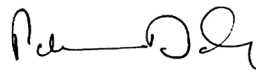


# Executive Report

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

July 2025

Twilight Thursday is Launchpad for Great Days and Nights Out in Limerick This August

Disposal of Land from Limerick City and County Council at Opera Square

Limerick Planning Biggest Halloween Festival Yet with 'Home of Halloween' Funding

Official Opening of Southill Play Space and Associated Landscape

Limerick Celebrates Launch of Landmark Film Lab for Irish, Scottish and Canadian Talent

Limerick Honours Richard Harris with Mayoral Reception at Exhibition Launch

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## Office of the Mayor

### 01 July

- Attended the Local Property Tax (LPT) Preliminary budget meeting
- Hosted the Limerick Mayoral Implementation and Advisory committee
- Visited Treaty City Brewery with Chambers Ireland Team and Chambers Ireland CEO's
- Attended the Limerick Chambers dinner

### 02 July

- Delivered a speech to Chambers Ireland CEO Executive Ireland Forum
- Attended a meeting at UL in relation to re-modelling
- Meeting in relation to Ryder Cup
- Meeting with Councillors

### 03 July

- Attended a meeting with Councillor Scanlan and former TD Michael Finucane.
- Attended the August Activation meeting
- Hosted the Ambassador of Moldova
- Meeting regarding Roche's St. Strategy
- Hosted a USA Pipe Band at City Hall
- Hoisted the Pride Flag at City Hall with Gender, Orientation, Sexual Health and HIV (GOSHH)
- Mayoral reception in honour of the late Richard Harris at The Hunt Museum followed by a Richard Harris Exhibition and gala dinner at The Savoy

### 04 July

- Attended meeting discussing the Limerick Flood Relief Scheme
- Gave a speech on 100 years of Ardnacrusha Power Station and the Shannon Electricity Act at University of Limerick, Glucksman Library
- Attended a meeting regarding Housing
- Attended a workshop for Plenary Council on Local Property Tax
- Attended July Corporate Policy Group Meeting

- Delivered a speech at the Limerick Wild Geese Festival 2025, Rare Manuscript Hand-Over Ceremony
- Attended the "Wreckquiem" Play at the Lime Tree Theatre

### 05 July

- Gave a speech at the Limerick Wild Geese Festival 2025 - unveiled a panel and laying of a wreath
- Attended the Limerick Wild Geese Festival banquet delivered a speech on the evening.

### 06 July

- Hoisted the flag at the annual flag raising ceremony for the Wild Geese Festival

### 08 July

- Received an update from Finance Department
- Met with the Director General
- Received an update on SMART homes
- Attended the Management Board Meeting

### 09 July

- Attended the Integration Community Response Meeting
- Attended the Colbert Quarter monthly meeting, followed by a steering oversight group meeting

### 11 July

- Meeting regarding Housing
- Attended meeting in relation to Local Property Tax
- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly annual meeting

### 14 July

- Attended the July Meeting of Plenary Council

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## 15 July

- Received an update from the Finance Department
- Meeting with the Director General
- Activating August meeting
- Update on SMART homes meeting
- Attended Management Board Meeting

## 18 July

- Meeting to discuss SMART Housing

## 21 July

- Participated in July Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

## 22 July

- Received SMART homes weekly update
- Attended Management Board meeting

## 24 July

- Participated in Health Equity oversight Group meeting
- Meeting in relation to Limerick 2030

## 29 July

- Meeting with Head of Finance
- SMART homes weekly update
- Participated in Management Board Meeting



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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 July 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,446,742 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	190,167
Writes offs/ Waivers €	1,820,727
Total for Collection €	68,004,603
Amount Collected €	52,261,122
Arrears €	15,743,481
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	651,835
% Collected	78%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31 July 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	975,520 ^
Writes offs €	- 34
To Collect €	1,244,253
Receipts €	1,172,644
Arrears €	71,609
% Collected	94%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for July 2025

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

#### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

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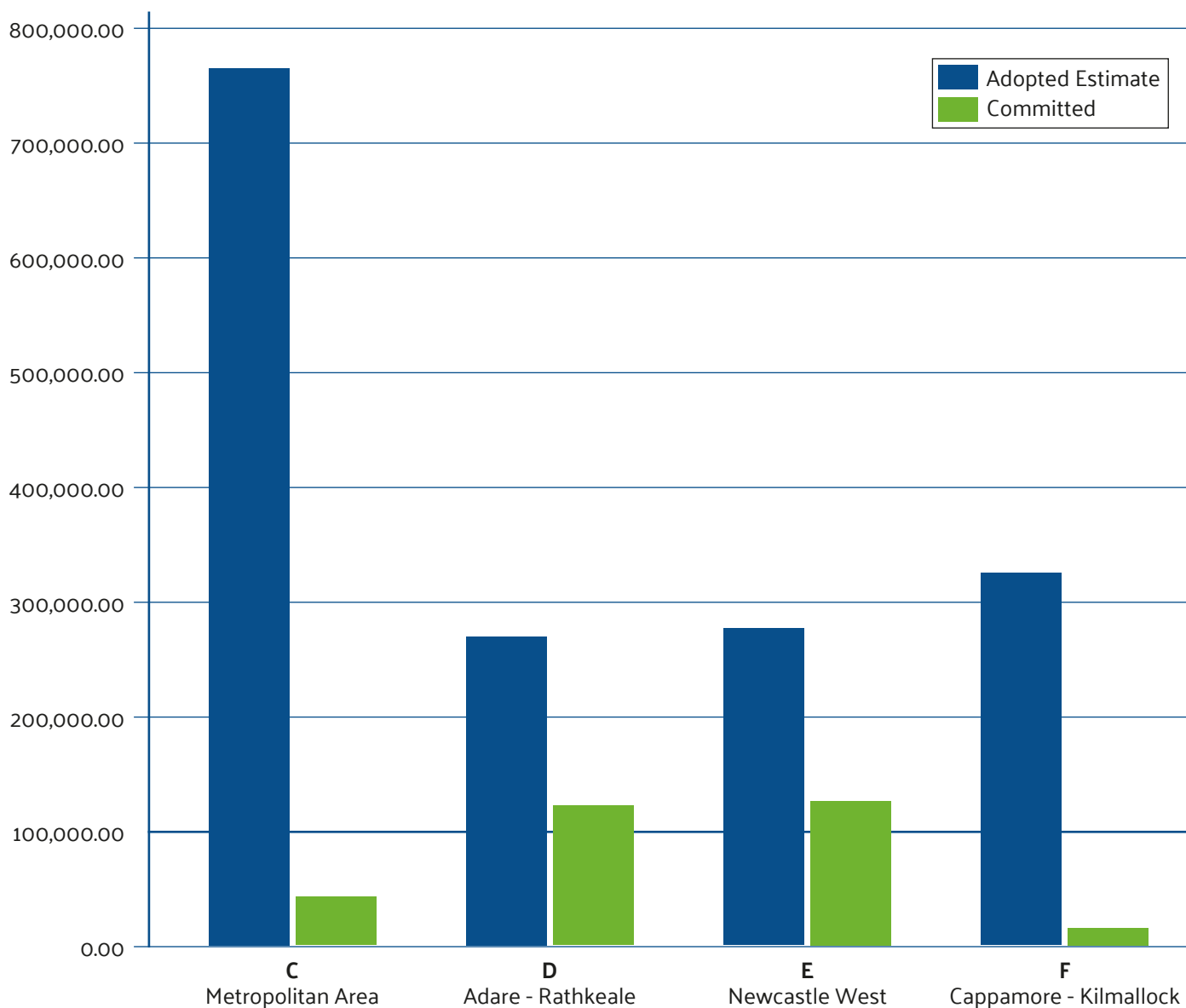


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## General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

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



### Municip (Code) + (Text)

### Value Adopted Estimate (€)

### Value Committed (€)

C Metropolitan Area

763,300.00

40,294

D Adare - Rathkeale

270,000.00

121,380

E Newcastle West

278,600.00

124,446

F Cappamore - Kilmallock

327,600.00

15,717

**1,639,500.00**



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## 2. Trade and Investment

- Trade and Investment attended the opening of Penneys Refurbishment of City Centre store on 10 July - [Penneys €5 Million Investment a Major Vote of Confidence in Limerick City Centre | Limerick.ie](#)
- Trade and Investment attended the opening of new Aldi Store on Roches Street on 24 July - [Limerick City and County Council Welcomes New ALDI Store to City Centre | Limerick.ie](#)
- Marketing/Animation of the former McDonalds outlet at Cruises Street with Limerick Gift Card/Night Time Economy advertising wrap unveiled on 24 July.
- Live 95 Interview on 25 July with a member of the Trade and Investment Team and Nigel Dugdale on Cruises Street about Retail/Limerick Gift Card initiative and its success.
- Trade and Investment attended a meeting at Dell's Customer Solution Centre on 22 July to explore potential of digital solutions for promoting Limerick.
- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Action Plan - SME Expert Group met on July 16 to consider Emerging Draft Recommendations.

### Night Time Economy (NTE)

- The Night Time Economy Action Plan was presented to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and noted and approved by full Council and is now published on [limerick.ie](#).
- Twilight Thursday continues to be a success with over 55 different events held on 31 July including street parties and road closures. We continue to look at ways we can grow Twilight Thursday particularly with cafe and retail businesses in the city and how we might attract people into the city centre from rural Limerick and other neighbouring counties.
- A Night Time Economy update was given to metro councillors outlining the positive steps undertaken in the last five months and how we will keep the momentum going for the remainder of 2025.

## 3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- Wyeth (Nestle), Askeaton – Four team members from the Local Enterprise Office Limerick, hosted two full days of on-site, Business Advice clinics, at the Wyeth plant in Rathkeale to provide advice, guidance and access to LEO supports, for staff at the plant facing redundancy in the coming months. As a result of these clinics and feedback from Wyeth employees, LEO Limerick is now putting together a specific training and upskilling programme for staff who are looking to set up their own business, upon closure of the plant in 2026.
- Carelon, Castletroy - Two staff members from the LEO office attended the Carelon Ireland Jobs Fair, which took place on 29 July at the University Concert Hall (UCH), University of Limerick. There were 20 organisations/companies each with an information stand and staff available to answer any questions. Over 150 attendees (Carelon staff) registered for the event. The LEO team had good interaction with enquiries relating to Start Your Own Business Programmes, Mentoring and grant aid eligibility and will continue to provide ongoing support to those considering setting up their own business in Limerick.
- LEO Limerick also ran seven training programmes and clinics which were attended by 79 businesses owners from across the City and County. LEO Limerick also approved seven Green for Business supports, nine Digital for Business supports and three Energy Efficiency Grants, for Limerick businesses.

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## 4. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

### Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.07.2025 - 31.07.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	1,381
Other Calls	987
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(1 min 43 sec) 102.78
<b>Total No. of calls in July</b>	<b>2,368</b>

## 5. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company

### Enterprise Infrastructure

- Public consultation commenced on sheds at The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale to ensure community commitment and buy in to space re-purposing.
- Tenant and building management for Engine, Engine Collaboration Centre, N21 Rathkeale Enterprise Centre and The Old Bank Abbeyfeale..
- Work continued on the progression of the Digital Accelerator building, Cecil St.

### Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

Work on Innovate Limerick's new website landing page is now complete, and the site has officially launched.

### Enterprise Events

The Engine Collaboration Centre hosted over 120 visitors/attendees at more than 18 events, meetings in

the event space. The events covered a wide range of areas including startups, film, business networking, and enterprise growth, offering valuable opportunities for businesses to collaborate, share ideas, and expand their reach.

### Notable Events Hosted:

- Limerick Film Lab (07, 08 July)
- Crew Academy South – “Introduction to grandMA3 Lighting Control Platform” (19, 20 July)
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick Meetings and workshops (09, 23, 28 July)

### Partnership and Collaboration

Innovate Limerick collaborated with government bodies and policy stakeholders to strengthen the enterprise ecosystem in Limerick. Key examples include:

- Skillnet Innovate Exchange
- Connecting Hubs Network
- Limerick Film Lab

This premier event represents a major milestone in positioning the Mid-West of Ireland as a hub for international screen collaboration. It underscores Innovate Limerick's strategic commitment to cultivating coproduction relationships and expanding the local film sector's global reach.

