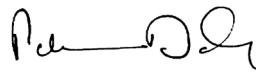


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Contained within this document are the Mayoral Report and the Director General's Management Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

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

September 2025

Exciting Progress on Coonagh to Knockalisheen Road Scheme with partial Opening of Dual Carriageway

Limerick Ranked Among the Top Three in the Country on Active Travel Rollout

From Giant Golf balls to street fests in preparation for Adare 2027 - Limerick celebrates Ryder Cup 2025

€2.48 million visitor hub opened in Rathkeale, transforming a 19th-century railway shed

€6.5Million THRIVE Funding to transform Nicholas Street Fireplace Site into a design and innovation hub

Culture Night comes alive in Limerick with over 70 events

Launch of One Opera Square shows how local and national partnerships can unlock Ireland's regional economic potential

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Office of the Mayor

September 2025 has seen further activity in the Mayor's Office committed to action and delivery for Limerick.

The Mayor launched the display of two cutting-edge modular housing prototypes at Arthur's Quay Park as the concept of Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition (SMART) housing continues to progress. The prototypes are part of an initiative championed in the More for Limerick Mayoral Programme 2024-2029. The exhibition at Arthur's Quay Park aims to get feedback from the people of Limerick and show the potential to deliver modular housing as a scalable, cost-effective solution.

The Mayor took part in two investment mission trips to New York City. The first trip, between 09 September and 12 September, involved telling Limerick's story to a range of other stakeholders who can help Limerick in continuing to make our city and county a better place to live, work, learn and invest in. These included the Friends of Limerick group and our twin city in New Brunswick.

The Mayor also returned to New York between 24 September and 28 September, to follow up on a number of these engagements.

The Mayor was also part of Limerick City and County Council's official delegation to the Ryder Cup 2025 in Bethpage Black, ahead of the tournament being staged in Adare in 2027.

The Mayor also attended and spoke at the launch of the One Opera Square building. The new facility comprises 106,000 sq. ft of Grade A office space across five floors with capacity for 1,000 employees, three ground-floor retail/restaurant units and underground car-parking.

01 September

- Held discussions on SMART homes
- Attended meeting regarding Limerick Wild Atlantic Way gateway city
- Met with the Head of Marketing and Communications
- Meeting regarding Abbeyfeale
- Meeting with Director of Finance
- Met with expert group for enhancing Heritage and Green Spaces
- Visited Na Piarasigh GAA grounds

02 September

- Meeting with the Director General
- Launched programme for University of Limerick (UL) to become the first Age Friendly University
- Received SMART housing weekly update
- Attended the Management Board Meeting
- Attended the Limerick Chamber of Commerce Strategic Partner Dinner – Ryder Cup 2027

03 September

- Filmed message for Local Government on Community Wellbeing
- Attended meeting regarding drugs/anti-social behaviour and policing in Kings Island
- Meeting with the Deputy Director General
- Met with the Milk Market management committee
- Visit to the Royal Cinema, Cecil St. Limerick
- Held an introductory meeting with strategic infrastructure consultants
- Attended a photoshoot promoting the Shine Green Ribbon Campaign
- Gave a speech at the Ana Liffey Drug Project to mark International Overdose Awareness Day
- Hosted our twin city delegation from Spokane

04 September

- Attended a Strategic Partner Briefing with Minister for Public Expenditure Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation Jack Chambers
- Hosted a meeting with Minister Jack Chambers
- Attended a meeting regarding delivery of Limerick Project Ireland 2040
- Met with Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Transport sub-group
- Met with Minister of State Kevin 'Boxer' Moran Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation
- Meeting with Government and Public Sector consultants
- Met with a delegation from our sister city, Spokane

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05 September

- Met with Director of Planning and Place-Making regarding Greening of Georgian Limerick
- Attended expert group for Enhancing Heritage and Green Spaces for both natural and built environments
- Attended meeting with Innovate Engine Limerick
- Met with Director of Housing
- Met with representative of the Limerick Association London
- Meeting regarding Smart Funding Strategies for Cities
- Met with the Task Force on Local Democracy
- Met with the Deputy Director General
- Hosted the former Mayor of Turku, Finland

06 September

- Attended the 'Picturevoice' Art Exhibition, Mary Immaculate College (MIC)
- Supported the Limerick Narwhal Swim from The Hunt Museum
- Gave a speech at the Morning Star Rose Festival, Bruff

07 September

- Supported the Aoibheann's Pink Tie Charity Cycle, Newcastle West

08 September

- Attended a Finance update meeting
- Received a private tour of One Opera Square, Michael St.
- Launched One Opera Square
- Meeting regarding Annacotty
- Meeting with Government and Public Sector consultants

09 September

- Met with the Director General
- Meeting with regards to Municipal District of Newcastle West
- Attended the Briefing Session from the Regional Planning Team

10 September

- Meeting in relation to the Colbert Quarter
- Meeting regarding European City Leadership Initiative
- Meeting with Executive Director of Irish Centre New York City
- Met with Friends of Limerick Business Network
- Met with Comptroller General
- Attended the Friends of Munster Dinner

11 September

- Attended the Ireland for Law event at the Fordham School of Law in New York, with Minister Niall Collins
- Meeting with the Mayor of New Brunswick

12 September

- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly meeting online
- Visited The Brooklyn Fashion Incubator, New York City

13 September

- Gave a speech at the Mexican Independence Day cultural event, Limerick city centre
- Attended the Concert for the "Children of Gaza" in conjunction with Concern, Bruff

14 September

- Gave a speech at the Murroe-Boher Twinning Association community gathering

15 September

- Held a meeting with Deputy Director General
- Gave a speech at the Ireland Canada Homecoming 2025 event, Kilmallock
- Attended the September Corporate Policy Group meeting
- Attended a fireside chat at the Progress Ireland Retreat

16 September

- Meeting with the Director General
- Weekly update on SMART homes
- Attended a special meeting of Plenary Council

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17 September

- Visited Thomond Rugby Football Club marking the start of their club redevelopment
- Joined Limerick Citizens Information to celebrate 50 years of information service in Ireland
- Meeting with Director of Verizon
- Launched 'Pathway to Innovate' at Innovate Engine Limerick
- Attended a meeting regarding libraries
- Met with representatives of the Indian Community based in Limerick
- Met with the Director of Finance
- Launched the Twilight Thursday Autumn/Winter event

18 September

- Met with Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group
- Spoke at the Limerick Civic Trust business lunch
- Held a meeting with the Acting Director of Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
- Interview with Irish Examiner newspaper
- Opened the 18th Polish Arts Festival at The Belltable
- Gave a speech at the Flavours of Limerick Mystery Dinner

19 September

- Officially opened the Biodiversity Walkway in Doon
- Gave a speech at the official opening of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale
- Meeting with the Director General
- Attended the sod turning at the Limerick Greenway Hub at Newcastle West
- Attended Culture Night "Street Feast"
- Met with the Arts Council Director for Combined Arts

20 September

- Launched the official opening of Mungret St. Pauls GAA Club new facilities
- Attended the Polish concert evening with the Polish Ambassador and Polish Consulate

21 September

- Attended the Flavours of Limerick Food Festival at The Milk Market
- Attended the official grand opening of the Rathkeale and District Community Men's Shed

22 September

- Attended the Transport for Ireland launch of the new 'Anseo' bus service
- Attended the Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Group meeting
- Joined a fireside chat with Uisce Éireann Leadership event
- Met Limerick Women's Caucus group
- Attended the September Full Council meeting

23 September

- Call with Irish Rail
- Met with Director of Planning and Place-Making
- Met with the Director General
- Met with the Director of Housing
- Attended a meeting regarding aviation
- Attended the press launch for University Concert Hall (UCH) Panto 'Cinderella'
- Gave a speech at the closing meeting of the European Project GreenPlace
- Attended the Management Board meeting
- Met with the Deputy Director of Limerick City and County Council
- Hosted a Mayoral Reception in recognition of Limerick Sports Stars

24 September

- Gave a speech at the Southern Regional Assembly workshop
- Attended an aviation meeting
- Travel to New York City
- Attended a Golf Ireland event
- Attended a European Ryder Cup event

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25 September

- Meeting with the Brooklyn Borough President
- Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with Brooklyn Fashion Incubator
- Meeting with hospitality service provider
- Meeting with Chief Operating Officer of hospitality business
- Attended a fundraiser for Crumlin Children's Hospital

26 September

- Visit to Bloomberg Head Quarters
- Meeting with Royal Bank of Canada Executive
- Meeting with Cushman and Wakefield Executive
- Attended a Ryder Cup Europe and Tourism Ireland event

27 September

- Attended the Ryder Cup
- Limerick Delegation met with Tourism Ireland at Ryder Cup venue
- Meeting with Ryder Cup Europe Officials

28 September

- Attended the Ryder Cup ceremony to celebrate the handover to Adare Manor, Limerick for 2027
- Attended the Ryder Cup
- Attended the ceremony to present the Ryder Cup trophy to the winning team

29 September

- Meeting with the Director of Finance
- Meeting with the Director of Transportation and Mobility
- Flew to Holland

30 September

- Attended the European Urban Initiative (EUI) Focused Policy Lab and Capacity Building event on 'Access to Funding'
- Sky Sports News interview regarding Ryder Cup, Adare 2027



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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 30 September 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,466,552 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	285,498
Writes offs/ Waivers €	2,109,453
Total for Collection €	67,640,356
Amount Collected €	57,127,895
Arrears €	10,512,461
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	573,652
% Collected	85%

Debtors Loans	
As at 30 September 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	1,307,764 ^
Writes offs €	- 34
To Collect €	1,576,497
Receipts €	1,590,716
Arrears €	-14,219
% Collected	101%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for September 2025

^^ Accruals not updated for September 2025 resulting in a negative arrears figure.

