



**MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

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(a) the number of Housing Commencement Notices received by this Authority in 2023, 2024 and through the current year to date, and

(b) a breakdown of this figure in terms of one-off and developer-led builds.

Reply:

(a) the number of Housing Commencement Notices received by this Authority in 2023, 2024 and through the current year to date

2023: 232 Commencement Notices received*

2024: 328 Commencement Notices received*

2025 to date: 150 Commencement Notices received*

(b) a breakdown of this figure in terms of one-off and developer-led builds.

2023

Number of Commencement Notices received for one-off builds	170
Number of Commencement Notices received for Developer-Led Builds	62

2024

Number of Commencement Notices received for one-off builds	214
Number of Commencement Notices received for Developer-Led Builds	114

2025 to date

Number of Commencement Notices received for one-off builds	116
Number of Commencement Notices received for Developer-Led Builds	34

*This is the number of Commencement Notices, not the number of housing units.

Paul McMahon
Chief Fire Officer



Limerick City and County Council

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I will ask at the next Meeting what remaining balance is due on the 2022 loan advanced to the Dublin Bike Hire Company, are its repayments online, and when is full repayment due.

REPLY:

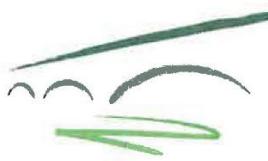
The remaining balance due on this loan is €116,044.20.

Repayments in relation to this loan are made electronically to Limerick City and County Council.

Full repayment of this loan is due by June 2026.

Signed:

Date: 19 September 2025



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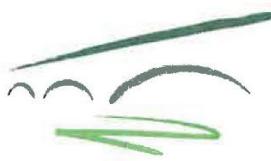
I will ask at the next Meeting what is this year's budget for refurbishing vacant properties, how many houses have been refurbished in 2024, the average cost of refurbishment and projected numbers for 2025.

REPLY:

Housing Maintenance has a budget in 2025 of €3,602,672 for vacant properties (Voids & Re-lets), including €803,000 for Voids eligible properties (€11,000 funding available per unit from the DHLGH). The average cost of refurbishment is €38,000.

There were 91 houses refurbished in 2024, and it is projected that 120 vacant properties will be refurbished in 2025.

Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
18th September 2025



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I will ask at the next Meeting how many tradespeople and apprentices are employed by Limerick City and County Council and how much has been spent on hiring external contractors to provide housing maintenance services in 2024 and projected costs for 2025.

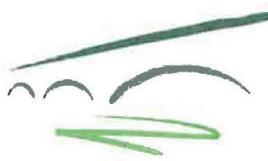
REPLY:

There are 25 tradespersons in Housing Maintenance currently which includes Carpenters, Plumbers, Electrician, Painter and Stonemasons.

Limerick City and County Council are currently in the process of commencing an apprenticeship programme for plumbing.

The cost for external contractors for 2024 which includes labour and materials was €5.43m. The projected cost for external contractors for 2025 which includes Labour and materials is €5.3m.

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Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
18th September 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick Council for the number of applications for the local authority home loan in the last three years, how many have been successful and how many rejected, with reasons for same.

REPLY:

Please see details below regarding

- (i) the number of applications received for the local authority home loan in the last three years (Details in Year and Received columns)
- (ii) the number of applications that have been successful (Details in Approved in Principle column)
- (iii) the number of applications that have been rejected (Details in Declined and Returned columns)

Year	Received	Approved in Principle	Declined	Returned*
2022	128	32	20	76
2023	76	20	11	45
2024	59	20	10	29

(iv) Reasons for declining Local Authority Home Loan applications

- **Unsatisfactory Credit History**

Details outlined in the applicant's credit history report indicate the applicant has an unsatisfactory credit related issue

- **Net Income Ratio Outside of Policy**

The proposed monthly repayment as a percentage of the applicants net monthly income exceeds the percentage as permitted in the Local Authority Loan Credit Policy

- **Repayment Capacity Not Demonstrated**

Applicants' capacity to service the proposed monthly loan and MPI repayments is not proven from documentation provided

- **Unsatisfactory Savings Record/Source of Equity**

Applicants have insufficient savings to cover the 3% cash deposit requirement, or their savings record is not credible and consistent

- **Sufficiently Committed**

Applicants' current financial commitments i.e. monthly loan repayments, credit card commitments etc do not leave sufficient funds to cover the proposed monthly loan and MPI repayments

- **Income Sustainability Not Evident**

Applicant's employment/income sustainability is not proven from documentation provided

- **Unsatisfactory Financial Management**

Applicant's financial information i.e. bank account statements etc indicate unsatisfactory operation of accounts by way of arrears, unpaid standing orders/direct debits, bank referral fees etc

Returned applications

Applications are returned where an application does not meet the eligibility requirements.