### Crew Academy South

This course forms part of the National Talent Academies Crew Academy South initiative, managed locally by Film in Limerick. It aligns with Screen Ireland's goal to develop a skilled and diverse below-the-line crew base in the Munster region. By offering specialist technical training in a key craft area, the event supports regional production capacity and fosters pathways for crew talent into feature film, TV, and live events

### Enterprise Education

A co-op student from the University of Limerick's International Business programme, has played a key role in developing Innovate Limerick's new website and is leading the organisation's social media campaign.

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## Transportation and Mobility

### 1. Travel and Transport Strategy

#### BusConnects

Representatives from the National Transport Authority BusConnects team and their consultants visited Limerick as part of the design stage planning for BusConnects Limerick. Staff from Limerick City and County Council met with the BusConnects team over two days to assess locations for new bus stops and terminals.

### 2. Active Travel

#### University of Limerick (UL) to National Technology Park (NTP)

Active Travel Limerick proposes to seek approval from An Coimisiún Pleanála for the development of the proposed Limerick City Greenway (UL to NTP). The scheme commences west of the existing River Groody Bridge and the Greenway runs for approximately 3.3km to McLaughlan Road where it transitions into Active Travel Infrastructure consisting of separate footpaths and cycleways.

#### Limerick's Three Pedestrian Bridges

Active Travel recently issued a tender for consultancy services for the design of three pedestrian bridges:

- Shannon Active Travel Bridge
- Abbey Bridge (new structure)
- Sylvester O'Halloran Bridge (replacement structure)

The successful tenderer will be formally appointed in August.

#### Section 38's

- Active Travel proposed Section 38 works at **Bloodmill Road (L-10207) & Windsor Court, Castletroy View (L-10539), Limerick City** including the upgrade of existing pedestrian crossing on Bloodmill Road.
- Active Travel in collaboration with Cappamore Kilmallock Operations Team, proposed Section 38 works at **Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick** including the installation of a new 1.8 meter wide footpath through the village.

#### Safe Routes to School

- Works commenced on the Safe Routes to School in Murroe (R-506, L-1127 & L-1161) with works including reconfiguration of traffic flow around island junction to a one-way system.
- Works commenced on the Safe Routes to School in Athea (R-523) with works including introduction of chicanes/build-outs on eastern approach to village, as a traffic calming measure.

#### Interactive map update

Since Active Travels Interactive Map launched, it has been viewed over 10,000 times. The map available on the Active Travel homepage, allows users to track the progress of walking and cycling infrastructure projects across Limerick City.

#### TUS Moylish to City Centre Scheme

- Works progressing on the scheme with pedestrian fencing erected around the work zone outside Mayorstone Garda Station towards Hassett's Cross to ensure safety.
- Placement of new precast kerbs to define footpaths and cycle track.
- Excavated the ground and install ducting for essential services.

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## Mill Road Scheme

- Night works took place 16 and 17 July to facilitate tarmac works.
- Installation of signposts.
- Snagging works continued.

## Towns and Villages

- Works on the R511 Roxborough, Ballysheedy, Co. Limerick which included a new footpath opposite Scoil An Spioriad Naoimh, Primary School along with added street lighting and necessary drainage.
- Works in Feohanagh, Co. Limerick commenced which include the upgrade of 476 metres of existing footpath.

## Bus Shelters

- The construction of the second new bus shelter and associated works commenced in Foynes, Co. Limerick.

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## Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

### 1. Culture

#### Libraries, Gallery and Museum

##### City Library at Barrow House

- The annual Summer Stars reading programme was in full swing this July at the City Library with a packed series of children's events and activities across the month.
- Author and illustrator Celina Buckley joined us on 09 July for the Silly Story Factory workshop where children were invited to create and illustrate their own funny tales.
- Music Generation Limerick City engaged an avid group of budding songwriters for a two-day workshop on 21 and 22 July where they created their own musical composition entitled "Llama Drama".
- The Tallest Smallest Circus came to the library on the 29 July and enthralled the young audience with a plethora of exciting circus tricks and antics.
- Our junior creative writers were also kept busy with a series of Fighting Words workshops which took place on five dates across July.
- Artistic endeavour was to the fore in two separate art and craft workshops on 23 and 30 July where narwhals, mermaids and paper plate snails were just some of the items created by our inspired young artists.
- The City Library was also delighted to host eight summer camp visits from local primary schools St. John's, St. Michael's, St. Mary's, Presentation and Our Lady Queen of Peace during the month.
- The weekly toddler story time continued every Wednesday, attracting big crowds for their regular session of story and song.
- In the adult library, the annual Limerick Pride Festival was celebrated with a wonderful book display and a one-off Pride themed pop-up book club event which was much enjoyed by all who participated.
- Headway Limerick continued to hold a weekly meeting of their Aphasia Group at the library on Monday afternoons.
- The University of the Third Age's Irish Language Conversation Group held their regular meeting on 25 July.
- Also holding their regular meetings at the City Library in July were the Limerick Mental Health Association's Women's Group and the biweekly Sahaja Meditation Group.
- Doras hosted a series of information sessions aimed at those moving out of Direct Provision on 1, 8, 22 and 29 July.
- A group of English language learners from Student Campus language school visited on 17 July. All enjoyed a library tour and took the opportunity to register as first time members.

##### Kilmallock Library

- Scoil Mocheallóg, Kilmallock Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS) school summer camps took place with 76 pupil visits to Kilmallock Library for storytelling, crafts and fun activities.
- As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library (HIAYL) Kilmallock Library offered a "Target Games" taster session led by Limerick Sports Partnership on 01 July followed by a "Relaxation & Breath Work" taster class led by Joanne O'Callaghan on 08 July, with both sessions filled to capacity.

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- 09 July - Summer Arts and Crafts Workshop for Families in partnership with Ballyhoura Development as part of the Libraries for Literacy project, with the library buzzing with creativity as families came together to paint, craft, and make memories. The Libraries for Literacy project is funded by Solas through the Collaboration and Innovation Fund. This new initiative shines a spotlight on how libraries are essential in empowering communities and improving literacy across the region.
- 15 July - Author and Illustrator Celina Buckley delivered two fun children's workshops, "The Silly Story Factory" and "Create a Monster Book" where imaginations went wild bringing inspiring stories and characters to life.
- 16 July - Our Little Readers joined us for a fun, friendly, inclusive session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books and chat and more than 30 children took part.
- 22 and 23 July - "Song-writing camp" led by the wonderful Music Generation Limerick County. Over two filled fantastic workshops our young readers had the opportunity to dive into the magic of music with the highlight of sharing their composed song with family and friends during a special live performance at the end of camp.
- 30 July - The BFG with his giant chair and suitcase of dreams arrived at Kilmallock Library and wowed an enthusiastic juvenile crowded audience for a fun-filled interactive session. The BFG was presented by the wonderfully talented Aaron Towers of Tallest Smallest Theatre.
- Our Summer Stars reading programme continued throughout July with some lucky eager readers winning family passes to some of Limerick's finest attractions including King John's Castle, Thomond Park and The Painted Pot Studio.
- Weekly English Conversation Club with Ballyhoura Development continued each Tuesday from 2pm - 4pm for those wishing to improve their spoken English skills.
- "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 Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued each Thursday morning at 11am with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving and had an average of 17 crafters at each session.

## Newcastle West Library

- 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.
- Summer Stars Event: Music Generation Workshop for children on 08 and 09 July.
- Summer Stars Event: Celina Buckley Illustration Workshop on 11 July.
- Healthy Ireland at Your Library (HIAYL) event: Healthy Eating on a Budget with Aoife McDonald on 15 July.
- Summer Stars Event: Arran Towers: Smallest Tallest Circus on 18 July.

## Dooradoyle Library

- For the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS) July Provision summer camps, Dooradoyle Library welcomed 60 children from Our Lady of Lourdes primary school and 20 children from Ballybrown National School for three sessions of library themed activities, storytime, and arts and crafts.

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- Summer Stars continued at Dooradoyle with over 330 more children signing up to the reading programme.
- Summer Stars events at Dooradoyle included: Make a Monster Book workshop with artist/illustrator Celina Buckley, attended by 25 children; Fighting Words creative writing and storytelling workshop, attended by 15 children; and the ever-entertaining Aaron Towers' one man show The Tallest Smallest Circus, attended by over 50 children and their parents.
- The Croom Art Group summer exhibition of landscapes, seascapes and still life in acrylic and oil concluded on 11 July.
- Sinead Mulcahy, Senior Community Dietitian with the Health Service Executive delivered four sessions on Living with Type 2 Diabetes and concluded the workshops on 25 July.
- Meditation for adults continued throughout July with Himalayan meditation on 04 July and Twin Hearts Pranayama meditation on 10 July. Himalayan Meditation also ran two meditation and yoga workshops for children aged 6-13 years, and 30 children attended this fun-filled activity on 11 and 18 July.
- The Whodunnit Book club discussed The Vipers by Katy Hays and The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle.
- The Dooradoyle Knitting group 'Close Knit Friends' continued to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings.
- Regular visits from the Health Service Executive Training Services Limerick took place with over 40 visits to the library.
- Summer Stars Event: On 11 July, artist Celina Buckley hosted a fun and educational Illustration Workshop.
- On 15 and 16 July, in partnership with Music Generation, the library held a two-day song writing workshop. Over the course of the workshop, children, guided by tutors, wrote and composed an original song.
- The Adare Craft Group began their weekly meetings at the library on 17 July. They met three times during the month to foster creativity and provide a space for social interaction.
- The Parent, Baby, and Toddler Group met on 17 July.
- On 30 July, a summer arts and crafts session took place for children aged 4-9 years, encouraging creativity and imagination.
- An oil-on-canvas art exhibition by the Adare Art Group continued throughout the month.

## Watch House Cross Library

## Adare Library

- The Croom and Ballingarry Parent and Toddler Group visited Adare Library on 02 July, where children enjoyed an interactive storytime and participated in a fun arts and crafts session.
- On 02 July, pupils from Limerick Educate Together visited and took part in a colouring session.
- Watch House Cross Library had a number of visits from teachers and students who are taking part in the Summer Programme, which is delivered to children with special educational needs by the Department of Education and Youth.
- Several summer camps visited throughout the month. These included primary school pupils from Mary Queen of Ireland, Scoil Chríost Rí, Christian Brothers Primary School and Gaelscoil Sairséal. Each group enjoyed a tour of the children's library followed by an arts and crafts session.
- A group from St. Michael's Infant School visited the library on 10 July. During their visit, children enjoyed browsing the children's library and spending time in the sensory room.
- Arran Towers of Tallest Smallest Theatre performed his interactive circus show on 18 July. Approximately 140 people attended this family-friendly event, which was organised as part of the Summer Stars Reading Program.



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- Music Generation Limerick returned on 23 July to host a song writing workshop for children. The children worked together to produce their very own song titled 'Pets'.
- A family movie screening of Disney's 'The Aristocats' took place on 29 July.
- Weekly activities including Story-time Thursdays and Crafty Saturdays continued.
- Regular visits from the Brothers of Charity and Avista took place throughout the month.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 111 bookings during July and 348 visitors.

## Local Studies

- There were 45 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, materials from the Local Studies collection, and family history consultations. There were 16 remote queries.

## Other Branches

**Roxboro** – On 02 and 09 July, Roxboro Library welcomed pupils from Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School as part of the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools summer camps. In total, 56 children and seven teachers attended. A similar summer camp was facilitated for pupils from Le Chéile National School on 22 July, attended by 14 children and two teachers.