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

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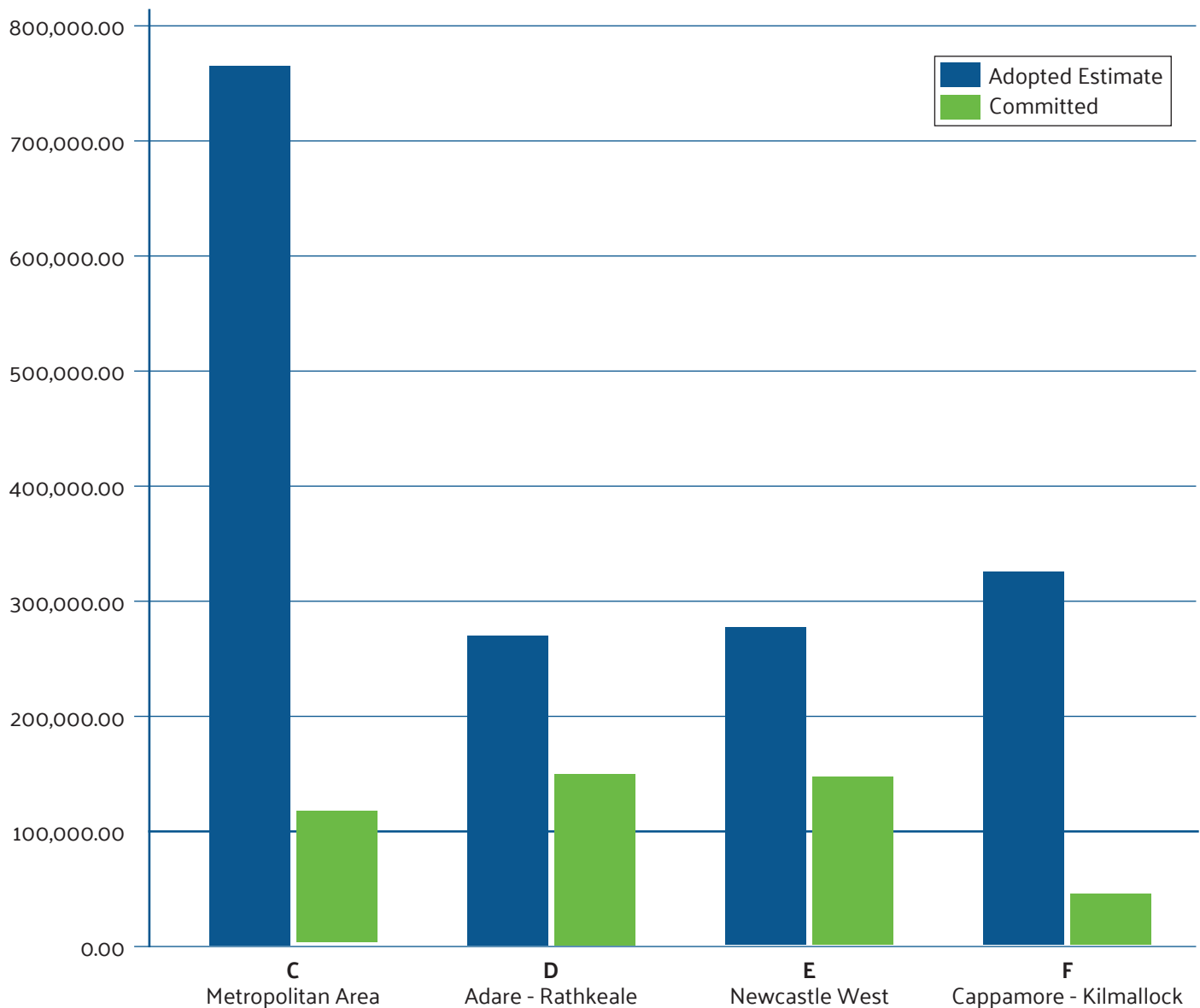


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General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 30th September 2025



Municip (Code) + (Text)

Value Adopted Estimate (€)

Value Committed (€)

C Metropolitan Area

763,300.00

113,019

D Adare - Rathkeale

270,000.00

146,380

E Newcastle West

278,600.00

143,637

F Cappamore - Kilmallock

327,600.00

43,915

1,639,500.00

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2. Trade and Investment

- The Limerick Gift Card has sponsored a 'Best of Limerick Business' campaign. The nomination phase has run on LIVE 95 across the month of September. The campaign is about celebrating the passion, dedication and quality of Limerick businesses. There have been 2,200 submissions across the different categories.
- Gave an Invest in Limerick presentation to a delegation from Sister City, Spokane, Washington led by Mayor Cahill on 04 September.
- Trade and Investment supported the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on a trade mission to New York on 09 to 12 September. Participated in a number of business engagements including a high-profile launch of the Council's Invest in Limerick video and brochure at the Consulate of Ireland New York where we promoted Limerick's potential as a hub for investment and promotion.
- Drafted and secured agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Limerick City and County Council; Limerick School of Art and Design/ Technological University of The Shannon (TUS); and the Brooklyn Fashion incubator. The agreement hopes to create a sustainable incubator model for Limerick tailored to Limerick's cultural and economic needs. The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran formally signed the MoU in New York on 25 October.
- Travelled to Helsinki on 24 – 25 September with a delegation from Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD)/Technological University of The Shannon (TUS) to visit the Aalto Design Factory. The purpose of this trip was to gain a deeper understanding of the Design Factory model, internationally recognised as an exemplary approach to fostering creative enterprises and design entrepreneurs. The visit provided valuable insights as we work to establish a FORGE Design Factory (FDF) in Limerick, ensuring that we build on best practices and align with proven models of innovation and enterprise support.
- Trade and Investment met with the Jean McCabe CEO of Retail Excellence Ireland on 02 September to discuss recent trends in retail for city and town centres.
- Attended the Mid-West Regional Skills Forum on behalf of Limerick City and County Council on 30 September at Limerick Chamber.
- Limerick Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) Action Plan Group held a Key Stakeholders workshop at Engine on 16 September to consider the draft SME actions for Action Plan Report. This was attended by over 50 stakeholders from across the SME sector.
- Attended and presented at the Limerick Chamber of Commerce members mingle on 17 September to promote the Limerick Gift Card and encourage business owners to consider the Limerick Gift Card for their employee bonus/reward scheme.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

- The Night Time Economy Advisor was invited by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport and Fáilte Ireland to make a presentation in Dublin about Twilight Thursday as a best practice example of late-night programming, building partnerships, funding and city-wide collaboration. The Night Time Economy Advisor presented to 100 major cultural institutions such as the National Gallery of Ireland, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle, Hugh Lane Gallery, World of Illusion and the Museum of Literature Ireland alongside the Irish Arts Council.
- Five Free Night Time Economy Safety Courses were launched and made available free of charge to the public for the next 12 months. These courses are Bystander Intervention Training, Safeguarding and Vulnerability, Drink Spiking, Violence Against Women and Girls, and Anti-sexual Harassment. These courses were created for Night Time Economy workers but are also a valuable resource for students, youth groups and sports clubs.
- The NTE Advisor presented to a city centre traders group advising on how best they can get involved in Twilight Thursday.

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- The fifth successful edition of Twilight Thursday took place on 25 September bringing the total events held since May to 250 with over 65 events/artists funded.
- Twilight Thursday in September included an event in the old Cleaves Factory as we hope to continue to help the people of Limerick rediscover previously forgotten venues around the city centre.

3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran eight Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics during September for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 91 business owners from across the City and County.
- The LEO Limerick Grant Evaluation Committee approved a total of 12 grants with a combined valued of €206,000.00 and supporting 90 jobs in Limerick.
- In September LEO Limerick approved the following supports for Businesses across the City and County:
 - Four Digital for Business supports
 - Three Green for Business supports
 - One Energy Efficiency Grant of €10,000
 - One Grow Digital Grant of €5,000

4. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.09.2025 - 30.09.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	870
Other Calls	302
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(1 min 58 sec) 118
Total No. of calls in August	1,172

5. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Enterprise Infrastructure

Accelerator Campus Development:

- Work progressed on the preliminary business case application for the proposed Accelerator Campus. Progress focused on refining scope, assessing feasibility, and preparing supporting documentation for upcoming funding and planning submissions.

Enterprise Centre Management:

- Ongoing operations and maintenance of enterprise centres located at Engine, Cecil Street; The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale; and Rathkeale Enterprise Centre.
- Ensured facilities remained at a high standard, with routine inspections and necessary improvements implemented.
- Actively engaged with tenants to address and meet their operational needs, maintaining strong tenant satisfaction and occupancy levels.

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Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

The Engine Collaboration Centre hosted over 375 participants across 20 events and meetings in its dedicated event space. These engagements covered a broad range of themes including startups, film, business networking, and enterprise development. The Centre continues to play a vital role in fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and business growth within the region.

Events held were:

- Chamber of Limerick Network event (17 September)
- Pathway to Innovate Launch (17 September)
- Treaty Software meetings (02, 04, 16, 23 September)
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick Meetings and workshops (08, 10, 25, 30 September)
- Clerk of Works Meeting (20 September)
- Producers' Networking (27 September)
- Land Development Agency meeting (10 September)
- Maverick meetings (15, 16 September)
- Discover Limerick Board meetings (14 September)
- Film in Limerick meetings (02, 15, 16 September)
- Mayoral visiting group from Spokane, Washington (04 September)
- Mayoral meeting with Health Service Executive (HSE) stakeholders (18 September)
- Dance Limerick meetings (25 September)
- Presentation and guided tour with Mayor of Nitra, Slovakia (25 September)
- Foxes Bow Whiskey (08, 09 September)
- HomeHak (02 September)
- Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) Taskforce (16 September)

Partnership and Collaboration

- In September, Innovate Limerick launched the "Innovation in Action" series in collaboration with government bodies and policy stakeholders to strengthen the enterprise ecosystem in Limerick and the mid-west. The Innovation in Action series is a cross-industry, hands-on initiative delivered by Innovate Limerick, designed to equip SME leaders with the tools and strategies to move from ideas to impactful execution.

- Innovate Limerick held the launch event of the Pathway to Innovate - Innovation Clinic in conjunction with Skillsnet Exchange and Research Development Innovation (RDI) Hub.
- Innovate Limerick also partnered with the Industry Research and Development group, Ireland's leading business led innovation network to develop a nationwide six month intensive business development program.
- Innovate Limerick attended Connected Hubs Mid-West Regional Meet up in Croom Enterprise Centre.
- Innovate Limerick attended the opening of the Wetland Walk in Doon Social Enterprise Farm.
- Head of Innovate Limerick welcomed Mayor of Nitra, Slovakia – Marek Hattas, to Engine.

Film in Limerick

Engine Short Film Scheme

The dynamic short film training and production scheme for emerging film talent in the Mid-West, has announced the six winning teams commissioned for its third edition. Run by Innovate Limerick, through Film in Limerick, in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB), the Local Authorities in Limerick, Clare and Tipperary, and the three Local Enterprise Offices in the Mid-West, the scheme provides €12,500 in production funding for each team. It also offers industry training and mentoring.

