipment plant and Machinery	€1,950.00
Water installation and HSE Requirements for market	€1,700.00

EHO Request - Statutory water tanks IBC & servicing	€550.00
Drape	€950.00
Digital billboard signage	€2,600.00
Water installation and HSE Requirements for market	€1,050.00
Signage general	€1,950.00
Generators, cabling, lighting, Power, Electrician	€12,145.00
Entertainment	€17,200.00
Security	€18,950.00
H&S	€6,250.00
Counter, control, data	€9,950.00
Total ex vat.	€117,245.00
Vat at 23%	€26,966.35
Total	€144,211.35



Signed: _____

Eileen Coleman
Senior Executive Officer
Tourism, Festivals & Events Department
Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development

17th July 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the future plans are for No. 58 O'Connell Street, the building formerly occupied by Narrative 4 and now sitting vacant.

Reply:

Part 8 Planning Permission has been obtained for the development of the building at 58 O'Connell Street. The Council is currently seeking a source of funding for the development.

The roof of the building is in need of improvement works and contractors are currently on site carrying out repairs to the roof structure.

Jayne Leahy
Head of Property Management
Rural, Culture, Community & Tourism Development Directorate
16th July, 2025.