**Cappamore** – The Libraries for Literacy project, funded by Solas through the Collaboration and Innovation Fund, is a collaboration between Ballyhoura Development, Limerick Libraries and other organisations. As part of this project, Cappamore hosted a free four-week digital literacy programme that was attended by members of the public throughout July. On 30 July, as part of our Summer Stars programme of events, more than 60 people attended a free family-friendly performance of 'Trunk of Tricks' by Arran Towers.

**Rathkeale** – On 01 July, pupils and teachers who were attending July Provision Summer Programme in St. Anne's Primary School visited the library. On 09 and 10 July the library welcomed pupils from St. Anne's Primary School as part of the Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools summer camp.

**Foynes** – On 15 July the Road Safety Authority hosted an information morning for the public in Foynes Library.

**Glin** – Glin Library continued to host regular meetings of the Community Singing Group, Scrabble Club and Book Club with over 60 adults attending in total. Two groups from St. Fergus National School visited the library on 17 and 18 July as part of the July Provision Summer Programme.

## Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- The exhibition, On Waking, continued throughout the month of July. The exhibition features seven artists including Limerick born, Damien Meade. The visitor numbers for the exhibition were very good at circa 7,000 including a significant number of tourists.
- A further exhibition, Our Lungs Were, by artist in residence, Sheenagh Geoghegan, continued throughout July. In addition, works from the Permanent Collection by a cohort of women artists (20th century) including Maine Jellet, Evie Hone, Camille Souter and Grace Henry were exhibited.
- The exhibition 40 x 40 featuring work by forty women artists comprising works from the LCGA Permanent Collection and the University of Limerick (UL) finished on 20 July and the works on loan from UL were returned.
- Adela Passas, LCGA Shinnors Scholar, ran four free summer workshops for children aged between 5-8 and 9-12 years.
- LCGA continued to collaborate with local organizations and facilitated three workshops with Narrative 4.



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- LCGA continued to collaborate with national and international institutions with the loans of artworks from the LCGA permanent collections. 17 artworks were loaned to the Highlanes Gallery, Drogheda for an exhibition with arts education as its focus.
- LCGA received a very generous donation of 44 prints from the Hollander Print Workshop, New York, USA from Jim Sheehy with works by John Cage, Jasper Johns, James Rosenquist, William Groper, Robert Rauschenberg among others. This very significant donation will contribute to the prestige and importance of the Permanent Collection, as this body of work is unique amongst Irish collections.
- In addition, artists, Marie Hanlon and Trudi van der Elsen also made donations to the Permanent Collection.
- The Curator was a contributor to 'This is a Prison' - a new documentary directed by Andrew Keogh about the new Limerick Women's Prison which was previewed in the Belltable on 07 July.
- As part of the Museum's long-standing collaboration with King John's Castle, the Curator gave two lectures to the Castle staff on 14 and 21 July, dealing with the history of the Castle and Limerick City respectively.
- An article by the Curator on one of the Museum objects appeared in the summer issue of the Irish Arts Review. It was entitled 'Curator's choice. Matthew Potter selects a painting, The Exchange, Nicholas Street, from the Limerick Museum Collection.'
- The exhibition, The Great Famine in Limerick, continued in Kilmallock Library for the entire month of July.

## Limerick Museum

- On 03 July, an art exhibition, Linked II by Mary O'Connor was launched in Limerick Museum. Mary is an artist from Wexford living in Dublin, who studied at Technological University Dublin, Chelsea College of Art, London, and in New Zealand. In this exhibition the works are all related to the land we live on, secrets and storytelling. Central to this exhibition, the stacked layers of multiple panels mimic geographical layers of soil and rock when slicing through a landscape.
- On 04 July, a very rare, illuminated manuscript roll by Limerick man and Jacobite James Terry (1660-1725) was donated to Limerick Museum at a special handover ceremony in the Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association (LPYMA) Hall on 97 O'Connell Street. It was purchased in London by Irish company Heavey Technology to be put on permanent display at the Limerick Museum. The three-metre-long manuscript roll created between 1699 and 1701 is the most important single Wild Geese-related artefact in the Museum's collection.
- On 05 July, the Curator represented the Culture Department at the Wild Geese Banquet in the Dance Limerick's Performance Space, St. John's Church, John's Square, Limerick.

## Limerick Arts Office

### Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

#### Artist / Coordinator, Creative Communities on a Shared Island Project: Laces of Ireland

Limerick City and County Council sought quotations from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to undertake coordination and curation of the public art element of the 'Laces of Ireland' project. The closing date for submissions was 02 July, and an artist has been engaged.

#### Creative Ireland - Additional Funding

Creative Ireland Limerick has secured additional funding of €9,000 from the Creative Ireland Creative Communities 2025 programme. This funding allows for an Autumn Creative Hub for young people in Abbeyfeale, an extension of the creativity in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) programme, and further evaluation of the Creative Communities on a Shared Island: Laces of Ireland project.

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## 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 maximising leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. On 08 July letters of support were issued.

- Funding to five applicants was approved by Council. The total award of €15,800 facilitated leveraging of €178,000 in grants into Limerick City and County.

## Opportunities

### Traditional Irish Style Music Commission and Associated Performance, 'Celebrating the Life and Work of Ciarán Mac Mathúna'

Limerick Arts Office, in cooperation with Limerick Library Service and the Mac Mathuna family, requested applications from composers to create a short piece of Irish traditional style music, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Ciarán Mac Mathuna. This award is made possible through funding made available by the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport.

### Open Call for an Artist in Residence at St. Mary's Cathedral

Applications for short term, temporary Artist in Residence at St. Mary's Cathedral were invited by the Cathedral and supported by Limerick Arts Office.

### Request for Quotation for the Evaluation of Creative Communities on a Shared Island Project: Laces of Ireland

The 'Laces of Ireland' project focuses on supporting collaboration and exchanges between lace maker groups and heritage institutions on the island of Ireland, led by LCCC in collaboration with experienced voluntary groups: Friends of Lace Limerick; the South Armagh Lace Collective; Limerick Museum; Armagh County Museum; and Cork Public Museum. A request for quotations from suitably qualified individuals or organisations to undertake an evaluation of the Creative Communities on a Shared Island Project: Laces of Ireland, was advertised. Closing date for submissions - 31 July.

## 2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	195
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	35
Derelict Sites Cases opened	11
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	35
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	17
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	3
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	7
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	17

## 3. Community Development

### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings took place on the 22 July.
- The LCDC members approved the SICAP (Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme) mid-year reviews for Lot 21-1 West Limerick Resources, Lot 21-2 Limerick City Area Partnership (formally PAUL Partnership Limerick CLG) and Lot 21-3 Ballyhoura Development CLG.
- The Local Action Group (LAG) approved funding of €133,816.69 under the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 including the projects listed below.
- Abbeyfeale Community Council CLG received approval of €14,387.93 for Biodiversity Training Programmes.

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- Askeaton Contemporary Arts CLG received approval of €87,255.37 for a modular build artist studio.
- West Limerick Resources CLG received approval of €8,200 for Community Network training focused environmental awareness sustainability focused programme to be rolled out in 2026.
- Killeedy Sprout Club received approval of €23,973.39 to purchase equipment for the set up of a new childrens STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) focused group.
- The Limerick City and County Council Local Authority Integration Team visited four migrant accommodation centres, providing direct support and relevant information to residents.
- The team also facilitated five group information clinics and conducted 43 one-to-one individual consultations, offering tailored guidance on services, rights, courses, employment and training opportunities in Ireland.

## Bin Waivers Scheme

- Audit 2025: An audit of the 2025 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme renewals continued during July 2025 and is expected to conclude with recommendations for the 2026 scheme.

## IPB Pride of Place Competition

- Limerick City and County Council nominated four groups in the following categories for this year's All Island IPB Pride of Place Competition. Judging took place on the 15 and 16 July when judges visited Thomondgate Residents Association - Urban Neighbourhood under 3000, Glenbrohane Local Hub - Community Wellbeing Initiative, Templeglantine - Population 1,000 - 2,000 and Foynes Flying Boat Museum - Community Tourism Initiative. Results of the competition will be announced in Autumn 2025.

## AGE FRIENDLY

### I-PARC (Irish Physical Activity Research Collaboration)

On 11 July, a focus group was held in Moyross, Limerick, as part of the second phase of a collaborative research project between I-PARC and Limerick Sports Partnership, with support from Age Friendly Limerick. It was attended by two members of Age Friendly Limerick's Older Persons Executive (OPE). The session brought together older adults from the local community to discuss their experiences, needs, and perspectives around physical activity programmes.

## Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of PPN Limerick continues to grow and stands at 269. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN [website](#) and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- The Secretariat continues to fulfil its functions, holding a Secretariat Meeting on 07 July.
- PPN Limerick hosted three Green Transition Workshops, designed to facilitate organisations through priority steps toward sustainability. These full day workshops enabled participants to share their climate-change concerns for themselves and their organisations, and to identify priority actions to transition towards sustainability.
- PPN Limerick continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

## Integration Supports: Migrant Support Forum

Accommodation Centre Visits	10
Group Information Clinics Held	5
Individuals supported	69

Throughout July, the Limerick Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) actively engaged with migrant communities across the city and county, delivering a wide range of outreach and inclusion initiatives and support services.

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## 2025 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards

The shortlisting of projects for National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2025 took place throughout the month of July with projects being visited by the judging panel. Under the Communications Award category, Limerick Libraries Digital Tablet Lending with Vodafone Foundation was one of three successful projects to be shortlisted. The objective of the scheme is to eliminate barriers and to enable older people to access the digital world. 42 Nokia T20 Tablet devices with pre-loaded mobile data are available for loan across the library network. This scheme is targeted at older people who wish to try out mobile digital technology. Participants who borrow the Tablets can also access online library resources such as digital books & audio books in addition to the Hi Digital course. Hi Digital is a self-directed learning course aimed at the older user and has been developed by Vodafone Ireland Foundation in collaboration with Alone. Pop up tuition sessions are also provided at several libraries.

### “Crafty Angels”

On 28 July, the chairperson of Limerick’s Older Peoples Executive (OPE) invited the Age Friendly Programme coordinator and team to visit the “Crafty Angels” group at Caherconlish Millennium Centre. This vibrant group, made up of around thirty-five members, gathers every Monday morning to enjoy a wide range of craft activities. Beyond creativity, the group offers a warm and welcoming social space where members can enjoy a cup of tea, a chat, and the chance to both share and learn new skills.

## Healthy Limerick

### Play Day 2025

- The period between 05 and 13 July (inclusive) was dedicated to National Play Day events in 2025. The theme for National Play Day 2025 is ‘The Power of Play!’.
- On 09 July a live outdoor event for children and young people was delivered in the Thomondgate area of Limerick city. It created external play and recreation opportunities and was organised by Thomondgate

Residents Association with support from the Community Sustainment Unit, Healthy Limerick and Sláintecare Healthy Communities. Limerick Sports Partnership facilitated outdoor games on the green aimed at the Under 12’s and An Garda Síochána were also present. Live music aimed at the 12–17 year-olds also formed part of the event and refreshments were provided. The event builds on community capacity and cohesion in the area.

### Food Finder Assembly

- A Food Finder Assembly for East County Limerick took place in Caherconlish on 03 July.
- The Food Finder initiative is engaged in mapping Limerick’s Food Environment. It is a collaborative project between the University of Limerick Nutrition and Dietetics Department, Limerick Food Partnership and Limerick City and County Council’s Healthy Limerick.
- The Food Finder Assembly’s provide an opportunity to engage communities with this ongoing research.

## Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- Sláintecare Healthy Communities along with the wider Integration, Health and Wellbeing team welcomed Global Health students from Southern Illinois University to Limerick City and County Council Head Quarters.
- The visit included an overview of our place-based approach to addressing health inequalities, grounded in co-production and community leadership. In partnership with the Limerick Mental Health Association, we also discussed the role of local authorities in tackling the social determinants of health.
- Additionally, we are pleased to confirm that the Department of Health has approved Sláintecare Healthy Communities projects and programmes for the remainder of 2025 and into 2026.