From a pool of nearly 100 applicants, six teams were commissioned following a competitive pitch process judged by film industry experts: Charlene Lydon (producer and programmer), Gillian Cooper (Head of Distribution at WildCard Distribution), and acclaimed script and story editor Kate Leys. Two standout projects from each of Clare, Tipperary, and Limerick, were selected, ensuring strong regional representation.

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Report on developing the Screen Sector in the Mid-West

A report on developing the Screen Sector in the Mid-West was concluded in September. The report by Olsberg SPI (creative industries strategy consultancy), was commissioned by Innovate Limerick/Film in Limerick as part of its ongoing efforts to assess and strengthen the Mid-West's role in Ireland's national screen industry. It was funded in partnership with Regional Skills Mid-West, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board and the Local Enterprise Offices in the Mid-West. The report, which will influence Film in Limerick's new five-year film strategy, highlights future skills requirements, and concludes that the loss of the Regional Uplift incentive, which encouraged productions to film outside Dublin and Wicklow, has slowed momentum in regional hubs such as the Mid-West.

Launch of new Competency Frameworks for Screen Sector

Film in Limerick was represented at the launch of Screen Ireland's new Competency Framework at the Irish Film Institute. The Competency Frameworks were developed as a learning resource and guide to give direction to personal and career development in the screen Industries. Film in Limerick gave input into the design of the Framework through our work with the National Talent Academies.

Meeting with Mayor of Spokane

Regional Film Manager, met with the Mayor of Spokane, Lisa Brown and members of her delegation on their visit to Limerick. Discussion took place on the growth of the screen sector in the Mid-West and the work of the film commission in Spokane.

National Talent Academies: Crew Academy South

Film in Limerick runs Crew Academy South for the Munster region, in association with Screen Ireland, training film and TV crew to work in the screen industries. The quarterly steering group meeting took place in September and Limerick's bid to run the Crew Academy in 2027 was submitted to Screen Ireland.

Production Enquiries

Film in Limerick promoted the Mid-West region in September, with 22 producer enquiries, preparing location decks for seven production projects.



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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

- A Strategic Advisory Meeting was held with the Department of Transport and the Transportation and Mobility Directorate regarding the funding, operations and progress on existing and upcoming schemes.
- A meeting was held with Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEV) Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding the existing Electric Vehicle (EV) strategy and completion of EV pilot sites scheme and future projects.
- BusConnects Preliminary Design and Development meetings continued.
- A Housing Activation Office Meeting was held to discuss the possible infrastructure projects required for Travel and Transport Strategy involvement.
- A meeting was held with the Land Development Agency regarding the development of The Colbert Quarter.

2. Active Travel

Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) Climate Action Key Performance Indicators (KPI) 2024 Report

- Limerick City and County Council has been ranked among the top three local authorities in the country for delivery of active travel infrastructure in 2024. The report highlighted an increase in the number of projects (from 22 in 2023 to 76 in 2024), as well as the delivery of 17.2km of new active travel infrastructure, up from 15.6km in the previous year.

EU Horizon Funding

Active Travel Limerick submitted an EU Horizon funding application. This funding aims to promote active mobility for health benefits and emission reduction.

Outreach events

- Active Travel Limerick took part in Freshers Week events in University of Limerick (UL), Mary Immaculate College (MIC) and Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) to inform the students and staff of the new sustainable travel infrastructure delivered by Limerick City and County Council and to conduct a travel survey among the students.

Transport and Mobility Forum

- Active Travel Limerick facilitated a meeting with the representatives of the Transport and Mobility Forum Cork (TMF). TMF is a representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable and active travel. The attendees heard about the experience of TMF Cork and opportunities to set up similar forums in other regional cities.

Safe Routes to School

- Limerick City and County Council Surveyors marked out proposed road alignment along Corbally Road ahead of the construction works. Consultation took place with the representatives of residents' associations to discuss the project.
- Works were substantially completed in Patrickswell (L-1442) and Murroe (R-506, L-1127 and L-1161) with some Safe Routes to School signage and paint to be completed.

Towns and Villages

- New and upgraded footpaths as well as public lighting and drainage improvement works started in Strand, in cooperation with the Newcastle West Operations Team.
- New footpath, lighting and drainage works have commenced in Kiltelly (L505), in cooperation with the Cappamore - Kilmallock Operations Team.

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- New raised zebra crossings were installed at Aisling Annacotty Football Club (FC), Rivers, Annacotty, in cooperation with the Metropolitan District Operations Team.

Limerick's Three Pedestrian Bridges

- AtkinsRéalis were identified as the preferred tenderer. A start-up meeting between Limerick City and County Council Active Travel and AtkinsRéalis took place on 09 September.

Bus Stop Enhancement Works

- Bus Stop Enhancement Works at Castleconnell have commenced on Castle Street.

3. Roads Traffic and Cleansing

Traffic

- Regular sign cleaning and signage repairs carried out in the City Centre.
- Repairs carried out arising from knockdown of traffic signals on 22 September at Mill Road.
- Traffic Warden patrols continuing in residential areas near third level colleges.

Cleansing

- Final general application of weed spraying has been carried out.
- Focused cleanups carried out at:
 - Watergate Apartments
 - Mary St.
 - Nicholas St.
 - Dublin Road from Baal's Bridge to the Parkway

- The following roundabouts and streets had a deep clean:

- Roxborough roundabout
- Shannon Bridge roundabout
- Dock Road roundabout
- Mary Street, Nicholas Street and Alandale Road

4. Mid West National Road Design Office

N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme

Following the initiation of legal proceedings challenging the confirmation of the 2020 Compulsory Purchase Order and Limerick City and County Council's decision to proceed with the Proposed N20 O'Rourke's Cross Road Improvement Scheme (Part 8 Approval), a hearing for leave to bring proceedings was held in September - leave was granted. A date for the Judicial Hearing is to be confirmed.

N21 Newcastle West

Design and environmental evaluation were ongoing and well advanced, with a planning submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála expected in 2026.

N21 Abbeyfeale

Design and environmental evaluation were ongoing and well advanced, with a planning submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála expected in 2026.



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Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

1. Culture

Libraries, Gallery and Museum

City Library at Barrow House

- The new national Skills for Life programme was launched in September across Limerick Libraries and, as part of this programme, the City Library hosted three well-attended events. On 24 September, the Rediscovery Centre gave workshops on sustainable living and sustainable fashion and on 25 September Christine Lane of Mojo Matters Limited spoke to a group of young women about female health.
- Culture Night was celebrated on 19 September and the City Library played host to some young musicians from Music Generation Limerick City. This event was kindly funded by Limerick Arts Office and saw an audience of over 40 people enjoy the music during the hour-long performance.
- National Public Libraries Open Day took place on 27 September as people were encouraged to take a closer look at what their library has to offer. A special family story time was enjoyed by a standing room only crowd while Limerick Lace invited people to join them for "Threads and Tales: A Lacemakers' Gathering" to exchange stories, patterns and advice for beginners and experts alike.
- The annual Summer Stars reading programme concluded on 13 September with a fantastic party day for all who took part in this annual celebration of reading. Over 120 children attended to receive their certificates and medals for completing the challenge over the summer months.
- As part of the Polish Arts Festival, the City Library welcomed authors Ewa Bilicka and Erick Pol who spoke about their life and work to a packed audience of Polish students on 20 September.
- Digital Skills training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices began a new five-week course on 02 September under expert tuition from the volunteers from Age Action Ireland.
- Weekly story times continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday morning, and we welcomed back the wonderful Róisín Meaney on 20 September for her monthly story telling session.
- There were 11 book club meetings across the month with regulars the University of the Third Age, First Thursday, Second Wednesday, Phoenix, Spiral, Kids, Teenage and Young Adult book clubs all holding their regular monthly meetings along with a weekly book club for adults with disabilities organised in partnership with Health Service Executive (HSE) Adult Disability service, a community-based service for adults with disabilities.
- Headway Limerick held the meeting of their Aphasia Group at the library on 01 September, and the University of the Third Age's Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups held their regular meetings at the City Library at various dates during the month.
- Also holding their regular meeting at the City Library this month was the biweekly Sahaja Meditation Group.
- The City Library continued to welcome groups of English language learners from Limerick City Campus who visited the library on 04 September.
- The City Library also welcomed 11 class visits from primary schools during the month including Scoil Íosagáin, St. John's, St. Patrick's and St. Michael's. A class group of Transition Year students from secondary school Ardscoil Mhuire also visited on the 30 September for a library tour and to join the library.

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Kilmallock Library

- As part of the “Libraries for Literacy” initiative a six-week creative-writing taster course commenced on 09 September, participants dipped their toes into the world of storytelling – from fiction and memoir to poetry and oral narrating. The core message of “Libraries for Literacy” is that Libraries are invaluable and accessible resources within local communities, offering a safe environment to enhance literacy skills.
- “Book Buddies”, Kilmallock Library’s book club for children aged nine to 12 years recommenced on 11 September and discussed Peter Nimble and his Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier.
- Limerick City and County Council, in partnership with Limerick Sports Partnership, held a public consultation workshop in Kilmallock Library on 11 September: 6.30pm - 8pm with the aim of shaping a vision for getting Limerick more active.
- 18 September, Órla Murphy, founder of Reversible Health, gave a talk funded by the Skills for Life programme on how to future proof your health using small nutritional steps to have a positive influence of health and vitality in line with positive ageing.
- Culture Night, 19 September, was celebrated at Kilmallock Library with a wonderful performance by soprano Triona Walsh and pianist Fiona Linnane, who presented their beautiful programme “Like to Write?” to a packed house. Inspired by literature, poetry, books, and the moon, the recital was a captivating blend of music, song, and poetry.
- 24 September, Little Readers joined us for a fun, friendly, inclusive session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books and chat.
- Our new term of weekly “Bridge Classes for Beginners” commenced at Kilmallock Library on 25 September.
- Weekly English Conversation Club facilitated by Ballyhoura Development continued each Tuesday 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 21 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.
- National Public Libraries Open Day on 27 September was celebrated with a special in-house display and promotion of all the services the library has to offer.
- 30 September from 12.30pm - 1.30pm, CramdenTECH, funded by Skills for Life, gave a talk to demystify the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Participants learnt how AI can make daily tasks easier from health and wellbeing tools, safety and security, financial management, assistive technologies and more.