These applications are accompanied by a letter explaining the reason why the application has been returned, and the applicants are given the option to call to the Housing office to discuss what they might have to do to meet the eligibility requirements which are:

- Be a first-time buyer or qualify under 'Fresh Start Principle'
- Be Aged between 18 – 70 years
- Be earning under €70,000 gross income for single applicants. €85,000 for joint applicants
- Have 2 years continuous employment for primary earner in joint application and where working secondary earner must have 1-year continuous employment. If self-employed be able to provide 2 years certified accounts
- Have a Right to reside in the state
- Provide proof of insufficient offer or outright refusal from two regulated private lenders
- Have a minimum deposit 10% of the property purchase price, (Tenant Purchase applicant excluded from this requirement)



Brian Kennedy
Director of Housing
18th September 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting that this Council provide information on how many trees have been planted since the beginning of this Council's term in June 2024 and for a breakdown of this number of trees planted in each Local Electoral Area.

Response

The Council's Environment & Climate Action and Active Travel Departments have planted a total of 1895 trees since June 2024. These are listed below.

This total does not include trees planted by any other Department in the Council. It is the intention that all trees planted by all departments of the Council will be collated by the Tree Officer which can be reported on an annual basis.

Limerick City North

- 60no. Thomondgate

Limerick City West

- 32no. Mulcair Road
- 20no. Graney Close
- 1no. People's Park
- 79no. R510
- 92no. woodland planting also R510

Limerick City East

- 70no. Castletroy Greenway
- 30no. Roxboro Park
- 170no. Plassey Park Road

Adare-Rathkeale

- 1no. Adare Park

Newcastle West

- 1no. Demesne
- 1300no. Woodland planting Demesne
- 16no. Abbeyfeale

Cappamore-Kilmallock

- 8no. Kilteely
- 15no. Kilmallock Riverside Park

It should be noted that 4500no. whips were also distributed during National Tree Week in March throughout the County.

KIERAN LEHANE

Kieran Lehane, Director of Service



COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council provide a list of bus shelters that have been approved for construction across Limerick City and County, in addition to providing the locations of each approved bus shelter and the dates by which each is due to be completed.

Reply:

In 2024, the Bus Shelter Enabling Works Programme was replaced by the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP). A part of BSEP, the National Transport Authority (NTA) has allocated a total of €500,000 (Inclusive of VAT) to each of the local authorities in Ireland (including Limerick City and County Council).

The national funding allocation under BSEP enables local authorities to carry out the following works at existing bus stops:

- Install new disability access kerbing
- Install new concrete hard standing areas
- Install new bus stop polls with signs
- Install bus shelters
- Install road markings

At present, there is a national shortage of bus shelters due to the appointment of a new national bus shelter installer. A Notice of Motion was raised by Cllr. Kiely regarding the timescale for installation of bus shelters across the city and county. A reply to the Notice of Motion was provided for the Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, which was held on Monday, 14th July 2025 which also address the recent question being asked (Please see reply to that NOM below).

"The NTA has retendered its bus shelter contract which expired at the end of March 2025. This former contract had been in place since 1st January 2017. As of 1st April 2025, the NTA has entered into a new bus shelter contract with a new service provider Bauer Media Outdoor

(formerly Clear Channel Ireland) following a procurement process which extended into early 2025. Bauer Media Outdoor appointed under the new contract has assumed all responsibility

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for the technical assessment of bus stop locations, in addition to the supply, installation, management and maintenance of the NTA's bus shelter estate for up to 8 years".

"The NTA has advised that shelters will be delivered under this new contract following a mobilisation period which is advancing well. It is expected to see a steady supply of new shelters to commence from later this year based on the new designs. In that regard the NTA has advised that it must conduct a due diligence process, including a technical sign off on the shelter design based on more detailed information which is currently underway. The NTA has also advised that due to the value for money nature of the pricing schedule attached to the successful tender, there is a lead in time for the placing of orders for the new shelter types to be installed under the contract. The shelters are being sourced elsewhere internationally. Once the shelters become available, they will be installed at the shelter locations identified by LCCC".

Active Travel is currently carrying out Bus Stop Enhancement Works across all of the Municipal Districts and we will continue to do so until the end of this year. Active Travel will issue an update to all of the Elected Members on the current progress along with the locations of these Bus Stop Enhancement Works in the coming weeks.

**John O'Callaghan,
A/Senior Executive Engineer,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate.**

18th September 2025