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## 4. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

Properties	July	To Date
Offered	1	250
Inspected	0	249
Allocated /People Housed	0	152/457
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	1	87
Not yet Ready	1	1
To be matched	0	0

## 5. Tourism

### Tourism General

#### Limerick City Walking Tour – ‘Explore Limerick: Stories, Streets & Heritage’

- Limerick City and County Council’s 90-minute walking tour (available seven days a week in Limerick City until the end of September) continued throughout July. Led by expert guides from the Limerick Civic Trust, this immersive experience takes participants through the heart of the city, exploring iconic landmarks such as King John’s Castle, St. Mary’s Cathedral, the Treaty Stone, and Arthur’s Quay Park.

#### Flavours of Limerick

- Planning of the festival continued throughout the month of July with the name, logo and branding of this confirmed for the festival – “Flavours of Limerick”
- A social strategy, programme build up, and branding/ website are currently being devised for the festival.

### Virtual Mapping of Limerick Greenway

- Global Virtual Asset Management (VAM) Ltd. has conducted a virtual reality (VR) mapping exercise of Limerick Greenway. The project is currently 90% complete.
- 360-degree imagery of the top 20 locations and attractions in Limerick City and County is currently being captured by Global VAM Ltd. as part of this project.

### Limerick and Clare Tourism Networking Event

- Planning for the event is now underway with guest speakers and discussion topics to be confirmed over the coming weeks.

### Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

#### People of Limerick Greenway Series

- On 07 July, Springboard Communications (in conjunction with the Tourism Department) completed a second content creation day, where ‘People of Limerick Greenway’ were interviewed in relation to the importance of Limerick Greenway and the positive effect this amenity has on locals and businesses alike. Interviews were conducted across West Limerick and will be utilized as promotional material for Limerick Greenway going forward.
- Limerick Greenway’s marketing campaign continued throughout July and included the following:
  - Limerick Greenway featured in articles across many publications over the month such as Irish Country Magazine, Limerick Leader, Weekly Observer and the Mallow Star.
  - Limerick Greenway also featured on Live 95FM, and Travel Extra, highlighting how the National Development Plan will impact tourism, and the Limerick Greenway Wellbeing Series at Rathkeale.

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- Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:
  - A post on 02 July encouraging all walkers, runners, and cyclists to make the most of the long summer days along Limerick Greenway.
  - A post on 18 July encouraged the public to take a trip to the Barnagh Greenway Hub where you can have fun at the playground, explore the Barnagh Tunnel, and experience the peaceful scenery surrounding Tullig Wood.
  - The Limerick Greenway Wellbeing Series continues. A post on 10 July highlighted the fourth event of the series which took place at the Rathkeale Greenway Hub on 13 July.
  - Looking to explore nature, a post on 31 July encouraged people to explore the beautiful scenery along Limerick Greenway for the August bank holiday weekend.

## Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

- **Barnagh Station House** – The Barnagh Station House restoration project is underway with construction ongoing throughout the month of July. 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.

## Statistics for Limerick Greenway socials 01 – 31 July

### Facebook

Reach: 53,524

Profile Visits: 1,056

New Page Followers: 44

### Instagram

Reach: 44,404

Profile Visits: 955

New Page Followers: 701

### Google Ads

Clicks: 2,086

Impressions: 9,871

## Festivals and Events

The Festivals and Events Department supported the following festivals and events:

### Limerick Wild Geese Festival 2025

Now in its sixth year, The Limerick Wild Geese Festival took place from 03 - 06 July. This festival commemorates the Flight of the Wild Geese, a celebration of Bastille Day, the national day in France. Launched by Loïc Guyon in 2019, after his appointment as Honorary Consul of France in Limerick, the festival has become a unique annual event, celebrating the friendship between Ireland and France, on the Limerick events calendar. This year marked the last year that Loïc will serve on the festival committee.

An eclectic mix of French themed events with a French sparkling wine Summer Festival took place on 03 July which was a partnership between the festival and the Limerick and Clare Wine Lovers Club. On 04 July, a rare 17th century Jacobite manuscript, was presented by Irish company Heavey Technology to Limerick Museum. Heavey Technology had purchased the manuscript in London with a view to ensuring that it would be displayed in Limerick. Historian Dr. Harman Murtagh also gave a lecture on Jacobite armies at the event.

The main day of the celebrations was 05 July which saw the launch of the festival by the Mayor of Limerick John Moran and the French Ambassador. The main events of the day were the traditional Living History Camp at the Hunt Museum gardens with reenactors from the Franco-Irish Historical Society. There were performances from Saint Mary's Prize Band, Scoil Uí Ruairc, Limerick School of Music, Conradh na Gaeilge and Saint Mary's Men's Shed. The annual Banquet also took place in St. John's Church with music from the Limerick Opera Festival.



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The final day, 06 July, saw the Defence Forces march in a parade with community groups, veteran associations and re-enactors all accumulating in the raising of the flag ceremony. A free French and Irish themed classical concert was also held in St. Mary's Cathedral bringing the festival to a close.

## Limerick Pride LGBTQ Festival 2025

The Limerick LGBTQ Pride Parade took place on 12 July and is the headline event of Limerick Pride. The parade is a celebration of diversity and equality for all with an emphasis on bringing friends, families and communities together to promote equal rights. The parade was a sea of colour with lively floats and groups adorned with joy and celebration.

This year's festival took place from 07 - 13 July and had numerous events and activities including a family friendly day with live music and entertainment with the annual Tea Party with Myles Breen being a highlight. The Hunt Museum and Dolan's also played host to events throughout the weekend.

## European 400 Metre Obstacle Course Racing (OCR) Championships 2025

University of Limerick played host to the first-ever European 400m OCR Championships from 18 - 20 July. This landmark event, secured through a successful bid supported by University of Limerick, Shannon Region Conference and Sports Bureau, Fáilte Ireland, and Limerick City and County Council, welcomed approximately 300 top-tier athletes from across Europe to compete in this highly technical sporting event. While OCR is a widely recognized sport across Europe and the globe, this was the inaugural European Championships for the 400m format. Competitors from over 40 countries - including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine - travelled to Limerick to put their strength, agility, and strategy to the test. Unlike traditional races, OCR challenges competitors not only physically but also mentally.

## Atlantic Youth Touch Cup 2025

University of Limerick played host to the second Atlantic Youth Touch Cup from 31 July - 03 August, the largest Touch Rugby tournament to ever take place in Ireland. The competition, which was organised by the Federation of International Touch (FIT) in conjunction with the Ireland Touch Association (ITA), featured 45 teams from 12 nations competing in nine categories of competition across Under-15, Under-18 and Under-20 age groups. Touch Rugby, a fast-paced, non-contact sport that prioritises skill, speed, and spatial awareness, is growing in popularity across Ireland. University of Limerick worked with Shannon Region Conference and Sports Bureau on the bid to attract the event to the region, with the support of Fáilte Ireland and Limerick City and County Council.

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

### Live at The Castle

The 07 July marked the final sold-out concert at King John's Castle, featuring the internationally renowned band, Train. This performance concluded a highly successful run of six concerts as part of Dolans Presents "Live at the Castle." We received overwhelmingly positive feedback across all our social media platforms, a testament to the growing popularity and strong reputation of 'Live at the Castle'.

### Media Visits

As part of our continued efforts to promote Discover Limerick DAC internationally, on 09 July we welcomed Calum McSwiggan, award winning LGBT+ travel writer to Lough Gur Visitor Centre and Grange Stone Circle. Calum, who has a strong online presence with over 100,000 followers and is a regular contributor to Metro Magazine (circulation 500K), explored the unique heritage and natural beauty of the Lough Gur area as part of his visit to Limerick for Pride Week and The Limerick Pride Parade on 12 July. His content is shared across his social media platforms: [@calummcsiggan](https://www.instagram.com/calummcsiggan)

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## Up with People Alumni Event

King John's Castle was delighted to welcome delegates attending the Up with People Alumni Event at the University of Limerick. Between 18 - 30 July, over 200 alumni delegates visited the castle for a self-guided tour, exploring our exhibitions, medieval architecture, and panoramic views of Limerick City. It was a pleasure to share our rich history and heritage with such a vibrant and international group of visitors.

## Corporate Events - The Courtyard at King John's Castle

King John's Castle continues to build its reputation as a premier venue for unforgettable corporate events, with its historic courtyard offering a truly unique experience.

On 14 July, delegates of the 39th International Workshop on Statistical Modelling (IWSM) enjoyed a memorable evening BBQ hosted by Treaty City Brewery. Set against the medieval architecture of the castle and overlooking the River Shannon, guests were treated to a relaxed and sociable evening featuring locally crafted beers and a delicious BBQ menu.

On 29 July, Futurama Productions hosted a private corporate event in the courtyard. Guests experienced top-tier hospitality in an authentic medieval setting, with the scenic surroundings enhancing the atmosphere.

With its blend of history, charm, and versatility, the courtyard at King John's Castle continues to shine as a distinctive venue for corporate gatherings, celebrations, and exclusive experiences.

## Kids Craft Workshops

King John's Castle was recently featured on the front page of the Limerick Leader for its pilot Kids' Craft Art Workshop on 25 July. This sold-out event offered children a hands-on opportunity to engage with the castle's rich history and heritage. Children between 8-12 years-old created their own shields and handcrafted paintbrushes, drawing inspiration from the castle's medieval past in a fun and educational environment.



## Lunchtime Concerts at King Johns Castle

On 23, 24, 30, and 31 July, King John's Castle hosted a series of traditional Irish music sessions in the Castle Café. These lunchtime concerts were designed to attract local visitors during their breaks and to enhance the overall experience of the castle for tourists, blending culture and ambiance in a historic setting.

## Training, by Curator Limerick City & County Council

Staff at King John's Castle participated in two training sessions led by Curator of Limerick Museum on 14 and 21 July. These sessions provided an in-depth overview of the castle's significance and Limerick's broader historical context. The training aimed to enrich staff knowledge, thereby enhancing the quality of historical interpretation and visitor engagement on site.



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## Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

### 1. Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

#### Economic Regeneration

- The Outreach to Employment (OTE) group met on 04 July. The draft Outreach to Employment Strategy for 2025-2028 was discussed. The Group discussed the priorities and actions required over the course of the next Strategy to help shape and focus the stakeholders in the employment landscape to 2028.

#### Social Regeneration

##### King's Island

- On 13 July the Kings Island, Family Fun Day was relaunched at the Community Centre by the local community, supported by Limerick Island Community Partners (LICP), Limerick Youth Service, Northstar Family Support, St. Marys Adult Education, and Limerick City Area Partnership.
- The King's Island community has a proud tradition of hosting successful community-led Summer Festivals as well as Family Fun Days. This year, the community and local stakeholders joined forces to host King's Island Community Family Fun Day, which combines the best elements of both traditions.

##### Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) hosted its annual summer camps. 280 children from the locality signed up to take part in the variety of programmes and activities on offer during the summer period.
- MCEC commenced a teenage Gym Class in partnership with the Moyross Youth Academy.

- Public meetings were held in MCEC in relation to the Northern Distributor Road. This was a meeting with residents to discuss the upcoming project and to familiarise residents with the plans.
- Discussions continued with MCEC and Irish Rail around the future plans for the area.

##### Southill

- In advance of the official opening of the Southill Playspace: Southill Hub, Tait House, Southill Family Resource Centre and the Southill Afterschools Club planted flowers and helped to landscape the area around the new Playspace. This collaborative effort has brought colour and nature to the area and shows fantastic pride of place.
- Summer Camps run by Southill Hub were held with a number of the local children participating. The children took part in a variety of trips to Fota Island, Aqua Dome, Lahinch and Derg Isle. The camp also held local activities for participants who are enjoying their summer holidays with old friends and new.

##### Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group Limited (OLOL CSG) welcomed John Kinsella, who has started the "Run Forward" Programme in the community. This is delivered in conjunction with Limerick Sports Partnership and Limerick Area City Partnership which empowers locals to get running and active. John is an inspirational Limerick man who gives key information to people starting or re-joining their exercise journey. The initiative sees participants running locally in the Ballinacurra Weston Community.
- The Summer Camps at OLOL CSG continued throughout the month of July. The children made a trip to the University of Limerick where they experienced and enjoyed the fantastic sporting amenities available in the UL Arena.

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- The West-End Youth Centre hosted a Summer League with the Community Guards. This was a fun and at times competitive recreational soccer league which builds connections with An Garda Síochána and youngsters in the area. This was played at OLOL astro-turf and was a very successful event with a great turnout.
- Community Companions took the lead on behalf of OLOL CSG at Limerick Pride. The group created banners, promoted the event locally while collaborating with local youth groups to ensure inclusive and meaningful participation. The initiative was a vibrant celebration of community, identity, and solidarity.

## 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 and are progressing towards completion.
- Work on the preparation of the Part 8 Planning application for the Cosgrave Park Phase 2 development, Moyross (22 units) continued during the month.
- Work on the preparation of a Stage 2 submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the Pineview Gardens Infill development in Moyross (112 units) continued during the month.
- Work in relation to a capital appraisal relating to a new infill housing scheme in Carew Park were completed and submitted to the DHLGH.
- Work on a new capital appraisal relating to a new infill scheme at Delmege Park commenced.

### Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill) is nearing completion with snagging ongoing.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128 / 129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Preparation of Stage 4 submissions in relation to Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill / Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross) was ongoing during the month.

## House Refurbishments

### Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- The remaining three houses in Lot 4a progressed towards completion.

### Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

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

### Minor Refurbishments

- Works at 246 Valley View, O'Malley Park, Southill are now completed.
- Refurbishment of 40 Dalgaish Park, Moyross is now complete, and the property is now occupied by a tenant.
- A contractor has been appointed for 56 Delmege Park, Moyross.

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- Application for Departmental approval for 108 and 110 Cliona Park was submitted.

## 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, Moyross.

### Thomond Rugby Football Club Extension

- Assessment of tender documents for procuring a contractor was completed and a preferred tenderer has been identified. The process to appoint this contractor commenced.

### Southill Play Space

- On 10 July, the Southill Play Space and Associated Landscape was officially opened by Príomh Chomhairleoir, Councillor Catherine Slattery. The Play Space is a celebration of community spirit, creativity, and connection, designed to bring joy to families and children for generations to come. The opening was attended by a large number of local residents, community partners and stakeholders. The attendees enjoyed various activities such as face painting. The children were treated to ice-cream and participated in other fun activities organised for the official opening. The project was delivered by McSweeney Sports Surfaces in conjunction with the Regeneration, Sport and Recreation Directorate.

## Community Projects

- Design work continued on the Southill Multi-Use Games Area project.

## Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- 12 July saw the Family Fun Inclusion Day, at Limerick Greenway. Based at Barnagh Greenway Hub, the event was designed for all ages and abilities. There was a variety of bike options, Zumba, mini-golf and a family friendly treasure hunt.
- The Activator Walking Programme got underway in Lough Gur on 07 July, and runs every Monday. It is designed especially for adults 55 years of age and older, helping to boost strength, balance and mobility.
- Summer Inclusion Summer Camps commenced with Badminton & Rounders which took place in Croom on 29 - 31 July.
- The LSP delivered essential Safeguarding Workshops throughout the month to volunteers from around Limerick.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit [www.limericksports.ie](http://www.limericksports.ie)

## Council Sporting Facilities

### Local Sports Plan Consultation

- The online consultation process closed on 21 July. The data collected from this process is with the Consultants in order to complete a strategic review.
- Following a social media campaign, in collaboration with the Marketing and Communications team, there were more than 750 responses received. These surveys targeted Stakeholders, Residents, Children and Young People.

### Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- There were 29 new members to the SportsKey platform, given them access to book the facility for use.
- Training continued for local athletics clubs - West Limerick Athletics Club and St. Mary's Athletics Club.

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## Rathbane Golf Course

- July proved a busy month on the course. A total of 3,571 rounds of golf were played with 2,102 of those accounted for by members of the course.
- The Southill After Schools Club were invited to the golf course to learn all about the game of golf. Thirty children enjoyed learning about the technique and rules from an instructor and got to experience a golf course.
- Junior Membership continued to grow, with 71 Juniors and 21 Kids now registered.
- FootGolf made its return to Rathbane Golf Course, on 11 July. It is a welcome addition to the amenity and is open to all ages.
- Junior Open competitions continued at the course. These are aimed at 12-17 year old golfers with week's two to five taking place during the month. The Junior Open Competition is about playing the sport but also learning about different themes. Integrity and courage were two of the themes during July.
- Course Operator Mack Trading held a BBQ for staff, volunteers, members and other stakeholders, in recognition for the hard work each cohort plays in the running of the facility.

## Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Martins Construction Limited continued the renovations of the ground floor changing village and removal of existing tiles around the pool deck area.

## 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.

The appointed operator, Swim Ireland, continued their recruitment process and branding for the facility.



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## Housing

### 1. Housing Support Services

#### Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,980
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	494

#### Closed Housing Applications

	July	Year to Date
Closed Applications	53	395

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 July	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	18	24
Newcastle West	3	17
Metropolitan District	23	135
Cappamore-Kilmallock	6	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>201</b>

#### Refusals

	No. of Units July	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	1	1
Newcastle West	1	1
Metropolitan District	5	23
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>

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

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
183	92	60	31

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## Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	581
Capital Assistance Scheme/Rental Accommodation Scheme Tenancies	644
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	1
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	7

## Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,803 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	14
No. of Amendments	278
No. of Cessations	30

## Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€15,224,813	€23,875,210	€13,214,466	€10,660,744	56%

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## Home Improvement Schemes

July 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	8	0	8
	MAG Expenditure	€8,000.00	€3,030.00	€11,750.00	€0.00	€22,780.00
	No. Paid	1	1	2	0	4
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	0	2	7	0	9
	HAG Expenditure	€16,000.00	€44,850.00	€167,835.00	€0.00	€228,685.00
	No. Paid	1	6	17	0	24
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	0	1	1	0	2
	HOP Expenditure	€13,593.00	€134,481.50	€71,487.50	€0.00	€219,562.00
	No. Paid	1	20	16	0	37
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€19,851.14	€0.00	€19,851.14
	No. Paid	0	0	2	0	2

Total No. Approved	19
Total Monies Paid	€490,878.14
Total No. Paid	67

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## Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

Jan - July 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	7	3	22	4	36
	MAG Expenditure	€36,345.00	€8,648.11	€68,252.62	€10,450.00	€123,695.73
	No. Paid	8	3	15	3	29
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	21	41	62	25	149
	HAG Expenditure	€183,616.00	€182,681.49	€1,038,769.99	€125,500.43	€1,530,567.91
	No. Paid	19	25	107	18	169
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	53	82	61	47	243
	HOP Expenditure	€273,225.25	€453,112.20	€658,945.12	€260,070.00	€1,645,352.57
	No. Paid	63	79	180	53	375
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€207,671.86	€0.00	€207,671.86
	No. Paid	0	0	10	0	10

Total No. Approved	428
Total Monies Paid	€3,507,288.07
Total No. Paid	583



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## Community Sustainment Unit

### Tenancy Inductions

	July	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	40	191

### House Visits

	July	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	221	1,390

### Microsoft Dynamics Cases

	July	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	266	266
Cases closed during month	108	250

### Repossessions

	July	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	13	71

### Garda Checks

	July	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	75	703

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

Date: 11.07.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	30
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	67
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	23
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	78
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>231</b>

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimehneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	173	172	108
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	12	17	10
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Families</b>
		<b>191</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>124</b>

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	July	YTD
<b>Tenant Purchase</b>		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. received	4	19
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. approved	1	4
<b>Local Authority Home Loans</b>		
Loan Applications: No. received	9	52
Loan Applications: No. approved	3	14
<b>Deed of Discharge</b>		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	21	96
<b>Consent to Sale</b>		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	2	16
<b>Cottage Purchase Annuity</b>		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	3	9
<b>Ground Rent</b>		
No. of Ground Rent applications	5	41
<b>Title</b>		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	12	118
Title Rectifications Received	1	6
<b>Private Rented Inspections</b>		
No. of Inspections	320	2,281

## Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	6
Ombudsman Query Cases	2
Data Access Requests	1

## 2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

### \* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered July	12
Year to Date	21

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	July	YTD
Number of Inspections	-	305
Number of Tenancy Inductions	11	11
Number of active cases at end of month	67	70
Cases Closed	-	20

### Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals / Visits July	14
Year to Date	130

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## 3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

### Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns July	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

House Returns July By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3
Newcastle West	1
Metropolitan District	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

During July, the Local Authority Housing Construction team were notified of one property returned in Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District, three properties in Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District, one property in Newcastle West Municipal District and five properties in the Metropolitan Municipal District.

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in July	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	30
Major Refurbishments	0	62
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	12	65
Major Refurbishments	3	20
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	2	29
Major Refurbishments	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>216</b>
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In July, there were no properties completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on 15 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 July, the Local Authority Construction team is in the progress of completing works on 92 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 85 properties and the Regeneration team are working on 39 properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 17 properties.

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## Project Updates

- Stage 3 approval received from Department of Housing for construction of six units at Mulcaire Drive, Annacotty.
- Contractor appointed for construction of 10 housing units at O'Connor Park, Ardagh.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works on two properties in Glenshesk Templeglantine, two properties in Newcastle West and one property in Patrickswell.
- Contractors working on site at properties in Corrigg Foynes, Sharwood Estate Newcastle West, Deebert Kilmallock.
- Tender awarded for demolition of unit at St Joseph's Street.
- Contractor continuing on site for construction of 11 units at Broadford.
- Works continue on site at Main Street, Ballingarry.
- Refurbishment works nearing substantial completion at properties on Greenhills Road in Garryowen, St Marys Terrace, in Ballinacurra and Lelia Place.
- Contractor started refurbishment works at property in Assumpta Park, Newcastle West and Hyde Road.
- Part 8 planning was approved for development of two units at Crawford Street, Bruff.

## Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €575,940 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €1,546,081 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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## Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during July

Housing Maintenance Cases - July	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.07.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	777	836	1,059
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	84	67	385
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	142	159	490
Municipal District of Newcastle West	88	65	429
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>2,363</b>

## Grants Inspections

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

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	3	9
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	9	0	10	20
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	12	15
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	3	3	7
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>51</b>

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	4	5
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	4	4
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	7	0	0	7
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	1	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	8	8
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	11	12
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	3	0	0	3
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>

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

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	1	2
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	5	5
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	18	20
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>

### HOUSE INSPECTIONS UNIT

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - July - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	6
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	1
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT</b>	<b>7</b>
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	3

### DEFECTIVE BLOCKWORK SCHEME APPLICATIONS

Applications Registered July	1
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) July	5
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	5
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	2
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
<b>Total Applications Registered – Year to Date</b>	<b>20</b>



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Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects - July	
1	Painting of Derelict Pub (acquired by LCCC), Main Street, Cappamore
2	Painting and gutter cleaning of 6 - 11 Aherlow View, Galbally (including Wixted's old Pub).
3	Fire Safety Audit of Oak Lodge, Clare Street, Limerick City.
4	New Heating Boiler Installation in Vizes Court, Limerick City.
5	Building Maintenance System works in Oak Lodge, Clare Street, Limerick.