Newcastle West Library

- Ongoing use of Sensory Space throughout the month.
- September saw regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents.
- Headway Ireland met 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.
- Children’s Book Club continued on the second Thursday of the month.
- As part of the Skills for Life Programme, Órla Murphy delivered a Thriving After 55 workshop on 18 September at 7pm.
- For Culture Night, Newcastle West Library hosted a poetry reading with Jo Slade, on 19 September at 4pm.

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- As part of Skills for Life, there was an Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Everyday Life talk on 24 September at 2.30pm.
- Creative Writing Class with author Lucy O'Callaghan on 30 September at 6pm, this was funded by Limerick Creative Communities.

Dooradoyle Library

- The 2025 Summer Stars Reading challenge in Dooradoyle Library finished with an awards day and there was a huge attendance on the day. The highlight of the day were three magic shows by Mr Magic. The children really enjoyed participating in the show.
- Dooradoyle Library's "Close Knit Friends" knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat.
- The popular Whodunnit book club met and enjoyed a lively discussion about "Death at the White Heart" over a cup of tea. The last Thursday book club discussed "Tomorrow, Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin and the Popup book club discussed "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks.
- Local groups continued to use Dooradoyle Library for their meetings. These included, the Writspace creative writing group on 13 September and the Irish Kidney Association on 24 September.
- On 16 September a local women's group held a coffee morning for "conversation and connection" with a holistic healing workshop presented by Aya El Kahia.
- Dooradoyle Library held an author-to-author event on the 18 September with Limerick author, Karen Fitzgibbon in conversation with fellow crime writer Siobhan MacDonald.
- For International Sign Language Day on 23 September, the library hosted three Irish Sign Language workshops which were attended by 75 pupils from St Paul's National School.
- For Culture Night on 19 September, Dooradoyle hosted the official launch of "Poetry in Paint" by artist Marie Queally Bourke.

- On 24 September local secondary school, St. Clement's College Leaving Certificate class visited the library and were shown the resources offered by the library service.
- On 30 September a chair Yoga class was presented by Joanne O'Callaghan, as part of the Skills for Life programme.
- The Himalayan meditation group continued to offer sessions of calm and healing every Friday.
- The Limerick Health Service Executive Training Services visited the library throughout the month with 40 visits.

Adare Library

- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group met three times during September.
- The Adare Craft Group continued their weekly meetings every Tuesday.
- Students from Croom College of Further Education visited Adare Library three times during September.
- On Friday, 19 September, Culture Night was marked by a fun and engaging Latin Dance Workshop hosted by Vera Cabot. Participants learned the basics of Salsa and Merengue. This event brought special energy to Adare Library. The event was funded by Limerick Arts Office.
- On 24 September, as part of the Skills for Life programme, there was an educational talk, Staying Healthy in Postmenopausal Life, in collaboration with Christine Lane from Mojo Matters.

Watch House Cross Library

- The weekly Parent and Toddler morning returned after their summer break on 05 September.
- Adult education classes resumed with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB). Courses on offer included Literacy Through Computers and Driver Theory Test.

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- Limerick Community Education Network (LCEN) held their northside cluster meeting on 15 September.
- Age Action began a new five-week digital skills course on 18 September. Classes are led by volunteers and take place weekly on Thursday mornings.
- Aoife Munn facilitated a soap making and sustainability workshop in the library on 18 September. This workshop was organised as part of the Skills for Life Program.
- Culture Night was celebrated with a family-friendly event hosted by storyteller and puppeteer Simone Schuemmelfeder on 19 September. This event was funded by Limerick Arts Office.
- The Incredible Years Baby Program commenced on 24 September and is an eight-week programme for parents and their babies with a focus on the child's first year of life.
- Both Thursday and Friday morning book clubs resumed at the end of the month. The Junior Book Club held its first meeting on 26 September.
- Summer Stars Awards Day took place on 27 September. Each child was presented with a certificate and medal for their reading efforts over the summer months.
- Creative writing classes hosted by author Lucy O'Callaghan began on 30 September and are funded by Limerick Creative Communities.
- Regular events such as Story-time Thursday and Crafty Saturdays continued throughout the month.
- The Sensory Room had 56 sessions and 149 visitors in September.

Local Studies

- There were 54 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, materials from the Local Studies collection, and family history consultations, as well as 32 remote queries.

Abbeyfeale Library

- Abbeyfeale Library celebrated Culture Night with performances by the Creative Youth Hub who entertained with a diverse selection of songs including their own creation "11 O'Clock". This was followed by a performance by the choral group Sing Cois Feile. Over 50 people attended this evening of music, song and poetry that was hosted by the library and West Limerick Resources.

Other Branches

Rathkeale – On 12 September, First Class from St. Anne's Primary School called to the library for a visit and were treated to a storytime by library staff. Regular visits from local primary schools recommenced.

Glin – Regular meetings of the Craft Group, Scrabble Club and Book Clubs took place throughout the month with almost 60 people attending. After the Bell, a local afterschool club, have commenced weekly visits to the branch. As part of our Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme of events, a Tai Chi session took place on 10 September with 13 attending. Our Skills for Life programme saw two separate events in the branch – a Soap Making workshop facilitated by sustainability and biodiversity specialist Aoife Munn attended by 16 adults, and an Artificial Intelligence Awareness and Information talk facilitated by CramdenTECH which was attended by 14 adults. The branch hosted an exhibition by of work by poet Mary Kennelly during the month and Marky hosted a 'Meet the Author' event on 05 September.

Cappamore – On 26 September Cappamore Library hosted an 'Autism and Dyslexia Awareness' talk. This talk was free for members of the public to attend and was part of the ongoing Libraries for Literacy project that Ballyhoura Development Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) and Limerick Libraries are partners in. This project is funded under the Collaboration and Innovation Fund 2025. Those in attendance included parents, caregivers, Special Needs Assistants and students from the LCETB Cappamore Campus. Staff from Limerick Libraries spoke about the many services and resources available,

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throughout the library branch network, for individuals with autism and dyslexia and their families and Staff from Dóchas Midwest Autism Support, who are based in Limerick City, spoke about the local services and supports available for individuals with autism. On 18 September, as part of our Skills for Life programme of events, a soap-making workshop was facilitated by sustainability and biodiversity specialist Aoife Munn. Aoife also shared practical sustainable tips for the home with those in attendance.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- 41st EVA International exhibition taking place at LCGA as part of the overall exhibition in various venues in Limerick City.
- Three separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections, Director's Cut, and selected works acquired, purchased, donated to LCGA between 2015-2025, featuring Edward Maguire's portrait of Michael Hartnett took place in September.
- The other selected exhibitions featured a recent donation by Jim Sheehy of 45 prints by international artists to add to Hollander Workshop Prints, New York City sweet or prints within LCGA Collections. There were over 5,500 visitors for the month including a significant number of tourists and student groups.
- Limerick City Gallery of Art continued to liaise and work with local and national groups, with University of the 3rd Age (U3A) holding weekly meetings throughout the month and Helium Arts holding workshops for Sick Children on 20 September. The Arts Council of Ireland hosted a workshop for Creative Associates in the Creative Schools Programme on 26 September.
- For Culture Night, 19 September 2025, Limerick City Gallery of Art hosted a musical event with local musicians, Brendan Markham, Damien Drea, Damien Moore and local singers along with an exhibition of photographs from the Limerick Camera Club.
- LCGA continues to liaise and make available loans from the Permanent Collections and along with the other Irish Institutions, the National Gallery of Ireland, Hugh Lane Gallery, and the Crawford Art

Gallery in Cork continues to progress the loan of the Walter Osborne's portrait of Miss Webb. This work is being loaned for the exhibition Homecoming: Walter Osborne's Portraits of Dublin, 1880-1900 taking place in the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art in Notre Dame, Indiana in the United States of America.

Limerick Museum

- On 11 September, the official opening of Moving the Goalposts, an exhibition celebrating the pioneering Limerick Ladies Soccer Team of 1973-75 was held in Limerick Museum. This exhibition tells the uplifting and inspirational story of the pioneering Limerick Ladies soccer team who, under the stewardship of Frank 'Junior' Keane, won the League of Ireland Championship in 1973 and 1974 with an unbeaten record. In 1975, they became the first team outside Dublin to win the prestigious Ladies Football Association of Ireland Cup, defeating CSO Dublin 3-0 at the Markets Field. Several members of this squad also represented the Republic of Ireland internationally. Moving the Goalposts marked the 50th anniversary of their 1975 cup win and was made possible by the generous funding provided by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport under the Regional Museums Exhibition Scheme 2025.
- As part of Culture Night on 19 September, Limerick Museum hosted a free guided tour with a twist. For one night only, a selection of weird and wonderful objects not usually on display were put on show and the attendees were asked to guess what they were. The tour attracted a large and enthusiastic attendance.
- Limerick Museum collaborated with Limerick Civic Trust in the organisation of Limerick's second History Festival, held between 25 and 28 September. As part of the festival, a special guided tour, conducted by the Assistant Curator, was held in the Museum on 27 September.
- On 04 September, in the Engine on Cecil Street, the Curator gave a talk on the history of Limerick City and County Council to a delegation from Spokane, Limerick's Sister City in Washington State, USA. The delegation was in Limerick to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the sister city relationship.

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Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

Culture Night 2025

19 September saw over 68 free events take place across Limerick City and County for Culture Night. This national celebration invited people to participate and explore the many different cultural offerings. Limerick people enjoyed dance, music, street art, theatre, parade, printmaking, exhibitions, talks and tours with events running from 4pm until 2am.

This year Limerick was successful in an Arts Council Culture Night Late award to support Top 8's programme of events in Dance Limerick until 11pm and The Commercial until 2am. Limerick Arts Office led on Sionna Festival at King John's Castle, where Sloucho, Gemma Dunleavy, Murli and Kormac performed. Night-Time Economy and Limerick Arts Office supported a late-night Silent Disco in Wickham Way. Other late-night events included an evening of Jamaican music at Downbeat Records.

Limerick's libraries presented a night of poetry, dance and music events in Limerick City, Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Adare, Watch House Cross, Dooradoyle, and Kilmallock.