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

### SOCIAL HOUSING - Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.07.2025 is as follows:

As at 31.07.2025 (01.01.2025 - 31.07.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	"Housing for All" 2025 Delivery Target
Build	16	259	275	551
Buy *	5	33	38	€15m (Funding allocation)
Lease	2	30	32	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>345</b>	

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

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## Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in July	CTD
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council regarding Notice-To-Quit (that meet eligibility criteria, should funding become available)	42	80
Proposals being reviewed	0	24
Sale Agreed	0	9
Purchase Completed	2	152
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	4	546
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	0	55
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	0	65
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>931</b>

## Social Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

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

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 3 approval for the Construction delivery of seven units at Broadford, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Turnkey approval for the delivery of six units at Castleconnell, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey approval for the delivery of 15 units at Woodlawn Park, Ballysimon Road, Limerick (Rightsizing scheme)	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Turnkey submission for the delivery of six units at Castleconnell, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 3 submission for the Construction delivery of 10 units at Glin, Co. Limerick.	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 3 submission for the Construction delivery of three units at Doon, Co. Limerick.	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 11 units at William Street, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 19 units at Greenfield, Childers Rd/Greenfield Rd, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Construction submission for the delivery of 12 units at Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.	Municipal District of Newcastle West
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 10 units at Mungret gate, Mungret, Co. Limerick (Part Vs).	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Turnkey submission for the delivery of one unit at Cedar Court, Kennedy Park, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 28 units at Sexton Street North, Thomondgate, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) Turnkey	Turnkey submission for the delivery of four units at Radharc Fhlannáin, Mungret, Limerick.	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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## Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	<p>Work continued integrating Pre-planning meeting inputs.</p> <p>Councillor inputs from previous workshops were reviewed and integrated.</p> <p>Extended Ecological survey and information completed.</p> <p>Pre-consultation planning pack was circulated for internal Limerick City and County Council cross departmental review in mid- July.</p>
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	<p>Design optioneering ongoing with minimum to maximum densities being tested.</p> <p>First sketch design received, and feedback sent from Limerick City and County Council to design team on first iteration.</p>
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	<p>Working group meeting was held. Limerick City and County Council economy expert and Land Development Agency economy expert collaborating on viability modelling of affordable units.</p> <p>Revised proposal for Carey's Road was prepared for Councillor workshop held on 30 of July, from Councillor inputs on previous workshop.</p>
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	<p>Justification Test Tender was advanced throughout July.</p> <p>Design being progressed toward Affordable Housing Fund application.</p>
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>Pre – consultation planning pack was circulated for internal Limerick City and County Council cross departmental review at start of July.</p> <p>The Fosse, Phase 1, Local Authority Water Sustainable Urban Drainage System demonstrator project design tender package was completed, and tenders were requested by end of July.</p>

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the preplanning design. Updated costings underway and cost rental testing underway. Planning pack advanced.
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 July. Contractor has been appointed.
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase & Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July. 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 July. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 1	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Bru na Gruadan, Castletroy, Limerick	25	All unit sales have now been completed and funding claim for remaining units submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on 29 July 2025.
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 & Heritage and is at final stage of approval for Phase 1 of 36 units.
	Municipal District of Adare/Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Srutháin, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during July.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Woodfield Manor, Newcastle West	21	All unit sales have now been completed and funding claim for remaining units submitted to Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage on 29 July 2025.
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 July for Phase 1 of Castle Place, Newcastle West.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Scheme closed for applications on 21 July 2025. Applications received are currently being assessed.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in July
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 July.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	10	Work commenced on the progression of this scheme during July.
	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>Tender Assessment Board was formed and assessment of tender responses for Design Team Consultancy Services was completed. Internal approvals process commenced.</p> <p>Work on the provision of a modular prototype experience event in Arthur's Quay continued.</p> <p>Work on the Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment in relation to proposed sites for the SMART Programme continued.</p> <p>Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued during July. This involved assessing the programme for a design build operate finance model of delivery.</p> <p>Community engagement on the SMART Housing Programme commenced with a presentation and meeting with the Moyross Partners Forum.</p>

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## Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €1,802,261.42 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €1,394,245.01 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Conferences and Workshops

- Housing Staff delivered a Housing Update to the Members of the Municipal District Adare-Rathkeale on 08 July.
- Housing Staff delivered, along with the Land Development Agency, a briefing on the Carey's Road Development for the Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on 30 July.





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## Planning and Place-Making

### 1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

#### Forward Planning

- The Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031 is on public display.
- Briefings were held with the Moyross Partners Forum and with the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District on the Moyross Design Review. The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland presented the four emerging options from the Moyross Design Review followed by a questions and answers.
- Forward Planning and Public Realm made a successful application to the Creative Ireland Creative Communities 2025 fund for the amount of €7,500 for the animation of vacant windows at No. 29 Nicholas Street, Limerick.

#### Public Realm

- The Thrive 2 Project Performance Report and Payment Declaration were complete.

#### Conservation

- A Conservation Consultant was appointed for the repair works to the 1916 Memorial, Sarsfield Bridge, and tender documents are being prepared for the works.
- The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026 was launched ([Main Stream](#) and [Historic Thatched Buildings](#)) and is open for applications.
- Conservation and Heritage Events Programme for Heritage week was completed.

#### Archaeology

- Galbally Medieval Church Community Monuments Fund Project Tenders issued.
- Ballynoe Tower House, Bruree, Community Monuments Fund Project Tenders issued.
- Glenogra Medieval Church Community Monuments Fund Project initiated.

### 2. Development Management and Place-Making

#### Development Management

A total of 101 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	1
Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	54
Agricultural Developments	17
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	10
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	6
Other Developments	10

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for works to the Public Realm including new paving surface, street furniture, lighting including automatic bollards and alterations to footpaths at Church Street, Castle Street, The Parade, Nicholas Street and St. Augustine Place, King's Island.

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- Construction of a residential development of 40 residential units at Barnakyle, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick. The planning application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).
- Construction of a two storey, discount food store with ancillary off-license sales area and a gross floor area of 2,258 square metres, surface level car parking spaces, including electrical vehicle (EV) charging spaces and a vehicular access from the N21 at Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. The planning application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).
- Construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP). The proposed development will comprise the construction of a new WwTP to provide treatment capacity for a population equivalent (PE) of 1,350 (10 years) and 1,550 (30 years) at Coolaboy, Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick. The wastewater will be treated and discharged via an outfall pipe into the River Deel at a location approximately 6.5 kilometres to the northwest of the WwTP. The planning application is accompanied by a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

## Place-Making

### Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

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

- The Tender assessment progressed for 33 and 34 Thomas Street.
- 58 O'Connell Street Roof Repair Works – Contractor was appointed and commenced work.

### 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.

### Croom Post Office Village Square Project

- An application for Town and Village Renewal Scheme, Project Development Measure Funding to progress the scheme to Part 8 Planning, was submitted.

### Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Mayors Report on Part 8 issued on 16 July.

Part 8 approval by Elected Members at Metropolitan District of Limerick Meeting on 21 July.

Tender process for integrated design team ongoing.

### Milk Market Food Hub

- Procurement process for the purchase of three Milk Market units continued.
- Proposed Food Hub property continues to be investigated.

### City Centre Streets and Laneways

- Priority laneway high level scope of works identified.

### Greening Georgian Limerick

- Preliminary layout and costing put to Management Board on 8 July, which was approved in principle. Issued to the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 18 July for approval.

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## 3. CFRAMS (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study)

### King's Island Flood Relief Scheme

Steering Group Meeting held on 30 July.

#### Area A2 St. Ita's Road

- New flood wall construction progressed.

#### Area A3 St. Ita's Street

- Importation of material for new flood embankment continued.

#### Area A5 Lee Estate

- Importation of material for new flood embankment continued.

#### Area A6 Athlunkard Boat Club

- New flood wall progressed and preparation for new flood embankment is continuing.

#### Area B3 Merchants Quay

- Construction of underground tank commenced- base poured.
- Piling for second tidal tank.

### Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group meeting held on the 10 July.
- An Coimisiún Pleanála response to submissions received issued on 01 July.
- Site Investigation contractor appointment progressed.
- Review completed on mapping and proposed land acquisition.
- Scope for CCTV storm water investigation progressing; Limerick City and County Council has issued comments to the consultant to finalise for tender documents.
- Discussions with the consultants regarding agreement on Stage 1 Fees are continued.

### Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 15 July.
- Workshop on N21 works undertaken on 24 July.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report ongoing/ Cost Benefit Report at final review.
- Discussions with the consultants regarding agreement on Stage 1 Fees are ongoing.

### Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 21 July.
- Damages Workshop held on 25 July.
- Site Investigation nearing completion; reinstatement issues being resolved.
- Ecological surveys continuing and tender approvals for 2025 season is progressing.
- Public realm design is being refined following Limerick City and County Council feedback.
- Option development is ongoing across the scheme area, with continuous feedback being provided to the consultant.

### Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 16 July.
- Landowner engagement and meetings continued throughout July.
- Cost Benefit Report and Memo being finalised for Office of Public Works approval submission.
- Discussions with the consultants regarding agreement on Stage 1 Fees commenced.

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

### Opera Square

#### Progress Update

##### Contract B – Sitewide Basement and Parcel 1

- Programme - The project is approaching finalisation. Key construction elements - including the external envelope, interior finishes, and building services - are now complete. System commissioning is continued to bring the development to operational readiness.

##### Contract C – Library, Four Opera Square and Central Plaza Public Realm

- The tendering process has concluded with three submissions received and fully evaluated. A preferred bidder has been selected. The tender report was issued to Limerick City and County Council on 04 July. Contract award on hold until funding in place.

##### Contract D – OPW Landmark Building, Granary Redevelopment and Bank Place / Granary Courtyard

- Tri-party Office of Public Works (OPW), Limerick City and County Council and Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC Heads of Terms for the sale of the Landmark Building site from Limerick City and County Council to the Office of Public Works and subsequent development by Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC is in final form.

### 9 No. Georgian Residential Buildings and Quins Bar.

- Pre-tender Estimate for 4 and 5 Rutland Street Georgian Buildings completed. Work continuing on tender strategy.

#### Project Media Engagement

- **Office of Public Works Announcement:** A unanimous decision was made by the Elected Members of Limerick City and County Council to approve the disposal of land at Opera Square to the Office of Public Works. Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC posted this announcement throughout its social media platforms.

## Cleeves Riverside Quarter

#### Progress Update

##### Heritage works to Flaxmill Building

- Tenders received from three shortlisted contractors. Tender Evaluation complete and preferred tenderer identified. Tender price below the pre-tender estimate. Submission made to URDF for approval to proceed to award the contract.

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

- The Stage 2A2 draft designs, progressed to full integrated designs, which were finalised by 04 July.
- Cost Plans and viability assessment continued to be updated to ensure latest designs are still viable to deliver.
- Planning reports were completed for the Planning Application submission to Coimisiún Pleanála.

##### TUS Cleeves Riverside Quarter City Campus

- Stage 1 design brief, feasibility study, and output specification have been completed and budget set.
- TUS explored options to progress to Stage 2 including engaging with Higher Education Authority (HEA) to confirm approval.

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## Gardens International

- The retail unit in Gardens International recently opened as 'Babylon Coffeehouse'. The opening of the Café was shared across social media platforms.

## Subsidiary Activity - Emergency Modular National Residential (EMNR) Advisory Limited.

### Modular Accommodation Project

- In line with the EMNR Service Level Agreement with the Department of Justice, EMNR continued to project manage the design, planning and delivery of modular accommodation on State owned sites, aimed at expeditiously addressing the modular housing needs within the Department of Justice.

## Other Activity

### Project Manager Role

- LTT announced the opening for a role as Project manager on a three-year fixed-term contract. This announcement was shared across the LTT website and social media platforms.

### Charity Hike

- LTT employees completed a hike to raise funds for the Charity, Féileacáin. €5,025 was raised in total, comprising €3,525 in online donations and a €1,500 contribution from Limerick Twenty Thirty. A celebratory lunch followed the hike and photos and details were shared to LTT's website and across social media platforms.

### Chambers Ireland

- LTT were proud to be involved in the Chambers Ireland CEO Executive Forum held in July. The forum provided a practical platform to address current challenges and share strategies shaping the future of Ireland's regions including the impact of the Ryder Cup 2027, the forum reflected the bold ambition and collaborative spirit driving the region forward.



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## Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 51,298 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAPSSC at the end of July.
- A weekly average of 131 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2025.
- The July landlord payment run was €51.75 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of July, was €3.05 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €91.79 million in differential rent to end of July.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of July was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 9,627 HAP debt reminder letters in July.

### 2. Fire and Emergency

#### Statistics

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications July	15	10	0	15	
Disability Access Certificate Applications July	7	7	0	14	
Licensing Applications July	12	17			
Commencement Notice July	44	44	2		44
Completion Certificate July	23	16	0		16
Planning Referrals July	26	24	0		24
Dynamics July	1				

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## Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- A number of retained fire fighters completed their Cardiac First Responder Training.
- Limerick Wellbeing Series 2025 at Rathkeale Greenway Hub, Co. Limerick – First Aid Cover
- National Day of Commemoration in Merchants Quay, Limerick City – First Aid Cover
- Call out by Limerick City and County Council to attend flooding in Dromcollogher, Co. Limerick.

## Civil Defence attendance at Events

The following activity took place:

- Mountshannon Pier, Co. Clare - Assisting Clare Civil Defence – First Aid Cover

## Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January-June	July	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	9	2	11
Municipal Districts	5	1	6

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January-June	July	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	41	5	46
Municipal Districts	25	5	30

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## 3. Environment and Climate Action

### Climate Action Team

In the month of July, the Climate Action Team:

- **01 July:** Attended the Climate Action Week Showcase Webinar hosted by An Taisce.
- **03 July:** The Climate Action Officer attended the Local Authority Services National Training Group training on – ‘Practical Implementation of Green Public Procurement in Local Authorities’.
- **03 July:** The Climate Action Officer attended the Food Finder Assembly Workshop hosted by the University of Limerick and Paul Partnership – This workshop was for community organisations and food enthusiasts to come together to explore local food initiatives.
- **04 July:** Attended the ‘Beyond Grants – Financing Climate Adaptation Webinar’.
- **11 July:** Completed ISO 50001 Surveillance Audit.
- **11 July:** The Climate Action Team circulated a survey to all staff to gain a better understanding of staff awareness and attitudes towards climate change and the actions we can take to help address it.
- **21 July:** The Climate Action Co-ordinator attended a workshop organised by the Centre for Public Impact, John Hopkins University on the ‘Funding Architecture Circular Economy Project’ - Identifying inventions and actions organised in conjunction with Dublin City Council.
- **23 July:** The Climate Action Team attended a meeting with the Ryder Cup Event Delivery Director to discuss sustainability measures for the Ryder Cup.
- **24 July:** The Climate Action Team attended the steering group meeting for the Sólta Glas Project being managed jointly with the Art Office and funded by Creative Ireland.
- **26 July:** The Climate Action Team once again hosted ‘The Toy Library’ in Limerick. The event, held in Istabraq Hall, Merchants Quay, and was attended by families from across Limerick..
- **31 July:** The Community Climate Action Officer held a webinar regarding the next round of the Community Climate Action Programme.
- The School of Architecture UL (SAUL) Intelligence Unit hosted in the Citizen Innovation Lab the “One City” research project. The project will deliver a report of the research finding that will inform the preparation of the new county development plan and an enlarged physical model of the city centre that will be used to assist public consultation on the city centre.

### Veterinary Services

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	16
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	4
Number of horses seized	13



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## Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	29
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	95*
*16 DWWTS (Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems) (Septic Tank Inspections)	
Warnings issued	1
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory notices issued - **DWWTS - 7 Advisory Notices issued **DWWTS - 25 Notices of Compliance Issued **DWWTS - 7 Notices of Compliance with an Advisory Notice Issued	45**
Prosecutions initiated	0
Fines issued	3
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered ***Waste Facility Permit/Certificate of Registration issued- 1 ***WFP/COR's surrendered - 1 ***Certificate of Compliance - 2	4***
Planning reports	135
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received (MS Dynamics)	85
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	469
Warnings issued	5
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	4
Statutory notices issued	4
Prosecutions initiated	9
Fines issued	10

## Anti-Dumping Initiative

A clean up was undertaken at Scouts Hall, John's Square basement, Limerick City, following a series of dumping complaints which were received.

## Parks

### Projects progressed in July 2025

Location	Description
Collins Park Abbeyfeale	15 semi mature trees have been planted as a cross organisational venture between Tenancy Enforcement, Roads, Environment and Climate Action departments.
Multi Use Games Area Hospital	Redevelopment works have commenced.
Pocket Park Parnell Street Limerick City	Works have now been completed to stabilise the historic stone wall.
Development of new dog parks in Limerick City and County and upgrade to existing dog parks	Tenders have now been received from contractors.

Other highlights of July 2025:

- The two basketball courts adjacent to Mungret College are now available for use by the public with the same opening hours as Mungret Park for the remainder of the school summer holidays and following that during all school holidays and every Saturday and Sunday.
- 2025 Maintenance of Open Spaces grants have been paid to 55 community groups who cut or arrange the cutting of grass in their area. This reduces the area of grass that Limerick City and County Council Parks staff and contractors on behalf of the Council need to cut as well as promoting community involvement and giving each community added pride in the maintenance of their neighbourhood. This year the average payment to each group was slightly over €1000 -the larger the area each group maintains the larger the grant they receive.

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## Cemeteries

Projects progressed in July 2025

Location	Description
Abbeyfeale Old Burial Ground	Conservation works to the Eastern boundary wall and stabilisation of two tombs is now substantially complete.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in July 2025

Mount St. Lawrence	14
Mount St. Oliver	16
Castlemungret	18
Kilmurry	2

## Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	14	Farm Inspections
Farm Re-Inspections	8	Follow-up Inspections to verify programmed works completed
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections Notification Letter	49	Notification of commencement of Farm Inspections
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Letters sent	15	
Dynamics CRM – Number of Active Cases	19	
Dynamics CRM – Number of cases open longer than 30 days	6	
Farm File Reviews	17	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Review of Farmyard Management Plan	1	
Invasive species website	4	Giant Hogweed locations indicated
Invasive Species site visits	2	Identification and investigation of Invasive Species
Planning Files	21	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Forestry Files	4	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	1	Environment Strategy Farm Team

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## Environmental Awareness

### Going for Gold 2025

77 groups were allocated grant funding of €71,642.40 under Limerick Going for Gold Environment Improvement Grant and Competition funded by Limerick City and County Council and by the JP McManus Charitable Foundation. Applications for project funding were received from the Social Enterprises operating within the Limerick Regeneration areas.

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended the Public Participation Network (PPN) organised Green Transition training in Kilmallock and Regional meetings relating to Waste prevention project "Circular Cups for Community events".



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## Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

### 1. Business Improvement

- A total of 901 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681
- Business Improvement assisted Roads, Traffic and Cleansing to launch a MyPoint consultation for "Section 36 - Amendment of Bye Laws in Abbeyfeale."
- Business Improvement engaged with Environment and Climate Action to roll out a survey of MyPoint for "Staff Climate Action Awareness."
- Limerick City and County Council have been shortlisted as finalists in the 2025 Ireland eGovernment Awards for CapGov for the Local Government Award and CoPlan for the Citizen Engagement Award.

### 2. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

#### Procurement Department

Staff in the Procurement Department are responsible for setting up and extending existing procurement references on request from all Departments within Limerick City and County Council.

The following shows the number of Procurement References dealt with during the month:

New Procurement References set up	33
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/arrangement	16

#### Requisitions Oversight Unit

The Requisitions Oversight Unit staff validate all requisitions raised across the entire Limerick City and County Council. The following statistics applied for July:

- Approved requisitions accounted for 82% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions accounted for 18% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
July	1,362	291	1,653

The top five requisition rejection reasons for July were identified as follows:

Rejection Reason	July
Memo Requisition - Omitted/Insufficient detail	86
Request for Quotes - Omitted	41
Procurement Reference - Omitted/Incorrect	39
Documentation attached - Omitted/Incorrect	30
Quotation Form - Omitted/Incomplete	29

#### Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	147
Deletions from Electoral Register	402
Modifications to the Electoral Register	107
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	656

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## Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Landscaping Combi Course (Comprehensive Landscaping Course)	11
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) – Telescopic Handler	4
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	3
Fire Warden	8
First Aid	5
Manual Handling	15
Safe Pass	5
<b>Total Staff Trained</b>	<b>51</b>

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## Schedule of Meetings for July

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Full Council</b> Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	14/07/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Operational Briefings</b>  Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	 01/07/2025 01/07/2025 02/07/2025	 Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Municipal District of</b>  <b>Newcastle West</b> Monthly Meeting  <b>Adare-Rathkeale</b> Monthly Meeting  <b>Cappamore-Kilmallock</b> Monthly Meeting	  02/07/2025  08/07/2025  10/07/2025	  Newcastle West and Online  Rathkeale and Online  Kilmallock and Online
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b>  Monthly Meeting	 21/07/2025	 Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Corporate Policy Group Meeting</b>	04/07/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b> Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture	09/07/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Discover Limerick DAC Audit and Risk Committee Meeting</b>	09/07/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
<b>Party Leaders' Meeting</b>	10/07/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Protocol Committee Meeting</b>	10/07/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Discover Limerick DAC Meeting</b>	22/07/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
<b>Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting</b>	22/07/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting</b>	22/07/2025	Dooradoyle and Online

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## Access to Information

	July	2025 (January to July)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	19	162
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	0	5
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	3
Total Ombudsman Requests	2	24
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	22
AIE Internal Appeals	0	2

## Customer Services

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

The following figures highlight the activity within the contact centre throughout the month:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,594 calls. This represents an average of 457 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 533 on one particular day. 82% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 4,064 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.

- 2,967 cases were created, with 755 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 67% of the cases created.
- 3,356 cases were closed, with 783 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the My Limerick portal continued, with a total of 143 cases being logged. Of these, 139 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- A total of 97 out-of-hours cases being created.
- Customer Services processed applications for Residential Parking Permits, 112 were applied for and 99 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 3002 customers at both our Merchants Quay, and Dooradoyle offices.

## 3. Marketing and Communications

### Marketing

#### Great Days Out Summer Tourism Initiative

- Continued social and digital promotion of itineraries and inspiration for 'Great Days Out' in Limerick, via dedicated social media content.
- Partnership secured with Live 95 incorporating on-air mentions, ad spots, Shadows crew visits to 'Great Days Out' locations around Limerick, social ads and online articles.
- Launched 'Great Days Out' photo competition, encouraging our audiences to enter their photos under the following categories: Great for Foodies, Great for Culture, Great for Family Fun and Great for Adventure. Prizes on offer include Limerick Gift Cards to further promote this product and encourage people to shop local.
- Secured an advertising feature in the Tailteann Cup Final, official match programme, to promote the 'Great Days Out' initiative.

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- Secured advertising space on Glance Promotions Digital Advertising Screens to promote the 'Great Days Out' initiative.

## Limerick Student City

- Continued engagement and collaboration with our Tertiary Level partners to inform and develop campaign and content creation.
- Updates to content creation for a digital and print version of the Limerick Student City z-card map and guide.
- Limerick Student City merchandise designed and procured for upcoming 'Welcome to Limerick' campaign.

## Brand Limerick

- Collaborated with our Ryder Cup team in the creation of a Brand Limerick sub-brand for Golf Limerick for use in the promotion of Limerick as an attractive golf destination.
- Marketing Officer was interviewed for City Nation Place - a platform which provides events, information and networking for place branding practitioners - to discuss Brand Limerick's evolution over the past five years.

## Other Activity

- Continued our Brand Limerick pitchside hoarding arrangement at Thomond Park Stadium (Ballynanty Terrace end).
- We welcomed broadcaster, Ryan Tubridy to Limerick.
- Provided Limerick branded merchandise to the Austin Celtics visiting squad, the Chamber's Ireland CEO Meeting held in Limerick, the Up with People Alumni event at UL and supported our colleagues on the Climate Action Team as well as Customer Services in initiatives they ran over the month.

## 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:** 37,319

**Limerick.ie X:** 21,072

**Limerick.ie Instagram:** 39,808

**Limerick.ie TikTok:** 3887

**Limerick City and County Council X:** 18,896

**Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 4,471

**Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 15,941

## Limerick.ie

In July, there were 179,629\* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 6% increase on the same period in 2024. (\*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

- <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs>
- <https://www.limerick.ie/council>

Content Report: 105 articles, 201 events and 11 new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in July.