Other events included Madcap Chronicles of Wonderland at Limerick's Hunt Museum, exhibitions, workshops and performances at Ormston House, Limerick Printmakers, and Spacecraft Studios. On-street entertainment included the Boherbuoy Band on Thomas Street, The Redemptorist Band at Merchants Square, and Henry Street Garda Station opened its doors to visitors curious about life behind the scenes. The Milk Market opened from 5pm-8pm with a petting farm, live music, and local craft and food stalls and hosted the Limerick Arts Office Information hub.

Limerick's county towns bustled with activity including a screening of Birdsong by Seán Roynane at the Desmond Complex, and music technology workshops for teens at Foróige, Newcastle West. The Ballyneety Men's Club session at the Session House returned once again and there was Ceol agus Craic in Glenbrohane Community Hall.

The Limerick Arts Office assisted with the local coordination of national photocall and launch with Minister Patrick O'Donovan and the Arts Council in The Red Door gallery Newcastle West on 15 September.

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. In September two letters of support were issued.

Funding to 5 applicants was approved by Limerick City and County Council in September. The total award of €4,335.60 facilitated leveraging €49,978 in grants into Limerick City and County.

Open Call - Artistic Facilitator for Children's Workshops

Limerick Arts Office launched an open call on 17 September, for artists to facilitate a series of Children's Fairy Door Art Workshops that create engagement, dialogue and positivity around the new Southill outdoor natural play space. This initiative, part of the Southill Play Space delivery, is funded under the Per Cent for Art Scheme - a Government initiative whereby public art is commissioned as part of capital projects across all government departments.

Creative Workshop for Musicians

Music and Health Ireland, with the support of the Limerick Creative Communities programme, developed and delivered, Training Notes: Making Your Music Matter, a hands-on training opportunity for musicians across the Limerick, Clare and Tipperary Area. The one-day workshop was delivered on the 02 September. It provided training to musicians of all genres who endeavor to bring their creativity into educational, health, and community settings.

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Masterclass Workshop with Matteo Racitti

Limerick Arts Office, in association with Lumen Street theatre, supported a three-day Masterclass workshop series, from 14 to 18 September. The goal of this workshop series was to develop local creatives to develop work for street performances and spectacle. Topics covered included: the design and making process of puppets; mechanics; and papier-mâché.

Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series

The 2025 Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series continued this month, continuing the tradition of bringing world-class classical music to local audiences in a unique and intimate setting. Presented by RTÉ Lyric FM and Opera Workshop's Shirley Keane, from All Saint's Church, this month's concert, on 30 September, featured violist Beth McNinch and Pianist Lance Coburn. It was recorded for a future broadcast on RTE Lyric FM, The Full Score Programme with Shirley Keane.

Ciarán Mac Mathúna Centenary Music Commission

Limerick Arts Office in cooperation with Limerick Libraries, ran an open call process and commissioned a composer to create a short piece of Irish traditional style music, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Ciarán Mac Mathúna.

2. Property Management Services

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	203
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	19
Derelict Sites Cases opened	14
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	20
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	7
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	3
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	20

3. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings were held on 02 September.
- The following groups received LEADER funding approved at the LAG meeting:

West Limerick Sports Complex Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)	€30,603.06
Abbeyfeale Folk CLG	€90,644.50
Ardagh District Recreational and Sporting CLG	€74,569.50
Pallasgreen Templebraden Community Council	€21,323.81
Bruff GAA Club	€31,411.12

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Public Participation Network (PPN)

- In September PPN Limerick opened elections seeking nominations for Vacant PPN Representative seats on Limerick City and County Council Committees.
- There are eight available seats on the Strategic Policy Committees.
 - (Four Community/Voluntary Pillar) (Four vacant Environment/Conservation Pillar)
- There are three available seats on the Secretariat of PPN Limerick.
 - (Two Environment/Conservation Pillar) (One Social Inclusion)
- There are two available seats on Local Community Development Committee
 - (One Environment/Conservation) (One Social Inclusion Pillar)
- PPN Limerick Newsletter was sent out to PPN Limerick members within which there are details regarding PPN Limerick upcoming online training called Fundraising Skills for Community Groups and Preparing Grant Applications for community groups and news of grants and other events/services available.
- LAIT visited seven migrant accommodation centres, providing direct support and information to residents. The team also facilitated three group information clinics and conducted 75 one-to-one individual consultations, offering tailored guidance on services, rights, and opportunities in Ireland.
- In partnership with the Environment and Climate Action Department, the LAIT is supporting a recycling awareness initiative across accommodation centres. As part of this effort, waste recycling posters are being distributed to encourage better recycling practices, foster environmental responsibility, and promote sustainable living among residents.
- Four immigration procedures advice clinics were held by LAIT in collaboration with the Development Organisation for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (DORAS). These clinics advised migrant cohorts on a wide range of immigration related issues and directed them to the right channels.

Integration Supports with the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

Accommodation Centre Visits	7
Group Information Clinics Held	3
Individuals supported	85

Throughout September, 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.

Age Friendly

Launch of the University of Limerick as a World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly University

The Age Friendly Programme attended the launch of the University of Limerick as a WHO Age Friendly University on the 02 September.

Age Friendly Ireland's 'Sports Taster Day'

Limericks Age Friendly programme manager attended the National Age Friendly Sports Day on 25 September in Blanchardstown Dublin. The event was attended by over 100 representatives from the Older Persons Executives from across the country, including three representatives from Limericks Older Persons Executive.

The Older Persons Executive meeting took place on 17 September. The Age Friendly Alliance met on 23 September. The chairperson of Limericks Older Persons Executive attended the National Network of Older People's Councils AGM on 30 September where a new chairperson was elected.

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Healthy Limerick

Healthy Limerick attended the National Healthy Ireland Conference “**Building Resilient Futures through Local Government**” in Waterford on 11 and 12 September.

- The event focused solely on local government staff and tackles issues such as community resilience, siloed working and place-based working to improve community wellbeing outcomes.
- The conference brought together local government leaders, planners, and all staff who impact on the determinants of health and wellbeing.
- The conference saw inputs from international experts in resilience practice, place-based working and spatial planning approaches for wellbeing.
- The event provided opportunity for using tools for transformation like the Place Standard Tool and the Healthy Ireland Data Portal which was launched at the event with scenario-based workshops and training. This enabled the use of the Irish version of the Place Standard tool.

Limerick Food Partnership

A funding bid to the European Commission Horizon (Urban Seed House) funding was submitted on behalf of Limerick City and County Council. It will focus on Limerick becoming a Living Lab and the bid is made in partnership with Limerick Food Partnership, and Healthy Ireland with South East Technical University (SETU), Waterford being the lead partner.

A sample data model, of food service provision that was mapped and developed by Limerick Food Partnership and Limerick City and County Council was utilised at a workshop at the Healthy Ireland Local Government conference in Waterford.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities (SCHC)

Sláintecare Healthy Communities continued to deliver targeted health and wellbeing initiatives across priority areas in Limerick City, aligned with national policy objectives and local strategic planning.

- A Migrant Women’s Health event was delivered in partnership with DORAS and the Integration Health and Wellbeing team, supporting education on breast checks, cervical smears, and preventative health awareness.
- Delivery was sustained across a suite of SCHC initiatives including Venture Out; Healthy Relationships; Limerick Growing Communities – Community Wellness, Empowerment, Leadership and Life Skills (CWELL); MoveWell; Healthy Families; Social Innovation at Oak Lodge; Full Pitch (Short Film); Sing Strong; Barnardos Breakfast Club; and Active Cities Limerick – Shelbourne Park Project.
- The Period Equity Programme continued, with education events, community vending machines and climate-conscious product distribution.

4. Rural Development

Limerick Outdoor Recreation Plan was noted at the September Full Council Meeting, on the recommendation of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee. The purpose of the development of this high-level plan is to develop an action plan which ensures collaboration and coordination of stakeholders within counties and across county borders and collectively prioritises how the resource and investment should be focused in Limerick.

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5. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

September Offer a Home figures (OAH)

Properties	September	To Date
Offered	1	253
Inspected	0	252
Allocated /People Housed	1/3	144/432
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	5	94
Not yet Ready	0	0
To be matched	1	1

6. Tourism

Tourism General

Flavours of Limerick

- From 18 - 21 September the Tourism Department organised Flavours of Limerick - a brand-new food festival celebrating the people, produce, and culture that make Limerick a food destination on the rise.
- This festival celebrated Limerick's vibrant culinary culture through a four-day programme of tastings, live demonstrations and immersive food experiences.
- The festival was delivered by Limerick City and County Council and was supported by the Mayoral Fund, thereby aligning with the broader Mayoral Programme's goal to promote local produce and food heritage.

- The programme featured three flagship events: a one-night-only 'Mystery Dinner' in the Hunt Museum on 18 September; a lively Street Feast on Nicholas Street in partnership with Culture Night on 19 September, and on 21 September chefs Trisha Lewis, Eoin Sheehan and Tom Flavin hosted live demos and tastings at the Milk Market.
- In addition to these pillar events, the festival offered a range of fringe experiences across the city, including tasting trails, whiskey and wine tastings, and curated food experiences hosted by local experts.
- The overarching aim of the festival was to place a spotlight on the people, produce, and places that make Limerick a food destination on the rise.

Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Plan (2025 - 2030)

- Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Plan (2025 - 2030) was adopted at the September Council meeting on 22 September.
- This Plan will now be in place until 2030, providing the guiding framework for the future development of tourism, within the remit of Limerick City and County Council.
- This plan is a roadmap built on creativity, sustainability, and collaboration to shape the future of tourism in Limerick city and county.
- At the heart of the Plan is the concept of 'ReThinking Tourism' - a commitment to telling the Limerick story in new and creative ways, building on Limerick's reputation for innovation, authenticity, and memorable experiences.
- The Plan introduces 'Project 10', a strategic roadmap comprising of 10 key focus areas that will guide the development of tourism across the city and county.
- These projects will be delivered collaboratively across multiple Limerick City and County Council directorates and with external partners, ensuring that tourism reflects the aspirations of both the local community and the wider industry.

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- Furthermore, Ruth Graham was appointed by the Tourism Department to complete an 'infographic' in relation to our new tourism strategy. The finalised infographic was received on 22 September and has been shared across social media channels to promote the adoption of the new plan.

Limerick City Walking Tour – 'Explore Limerick: Stories, Streets and 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 September.
- 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, Arthur's Quay Park and the scenic River Shannon.
- The walking tour was set-up by the Tourism Department to run through the months of June – September and this initiative provided visitors with a fantastic opportunity to explore the city and uncover its rich history with the tour providing centuries of stories and landmarks, thereby enabling tourists to discover how Limerick's unique quarters have evolved over time.