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## Communications

- Issued 20 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote 17 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted 290 times across the three Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 39,308. Our posts earned 300,583 impressions.
- Social media posts were created and shared for the following:
  - Promotion of "Request for Quotation for the Evaluation of Creative Communities on a Shared Island Project: Laces of Ireland."
- Clean-up taken place by our Cleansing Team in Watergate Flats playground.
- Promotion of the Action Plan survey for SME's (Small and Medium Enterprises).
- Worked with Limerick Civic Trust to promote walking tours around the city centre and on the three bridges.
- Support from the Newcastle West's and Abbeyfeale's Roads Team ahead of the Tailteann cup final and also wished the Limerick team good luck on behalf of Limerick City and County Council.
- Launch of Landmark Film Lab in Limerick.
- Ongoing promotion of Rathbane Golf Course including FootGolf and Junior open competitions.
- Worked with Limerick City and County Council Water Safety team to promote swimming/ lifesaving lessons at Glin Pier and World Drowning Day.
- Promotion of job vacancies within Limerick City and County Council.
- Promotion of Climate Action Team's Webinar on 31 July.
- Promotion of anti-littering ad sent by My Waste Ireland.
- Promotion of The Toy Library Swap and Play Event.
- Highlighted Limerick's own National Day of Commemoration Ceremony on 13 July and showcased the photo gallery made of the event.
- Displayed the two Mungret basketball courts opened to the public on 19 July.
- Promoted the Regional Athletics Hub in Newcastle West photographed with Irish Athlete Sarah Lavin.
- Promoted the Community and Voluntary sector survey sent by the Local Government Management Agency.
- Opening of the Southill play space.
- Events and Talks happening during National Heritage Week, 16 – 24 August.
- The third edition of Twilight Thursdays and events being held.
- Continuous updates on road notices, public notices and events on in Limerick.
- Handled all media queries, which come into [communications@limerick.ie](mailto:communications@limerick.ie) and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

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## 4. Municipal District Offices

### Metropolitan District of Limerick

#### Meeting

The July Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 21 July.

#### Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing on The Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Project Part 8 Mayors Report;
- Briefing from An Garda Síochána;
- Briefing on the Proposed Limerick City Greenway – University of Limerick to National Technology Park;
- Workshop on Cemeteries Funding and Bye Laws Review;
- Briefing with the Land Development Agency on Carey's Road Development.

#### Operational Area Briefings

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

#### Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of project: R503 Newport Road Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Drominboy
  - Cost of project: €364,500
  - Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Road Operations / COLAS / Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: St. Patricks Road Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Singland
  - Cost of project: €138,000
  - Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: Belmont Road Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Castleconnell
  - Cost of project: €91,800
  - Contractor: COLAS
- **Description of project: Avilla, Milford Grange Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Castletroy
  - Cost of project: €119,250
  - Contractor: Rathcabin
- **Description of project: Galtee Close Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Caherdavin
  - Cost of project: €130,000
  - Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: Euroville Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Ballyclough
  - Cost of project: €180,000
  - Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: Russell Court Restoration Improvement**
  - Location: Ballykeeffe
  - Cost of project: €190,000
  - Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: L1147 Ballyneety towards Boherload Surface Dressing**
  - Location: Ballyneety
  - Cost of project: €50,842
  - Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Roads Operations
- **Description of project: L-8061 Clarina to Patrickswell Surface Dressing**
  - Location: Clarina
  - Cost of project: €82,500
  - Contractor: Limerick City and County Council Roads Operations

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- **Description of project: L-5121 Gooig Bridge Rehabilitation**
- Location: Gooig, Castleconnell
- Cost of project: €30,000
- Contractor: Cumnor Construction Limited
- **Description of project: Lickadoon Local Improvement Scheme**
- Location: Ballyneety
- Cost of project: €73,600
- Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: Blackthorn Drive (Footpath Improvement) Active Travel Scheme**
- Location: Caherdavin
- Cost of project: €125,000
- Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: Grangewood (Footpath Improvement) Active Travel Scheme**
- Location: Lisnagry
- Cost of project: €125,000
- Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: Church Road / Nessans Court (Footpath Improvement) Active Travel Scheme**
- Location: Raheen
- Cost of project: €125,000
- Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: Caragh Avenue and Shannonvale Footpaths Upgrade**
- Location: Caherdavin
- Cost of project: €33,000
- Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: Fortmary Park Footpaths Upgrade**
- Location: North Circular Road
- Cost of project: €11,000
- Contractor: Peter Ryan Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: Corbally Road Footpaths Upgrade**
- Location: Corbally
- Cost of project: €60,000
- Contractor: Maramba Road Services Limited

- **Description of project: Sylvester O'Halloran and Sarsfield Bridge Maintenance**
- Location: City Centre
- Cost of project: €5,000
- Contractor: Limerick City and County Council City Centre Response Team
- **Description of project: General 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 Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale took place on 08 of July in Aras Sean Finn, New Line, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

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

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

## Surface Dressing Works

Surface Dressing works carried out at:

- Leahys to Mountdavid Foynes.
- Basket Road, Shanagolden.
- Cloonty, Shanagolden.
- Bonds Cross to Jobber Cross Shanagolden.
- Kilmacow, Kilfinny.
- Cappagh to Rosemount.
- Killaheen to Arnaveagh Rathkeale R523.
- Wilton Cross to Ballywinterourke Rathkeale.
- Cahills Cross to Ballingarry R519.

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## Road Reconstruction Works

Road Reconstruction works carried out at:

- Knocknaboola, Loughill

## Active Travel Minor Footpath Improvements

- Woodlawn to Loughill National School

## Drainage Works

- Dunmoylan, Shanagolden
- Kilmore, Granagh
- Kilbreedy, Kildimo

## Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

### Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 10 July in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick and Online.

### Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 45 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 73 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

## Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

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

### Restoration Maintenance Schemes

**Description of project:** R511 Bohergeela Meanus Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** R511  
**Cost of project:** €31,200  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** R516 Crean Bruff Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** R516  
**Cost of project:** €30,550  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** R517 Laurencetown Kilfinane Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** R517  
**Cost of project:** €41,127.50  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1517 Glenbrohane to Ballinvreena Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** L1517  
**Cost of project:** €13,200  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1535 Gurrenkeagh Kilmallock Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** L1535  
**Cost of project:** €26,950  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1599 Portboy Hospital Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** L1599  
**Cost of project:** €33,000  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1535 Ballingaddy South Kilmallock Surface Dressing Scheme  
**Location:** L1535  
**Cost of project:** €24,200  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council

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## Restoration Improvement Schemes

**Description of project:** R512 Ballinastona Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme

Location: R512  
Cost of project: €96,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited

**Description of project:** R512 Cullamus Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme

Location: R512  
Cost of project: €96,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited

**Description of project:** R512 Grange Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme

Location: R512  
Cost of project: €91,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** R513 Ballinamona Cross to Hospital Surfacing Scheme

Location: R513  
Cost of project: €245,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** R513 Coolalough Hospital Surfacing Scheme

Location: R513  
Cost of project: €112,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited

**Description of project:** R515 Thomastown Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme

Location: R515  
Cost of project: €96,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited

**Description of project:** R516 Crean Cross to Bruff Surfacing Scheme

Location: R516  
Cost of project: €192,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** R662 Tipperary Road Galbally Surfacing Scheme

Location: R662  
Cost of project: €96,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited

**Description of project:** R663 Ardnamoher Galbally Surfacing Scheme

Location: R663  
Cost of project: €105,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1413 Ballygrennan Bruff Surfacing Scheme

Location: L1413  
Cost of project: €40,000  
Contractor: English Tarmac Limited

**Description of project:** L1508 Newtown Elton Surfacing Scheme

Location: L1508  
Cost of project: €110,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1514 Ballinvreena Surfacing Scheme

Location: L1514  
Cost of project: €40,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting

**Description of project:** L1531 Darragh to Ballyorgan Surfacing Scheme

Location: L1531  
Cost of project: €72,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1535 Ballingaddy South Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme

Location: L1535  
Cost of project: €60,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

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**Description of project:** L1536 Effin Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L1536  
**Cost of project:** €78,498  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1537 Garrouse Bruree Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L1537  
**Cost of project:** €100,000  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1543 Colmanswell Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L1543  
**Cost of project:** €100,000  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1553 Thomastown Kilfinnane Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L1553  
**Cost of project:** €30,000  
**Contractor:** English Tarmac Limited

**Description of project:** L1585 Proont's Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L1585  
**Cost of project:** €83,200  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L1599 Cross of Rock Killeely Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L1599  
**Cost of project:** €100,000  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L51213 Ballycampion Bruff Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L51213  
**Cost of project:** €42,600  
**Contractor:** Roadstone Limited

**Description of project:** L8009 Rahin Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8009  
**Cost of project:** €45,000  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L8010 Old Road Grange Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8010  
**Cost of project:** €63,000  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L8507 Knockderk Bruff Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8507  
**Cost of project:** €32,400  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L8516 Bawntard South Kilmallock Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8516  
**Cost of project:** €56,000  
**Contractor:** English Tarmac Limited and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L8526 Ballyfauskeen Ballylanders Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8526  
**Cost of project:** €75,600  
**Contractor:** Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L8533 Lisnalanive Angelsboro Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8533  
**Cost of project:** €36,000  
**Contractor:** English Tarmac Limited and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project:** L8548 Tully Glenroe Surfacing Scheme  
**Location:** L8548  
**Cost of project:** €72,000  
**Contractor:** English Tarmac Limited and Limerick City and County Council

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**Description of project: L8553 Coolfree Ballyorgan Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L8553  
Cost of project: €83,200  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project: L8557 Ruppulagh Glenroe Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L8557  
Cost of project: €64,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project: L8639 Bog Road Ballylanders Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L8639  
Cost of project: €45,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project: L8661 Curraghturk Ballylanders Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L8661  
Cost of project: €50,000  
Contractor: English Tarmac Limited and Limerick City and County Council

## Restoration Drainage Schemes

**Description of project: L1537 Garrouse Bruree Drainage Scheme**

Location: L1537  
Cost of project: €21,200  
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project: L5060 Kilcullane Drainage Scheme**

Location: L5060  
Cost of project: €15,000  
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

## Local Improvement Schemes

**Description of project: Surfacing of Private Passage**

Location: Howardstown Bruree  
Cost of project: €42,727  
Contractor: English Tarmac Limited

**Description of project: Surfacing of Private Passage**

Location: Tobernea, Kilmallock  
Cost of project: €129,000  
Contractor: English Tarmac Limited

## Community Improvement Schemes

**Description of project: L15381 Foxhall East Bruree Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L15381  
Cost of project: €45,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting

**Description of project: L86731 and L86732 Tully Glenroe Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L86731 and L86732  
Cost of project: €42,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting and Limerick City and County Council

**Description of project: L51302 Killeen Ballylanders Surfacing Scheme**

Location: L51302  
Cost of project: €60,000  
Contractor: Colas Contracting

**Description of project: Barna National School**

Grant: Restoration Improvement Grant  
Location: Barna National School  
Cost of project: €78,000  
Contractor: Roadstone Limited

Description of project: L5100 Killinure  
Grant: Restoration Maintenance Grant Regional

Location: R506  
Cost of project: €35,750  
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council



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## Municipal District of Newcastle West

### Meetings and Briefings

- 02 July - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West
- 02 July - Workshop for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West on the Community Initiative Scheme for 2025
- 02 July - Workshop for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West on Funding for Cemeteries and Review of existing Cemeteries Bye Laws.

### Housing Grants

- Three grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes. The total value of approvals was €11,600.00.
- Payments of €134,481.50 were made to 20 applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €44,850.00 were made to six applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.
- Payment of €3,030.00 was made to one applicant who completed works under the Mobility Aids Housing Grant.

### Housing Maintenance

- 88 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

### Transportation and Mobility

- 108 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

### Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,423 routine transactions generating an income of €231,391