Virtual Mapping of Limerick Greenway

- Global Virtual Asset Management (VAM) Ltd. (in conjunction with the Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council) have conducted a Virtual Reality (VR) mapping exercise of Limerick Greenway. The project is currently 95% complete.
- 360-degree imagery of the top 20 locations and attractions in Limerick County was captured by Global VAM Ltd. as part of this project and has been reviewed by the Tourism Department.
- 360-degree imagery of the top locations and attractions in Limerick City was completed by Global VAM Ltd. between 26 and 28 September 2025. The Tourism Department are currently waiting to receive this footage for review and approval.

- Once complete, all material will be made available on the [Limerick.ie](https://limerick.ie) website for viewing.

Limerick and Clare Tourism Networking Event

- Planning for the event is currently underway in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland.
- On 18 September an invitation email was issued in relation to this event which will take place in The Strand Hotel, Limerick.
- Furthermore, Roz Purcell was also announced as the guest speaker on the day. Roz will share her insights on storytelling, sustainability, and the power of authentic experiences in tourism.

Official Opening of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale

- The official opening of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale took place on 19 September.
- The visitor hub was officially opened by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran with Jerry Buttimer TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport.
- The site includes a new 29-space car park that includes mobility car spaces; a beautiful limestone paving public realm area that surrounds the hub building; toilets; electric vehicle charging points; a bicycle repair stand; a water station; a bus stop, and picnic benches.
- Construction of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale was undertaken by Thomas Nolan and Sons Builders Ltd.
- The finalised project cost was €2.48 million.

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Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

- Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued and included the following:
 - Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign focused on sustaining visibility, increasing engagement, and reinforcing Limerick Greenway as a top tourist destination. The campaign continued to position Limerick Greenway as a must-visit location for a range of travelers like solo adventurers, families, fitness enthusiasts, and cyclists. The campaign also supported seasonal tourism by aligning with events such as World Tourism Day, and the Flavours of Limerick festival, while also leveraging influencer partnerships and targeted advertising to highlight Limerick Greenway's unique offerings.
- Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:
 - A post on 02 September introduced the new series Business of the Month, where each month Limerick Greenway will celebrate one local business that brings life, flavours and character to Limerick Greenway.
 - Get active! A post on 11 September encouraged the public to complete the 5K/10K Limerick Greenway Wellbeing Series event held on 21 September in the Limerick Greenway Hub at Newcastle West.
 - Posts on the 19, 23 and 24 September celebrated the opening of the Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale highlighting the continued support from our local elected members representing the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, our Senators, TDs and Ministers and local businesses who continue to help Limerick Greenway flourish.
 - The People of Limerick Greenway series was back, with posts promoting the series on 04, 16, and 25 September highlighting the people that make Limerick Greenway what it is today.

- World Tourism Day was highlighted on 27 September celebrating the joy of exploring, connecting and finding beauty along Limerick Greenway with every step or pedal.

Limerick Greenway Trailhead Hubs Projects

- **Barnagh Station House**
 - 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.
 - Additionally, on 25 September the tender assessment panel took place with regard to the tender submission received for the 'Provision of Services for the Operation and Management of the Barnagh Station House, Ballymurragh East, Templeglantine, Co. Limerick'. A recommendation memo and Mayoral Order will now be prepared for sign-off and the letter of outcome in relation to this competition will be issued to the successful tenderer by the Tourism Department thereafter.
- **Limerick Greenway Hub at Ardagh**
 - The tender documents for this project were reviewed by the Capital Projects Team and comments have been returned to the Design Team (Healy Partner Architects) for further consideration during the month.
 - It is anticipated that the tender for this project will be uploaded to the eTenders platform in the coming weeks.
- **Limerick Greenway Hub at Newcastle West (NCW) Carpark**
 - A 'Letter of Acceptance' was issued to Priority Construction Ltd.
 - The sod turning to mark the commencement works of the Limerick Greenway Hub at NCW Carpark took place on 19 September.

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- **Interpretive Design Contract**
 - A site visit to the Limerick Greenway Hubs took place between 08 and 11 September with Imagemakers, the newly appointed interpretative design consultants for the Rural Regeneration Development Fund (RRDF) projects.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 – 30 September

Facebook

Reach: 68,062
Profile Visits: 1,456
New Page Followers: 144

Instagram

Reach: 24,511
Profile Visits: 387
New Page Followers: 125

Social Media Ads

Accounts Reached: 53,096
Post Engagements: 34,775
Link Clicks (to Website): 554

Google Ads

Clicks: 1,200
Impressions: 8,989

Festival and Events

Halloween 2025

- Limerick City and County Council officially launched the Halloween in Limerick marketing campaign on 24 September, with a press release circulated from the Communications Department to highlight the launch and the campaign also went live on the dedicated Halloween in Limerick social media channels at the same time. The Web Content team also went live with the full list of programming events scheduled to take place over the five-week campaign.
- Limerick has been chosen as one of Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween destination hubs this year, meaning additional funding has been made available to allow for an extended programme of events to run

over five weeks. On Thursday 25 September 2025, the Festivals and Events Section hosted a group from Fáilte Ireland and their external Home of Halloween consultants, Festivals and Events International (FEI), and personnel from the other local authorities of the other Home of Halloween destination hubs. Both Marketing and Evaluation/Data Capture Presentations were made from the Festivals and Events Section, as well as listening and learning from the presentations made by members of the other local authorities present.

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

Morning Star Rose Festival 2025

The Morning Star Rose Festival 2025 took place in Bruff, County Limerick from 04 – 07 September, marking a successful revival of the event after a long hiatus since 2013. The festival featured a variety of activities, including live music, a parade, fireworks, a 5K race, a Hurling Legends match to raise funds for the Cliona Ring Foundation, an inter-pub quiz, and the main Rose contest, celebrating the community spirit of the town. The winning Rose, Daniella Meade, who was sponsored by Bruff Tidy Towns Committee, received a number of prizes, one of which was her entry fee covered for entry into to the Rose of Limerick competition.

The Ireland Canada Homecoming 2025

The Ireland Canada Homecoming 2025 was a week-long event from 15 – 21 September, in the Ballyhoura region (covering parts of Cork and Limerick), commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Peter Robinson Settler Emigration Scheme. Around 190 descendants of the emigrants returned to Ireland from Canada and the United States to connect with their ancestral homes and take part in heritage tours, community gatherings, and cultural performances, including the play The Robinson Experiment. The event honoured the families who departed from Cobh in 1823 and 1825 for Ontario, Canada, fostering a shared connection between descendants, locals, and the communities of origin.

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Highlights of the event included:

- **Heritage Tours:**
Descendants visited the communities where their ancestors came from, such as Mitchelstown, Charleville, and Kilfinane.
- **"The Robinson Experiment":**
A new play commissioned for the event, performed nightly, telling the story of the emigrant families.
- **Community Engagement:**
Local communities opened their doors and offered music, stories, and hospitality to the visitors.
- **Commemorative Events:**
The week included history and heritage events, a conference at the Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre, and a final Commemoration Ceremony at Griston Bog and Woodland.

The Ireland Canada Homecoming 2025 created lasting bonds by uniting people through their shared history and the warmth of Irish hospitality.

18th Polish Arts Festival

The 2025 Polish Arts Festival (PAF) took place in Limerick from 18 – 21 September, offering a blend of contemporary Polish and Irish culture through performances, exhibitions, and workshops. Highlights included a headline concert by jazz pianist Leszek Możdżer at the Belltable and a collaborative music commission by Greg Oleksevich and Paddy Mulcahy.

The festival also featured visual art, theatre, family events, and a forum discussion on community integration, all aimed at fostering cultural exchange and community connection.

Other key events included a Culture Night family-friendly adventure, the Madcap Chronicles of Wonderland, The Tree That Speaks exhibition which showcased the talents of young artists from Polish and Irish backgrounds and the Forum Polonia panel discussion, Beyond the Mainstream: Voices That Need to Be Heard.

The festival included a number of partnerships with local and national stakeholders, including but not limited to Limerick City and County Council, the Arts Council, the Belltable, and The Hunt Museum.

The Polish Arts Festival is a significant event in the city's annual Festivals calendar and received funding from Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events Department.

14th Limerick Jazz Festival

The 2025 Limerick Jazz Festival ran from 24 – 28 September, featuring a vocal-focused programme with performers including UK vocalist Ian Shaw with When Bowie Met Joni, Brigitte Beraha and Ant Law, and Irish artists Deborah Swiney, Nigel Mooney, Emilie Conway and Cormac Kenevey. The festival also included instrumental performances by the Julian Siegel Quartet, Dimitris Angelakis Quartet, and the Rory Conneally Trio, along with free Jazz Trail events and performances by Magical Dog.

The festival received support from The Arts Council and Limerick City and County Council. Limerick City and County Council funds Limerick Jazz festival via its Festivals and Events Grant scheme.

Limerick History Festival 2025

The Limerick History Festival took place from 25 – 28 September, featuring talks by various historians and writers, including Simon Sebag Montefiore and Dr. Leanne Calvert. Events included lectures on topics from paternity disputes in Ulster to Spanish and Austrian élites with Limerick origins, held at venues such as the People's Museum and The Hunt Museum. The festival was organised by the Limerick Civic Trust and offered a mixture of paid and free events.

Key Speakers and Topics, included:

- **Simon Sebag Montefiore:** A renowned historian and author who gave a special talk at The Hunt Museum.
- **Dr. Leanne Calvert (University of Limerick):** Presented a talk on "She never knew any man but [him]": Paternity disputes in eighteenth and nineteenth century Ulster".

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- Declan M. Downey (University College Dublin): Explored "Spanish & Austrian élites of Limerick Origin, c. 1500-1800".
- Martin Walsh (University of Limerick): Gave a lecture on the 1926 Dromcollogher cinema fire, shared via letters of sympathy.
- Clodagh Finn and John Morgan: Discussed the hidden role of Irish people in the French Resistance during World War II.

7. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Industry Event - Great Britain (GB) Coach Tour Operators Workshop and Familiarisation Trip to King John's Castle

On 16 September, the Sales and Business Development Manager represented Discover Limerick DAC at a workshop at the Limerick Strand Hotel, organised by Fáilte Ireland in association with Tourism Ireland.

The event provided an excellent opportunity to engage in one-to-one meetings with Coach and Group Tour Operators from Great Britain, who play a vital role in the distribution of tourists across Ireland. The workshop enabled us to strengthen existing relationships and establish new ones, securing valuable business for 2026 and beyond.

As part of the workshop, we were delighted to welcome the operators on a familiarisation trip to King John's Castle, where they enjoyed a guided tour of the historic site. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to gain deeper insight into one of Limerick's most iconic attractions.

Industry Event - Excursions Ireland Showcase

On 19 September, the Sales and Business Development Manager represented Discover Limerick DAC at an exclusive evening showcase hosted by Excursions Ireland, supported by Fáilte Ireland, at Teeling Distillery in Dublin.

Excursions Ireland invited a select group of senior executives from major U.S. cruise lines on a familiarisation trip around Ireland, which included a brief visit to the Adare Heritage Centre.

The showcase event highlighted key Irish tourism regions, including the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's Ancient East, Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, and Dublin.

The executives in attendance were the primary decision-makers responsible for selecting cruise destinations and designing shore excursion programmes. Engaging directly with these influential figures provided a valuable opportunity to promote Limerick as a key destination, while also enhancing our position within the cruise tourism market. Additionally, our proximity to Foynes Port remains a significant advantage in positioning Limerick as a preferred stop for cruise lines.

Wild Atlantic Way Gateway Meeting

On 01 September, the CEO and Business Development Manager of Discover Limerick DAC, along with the General Manager (GM) of King John's Castle, attended the Wild Atlantic Way Gateway meeting. This meeting, which brings together local industry representatives, serves as an excellent platform for sharing information. The new GM was introduced to the group, and the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran also attended and provided an update on his Mayoral Programme.

Culture Night Filming - Iris Productions

On 02 September, Iris Productions – the team behind RTÉ's Culture Night Live – filmed some of the segments for this year's broadcast in advance at King John's Castle.

As part of the programme, they pre-recorded a series of visually stunning pieces at iconic locations across Ireland, highlighting artists and events taking place on Culture Night. They featured Limerick-based Street dance artists Tobi Omoteso and Deborah O'Connor (Top 8), who curated a vibrant showcase featuring a mix of dance styles including Capoeira, Bharatanatyam, and Hip-Hop.

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The performance, set against the backdrop of King John's Castle, featured dancers alongside a live saxophonist, DJ, and street artist, recreating the energy of a street dance battle in a powerful, historical setting. The segment was broadcast on RTÉ One on Culture Night, 19 September.

Culture Night – King Johns Castle

The Sionna Festival hosted a special Culture Night Late programme on 19 September.

Presented in partnership with Limerick City and County Council and the Limerick Arts Office, the event offered an electrifying celebration of Ireland's vibrant late-night culture with an exciting line up of live electronic performances from 6:30pm to 11pm.

In collaboration with Culture Night, Limerick City and County Council and Limerick Arts Office, and Liveable Limerick, Sionna Festival in its fifth year at King Johns Castle was thrilled to bring back this late-night programme. With free admission and set against a historic backdrop, Sionna x Culture Night '25 was one of the standout events of Limerick's Culture Night 2025.

Culture Night – Lough Gur

On 19 September Lough Gur hosted a Culture Night 2025 event featuring Foinse's "Cú Roi Mac Daire - The Druid of Many Faces". Their immersive mythological performance combined live music, storytelling, drama, and art to bring the story of the mythological Druid King of Munster to life.

King John's Castle Celebrates Ryder Cup Putter Handover with Giant Golf Ball Installation

King John's Castle unveiled a striking six x six giant golf ball in its courtyard to mark the symbolic Ryder Cup Putter Handover from New York to Adare Manor, Limerick – the official host of the next Ryder Cup.

The installation, which will remain in place for three weeks, is visible across the city and has quickly become a popular photo opportunity for residents and visitors alike. Designed to spark excitement and pride, the display has attracted strong media coverage, energised the local community, and built anticipation for one of the world's most prestigious sporting events.

Adding to the atmosphere, gobos featuring the Ryder Cup logo were projected onto the castle towers, creating a striking night-time spectacle.

Celebrations also extended to Adare Heritage Centre on 28 September, for the Ryder Cup Adare Community Event. The Centre, decorated with bunting for the occasion, joined in the countdown to Ryder Cup 2027.

Photocall of Cinderella Panto at King Johns Castle

On 22 September the cast of Cinderella, this year's Specsavers Christmas Pantomime, gathered at King John's Castle for their official photocall.

Dolans Live at The Castle

On 22 September, Dolans announced the first of their 'Dolans Live at The Castle' 2026 concerts. Iconic alternative rock band Pixies are set to make their Limerick debut with a special outdoor performance at King John's Castle in May 2026, as part of their Pixies 40 worldwide headline tour. Due to demand, Dolans announced a second gig in June 2026. Both were sold out events.

Launch of Halloween in Limerick

On 24 September, Limerick City and County Council launched Halloween in Limerick with the announcement of an ambitious programme of events for 2025. Additional funding from Fáilte Ireland's Home of Halloween Pilot Destination Scheme afforded Limerick the opportunity to go bigger, bolder and eerier this spooky season.



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

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Economic Regeneration

Outreach to Employment - On the 25 September, the Southside Skills Fair was held in the Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP) Campus in Roxboro. The event brought together a wide range of employers, training organisations and community services, offering opportunities for job seekers, students and community members from the Southside area. This initiative supports pathways to employment and skills development. The Skills Fair forms part of the overall strategy within the Outreach to Employment Programme which is led by Limerick City and County Council in Partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and LEDP.

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund

The Directorate of Regeneration, Sports and Recreation has welcomed applications for the 2026 Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF). Applications have been invited across all five themes of the fund: Community Development and Safety; Education and Learning; Health, Wellbeing and Ageing Well; Employability and Work; and Families and Youth at Risk. The call was launched on the 22 September, and applications will be accepted on MyPoint until 12pm on Wednesday, the 08 October.

Community Activities

King's Island

- The King's Island Community Centre hosted the weekly Free Dinner event, bringing together over 100 economically challenged or socially isolated people in the area for an enjoyable and refreshing meal.

- Limerick band The Rogues played a gig in King's Island Community Centre, with transport being provided to ensure locals were enabled to attend the event.

Moyross

- Staff from the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) held discussions with Irish Rail on the civil works due to commence on the proposed Moyross Train Station.
- The Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the delivery of a suite of physical activity programmes in the Moyross area. These were predominantly held in Moyross Youth Academy and MCEC. They included MoyFit, Good2Go, Couch to 5KM, Line Dancing and Ageless Strength. A class called Breathe Well commenced on 26 September and is a circuit class for those who have had pulmonary issues.

Southill

- The Youth Employability Worker hosted a College Hub for Students each Wednesday in Southill Hub. This is aimed at assisting third level students in applying for grants, funding queries, navigating new college systems and any other challenges which may have arisen throughout the month.
- Tait House hosted 'Capturing Life Through Our Eyes' as part of Culture Night on 19 September. This photography exhibition was run in conjunction with The Gaff and funding awarded under the European Social Inclusion Fund (ESIF).
- Southill Family Resource Centre hosted a Registration Day, on 16 September. This day was held to encourage local residents to engage in courses that will provide the participants with new skills and hobbies, including Carpentry, Drama, Gardening and Community Addiction Studies.

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- Regeneration staff held five clinics in Southill Hub during the month, with each Tuesday giving an opportunity for locals to engage with Limerick City and County Council staff around housing or other Council related issues.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) and the Youth Service hosted the annual outdoor cinema night on the Astro pitch at OLOL, with over 60 local families taking time to share pizzas and enjoy the movies on the pitch.
- Two members of the Community Companions at OLOL have also begun their journey to achieving their Level 7 award with Community Wellness, Empowerment, Leadership and Life skills (CWELL) at University of Limerick (UL), further building local skills in community leadership amongst residents of the Ballinacurra Weston area.
- As the final piece of the summer football programme, Community Police and the Westend brought 15 young people to the Aviva Stadium in Dublin for the Republic of Ireland v Hungary match, rounding off months of regular training with the Gardaí.
- The Postnatal Hub programme recommenced for a second year. This resource is hosted by the Early Years Service and is delivered as part of the BESTON model. It is delivered in partnership with the Health Service Executive (HSE) Health and Wellbeing Unit. Fifteen mothers are currently taking part in the programme with their infants.
- The After Schools at OLOL restarted during September with ten children enrolled - five returning and five new enrolments.

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 handover.
- The Stage 2 submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for the Pineview Gardens Infill development in Moyross (111 units) was completed in September.

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 during September.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Contractor appointment in progress for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill/Ballinacurra Weston) and 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross).

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House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

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

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) - 1 house achieved Substantial Completion in September.

Minor Refurbishments

- Works continued on the following properties during September:
 - 56 Delmege Park
 - 108 and 110 Cliona Park, Moyross
 - 2 Galtee View, O'Malley Park, Southill
 - 6 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston
- Scoping continued on four properties in St. Mary's Park:
 - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street
 - 3 Columcille Street
 - 116 Oliver Plunkett Street
 - 3 St. Bridget's Avenue

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

- Contractor (Martins Construction Ltd) commenced works following the sod turning ceremony held on 17 September. This event saw staff from Limerick City and County Council and volunteers from the club meet with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on site, to officially kick-start the project.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP secured €341,500 in Dormant Accounts Funding, which was announced during September. This includes projects such as a new Community Sports Hub in Kilmallock, Sports Inclusion Disability Projects and funding for Volunteer Supports and the Her Moves Initiative.
- Sport Ireland confirmed the go-ahead to progress the development of Lawn Bowls Court at Manor Fields in Adare, where LSP are a key stakeholder.
- The LSP presented at the EU Parliament Conference in Brussels, Belgium. This took place between 22 and 24 September.
- Funding was secured for the TAFISA (The Association For International Sport for All) Sport for All Games which will be held in Limerick in 2026. €450,000 in funding was secured from the EU Erasmus funding programme during September.
- Freestyle Football Champion, Sam Madden, visited Limerick as part of the European Week of Sport. Sam showed his skills to the public in Limerick city on 27 September, as well as teaching some kids his craft at Arthur's Quay Park.
- Another element of European Week of Sport included events around Limerick to open new activities to the public. These events included Yoga in the Park, Indoor Rowing, Skateboarding and Activator Walking. They took place in venues in both the city and county.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

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Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan Consultation

Public Workshops took place throughout the city and county on 03, 04, 10 and 11 September. The purpose of these sessions was to share the findings from the public consultations undertaken to date. The venues included:

- 03 September at Desmond Complex, Gortboy, Newcastle West.
- 04 September at Citizen Innovation Hub, Sarsfield St, Limerick City.
- 10 September at Adare Community Hall, Main St, Adare.
- 11 September at Kilmallock Library, Millmount, Kilmallock.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub welcomed 1,506 individual users during September.
- 32 new users signed up to the SportsKey platform.
- West Limerick Athletics Club (A.C.) and St. Mary's A.C. continued their weekly training sessions during their designated training slots. These sessions ensure that athletes from both clubs are prepared to participate in a variety of disciplines and upcoming competitions.
- September 20 saw Athletics Ireland host a Munster Development squad training day on the track, with approximately 60 participants.
- West Limerick A.C. commenced their latest Couch to 5k programme, with 150 participants aspiring to improve their fitness using the LRAH as their base.

Rathbane Golf Course

- September saw 2,837 rounds of golf played on the course. Members accounted for 56% (1,601) of these while there were 1,236 green fee rounds.
- Heavy rain meant that the course closed early on three days during the month.

- Juniors and Students played over 600 rounds during the month. Feedback for this has been very positive as the membership for these age cohorts continues to grow.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Martins Construction Ltd continued to advance the upgrade works to the resource. They completed renovations of the changing village and viewing area. Installation and commissioning of the new Air Handling Unit was completed. Works continued on the replacement of the jacuzzi and upgrade of the health suite and painting throughout the ground floor area.

Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Park Soccer Playing Pitch – Tender was published and a number of tenders were returned.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents continued.

2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- Final commissioning and aesthetic works continued on the complex throughout the month. Swim Ireland (SI), the appointed operator, continued to advance its recruitment drive and associated IT/booking systems.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,989
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	495

Closed Housing Applications

	September	Year to Date
Closed Applications	56	517

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 September	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	3	36
Newcastle West	3	24
Metropolitan District	19	171
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2	33
Total	27	264

Refusals

	No. of Units September	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	1
Newcastle West	2	4
Metropolitan District	3	32
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2	7
Total	7	44

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
221	136	51	34

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	572
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)/RAS Tenancies	649
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	1
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	11

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,767 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	14
No. of Amendments	343
No. of Cessations	43

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€20,040,06	€28,690,458	€17,201,234	€11,489,224	60%

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Home Improvement Schemes

Sept-2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	1	3	13	1	18
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€41,398.00	€6,000.00	€47,398.00
	No. Paid	0	0	9	1	10
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	7	10	17	1	35
	HAG Expenditure	€10,040.00	€55,198.41	€151,383.05	€36,200.00	€252,821.46
	No. Paid	2	5	17	5	29
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	0	10	23	0	33
	HOP Expenditure	€30,050.50	€36,308.05	€95,176.95	€63,015.13	€224,550.63
	No. Paid	3	8	16	9	36
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€18,495.22	€0.00	€18,495.22
	No. Paid	0	0	1	0	1

Total No. Approved	86
Total Monies Paid	€543,265.31
Total No. Paid	76

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

Jan-Sept 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	8	6	49	5	68
	MAG Expenditure	€38,635.75	€14,194.11	€143,009.94	€18,850.00	€214,689.80
	No. Paid	9	4	30	5	48
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	33	52	108	26	219
	HAG Expenditure	€247,432.49	€293,761.15	€1,276,543.66	€188,062.93	€2,005,800.23
	No. Paid	27	38	133	26	224
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	53	94	110	47	304
	HOP Expenditure	€416,596.25	€555,333.22	€857,902.07	€386,114.13	€2,215,945.67
	No. Paid	82	100	217	71	470
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€257,269.48	€0.00	€257,269.48
	No. Paid	0	0	14	0	14

YTD Total No. Approved	591
YTD Total Monies Paid	€4,693,705.18
YTD Total No. Paid	756

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	September	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	32	246

House Visits

	September	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	184	1,659

Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	September	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	274	274
Cases closed during month	114	426

Repossessions

	September	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	10	88

Garda Checks

	September	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	93	886

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

Date: 19.09.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	31
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	68
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	80
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
Total		234

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimehneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	190	295	122
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	19	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		207	324	138

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	September	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Received	2	25
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Approved	3	10
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. Received	9	65
Loan Applications: No. Approved	2	18
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	24	135
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	6	25
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	6	18
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent Applications	2	45
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	24	146
Title Rectifications Received	0	6
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	143	2,638

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	11
Ombudsman Query Cases	5
Data Access Requests	1

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered September	2
Year to Date	24

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	September	YTD
Number of Inspections	12	317
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	11
Number of active cases at end of month	52	75
Cases closed	5	25

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits September	10
Year to Date	150

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3. Local Authority Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns September	
Total	11

House Returns September By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	0
Cappamore-Kilmallock	3
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	8
Total	11

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

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in September	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	11	19
Major Refurbishments	3	69
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	4	68
Major Refurbishments	3	17
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	1	28
Major Refurbishments	1	9
Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)		
Minor Refurbishments	0	2
Major Refurbishments	0	1
Total	23	213
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	17

- In September, works on 14 properties were completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on seven properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and works on two properties were completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are four teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of September, the Local Authority Construction team is in the process of completing works on 88 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 85 properties, and the Regeneration Team are working on 37 properties, and the Traveller Accommodation Unit team are working on three properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 17 properties.

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Project Updates

- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Hyde Road.
- Contractor appointed for refurbishment works at property in Kilmurry Court, Garryowen.
- Contractors on site at nine properties for refurbishment works.
- Works continue on site for demolition of unit at St. Josephs Street.
- Contractor started on site for construction of 10 Units at O'Connor Park, Ardagh.
- Contractor onsite for construction of nine units at Church Glen, Ballylanders.
- Contractor finishing onsite for construction of 10 units at Radharc Cillín, Kilfinane.
- Contractor onsite for construction of seven Units at Clare Street.

Finance

Applications for funding totalling €6,230,250 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Limerick City and County Council recouped €9,212,081 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during September

Housing Maintenance Cases – September	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 30.09.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	894	812	1,079
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	117	91	423
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	143	135	533
Municipal District of Newcastle West	145	75	517
TOTAL	1,299	1,113	2,552

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Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	7	0	7	14
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	14	0	9	24
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	33	0	8	41
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	6	2	0	8
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	1	60	2	24	87

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

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	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	10	0	3	13
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	3	5
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	0	0	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	15	0	6	21

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	0	2
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	11	0	3	14
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	9	0	4	13
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	0	0	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	24	0	7	31

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	3	7
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	7	1	5	13
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	6	8
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	13	1	14	28

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House Inspection Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - September - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – minor repairs needed	5
Cat 2 – moderate repairs needed	0
Cat 3 – substantial repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – major repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	5
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	5

Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects – September	
1	Painting and gutter cleaning of 6 to 11 Aherlow View, Galbally, including Wixteds Old Public House.
2	Fire Remedial Works in Oak Lodge, Clare Street, Limerick.
3	Painting and gutter cleaning of The Forge, Hospital, Co. Limerick.
4	Cleaning Works on Sarsfield Park Apartments, Lord Edward Street, Limerick.

Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered September	2
RFI Applications (Request Further Information) September	5
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	2
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	0
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	24

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4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 30.09.2025 is as follows:

As at 30.09.2025 (01.01.2025 – 30.09.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	34	234	268	551
Buy *	7	27	34	€15m (Funding allocation)
Lease	3	26	29	10
TOTAL	44	287	331	

*Majority under the ‘Buy’ stream are Notice of Termination properties.

Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in September	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)	9	84
Proposals being reviewed	0	4
Sale Agreed	0	20
Purchase Completed	1	154
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	13	582
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	1	56
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	0	65
Grand Total	24	965

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Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey approval for the delivery of 10 units at Mungret Gate, Mungret, Co. Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey approval for the delivery of 11 units at William Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Construction approval for the delivery of 12 units at Cois na Feile, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West

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

Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 10 units at Mungret Gate, Mungret, Co. Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 18 units at Speakers Corner, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	Revised Turnkey submission for the delivery of 32 units at Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Work continued integrating preplanning meeting inputs with a focus on Active Travel inputs. Pre-consultation feedback to the planning pack from other Limerick City and County Council departments being reviewed and actioned.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Design optioneering paused -Public Private Partnership Programme under review by Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage team with a view on determining the Public Private Partnership programme's value for money. Finance and procurement strategy ongoing.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Revised proposal for Carey's Road was reviewed by Limerick City and County Council, and coordination of new councillor workshop ongoing.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Design being progressed toward Affordable Housing Fund application.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	<p>Pre-consultation planning pack responses are under review and being actioned by design team. Additional acoustic survey was conducted throughout September as supporting documentation for the planning materials.</p> <p>Final Environmental Impact Statement and Appropriate Assessment screening necessitated Natura Impact Statement Stage 2 report and therefore the project will now be a Part 10 project. Part 10 planning consultant tender was prepared and is now live.</p> <p>The Fosse, Phase 1, Local Authority Water Sustainable Urban Drainage System project continued on site. This necessitated coordination and liaison with the ESB on the moving/upgrade of a power line.</p> <p>Archaeologists on site monitoring any finds.</p>
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Work continued on the preplanning design. Updated costings were completed and cost rental testing underway. Planning pack advanced. Sun and shadow report complete and under review.
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.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on progressing this scheme. 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. 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. 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.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare/Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	Work continued on the progression of this proposal with viability testing to be carried out.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing to be carried out.
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 and 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.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in September
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 for Phase 1 (seven houses) of Castle Place, Newcastle West.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer for Carraig Desmond.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock Co. Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this scheme.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	10	Scheme was launched on 15 September with online application portal going live.
	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>Appointment of integrated design team. The modular prototype experience event in Arthur's Quay was launched by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on 04 September.</p> <p>Work on the Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment in relation to proposed sites for the SMART Programme was completed.</p> <p>Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued.</p>

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €3,503,527.99 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €3,566,801.74 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

New Housing Schemes Launched by Strategy and Non-Local Authority Construction Team

- New Build Incremental Purchase Scheme of two x three bedroom homes at De Vere Court, Carew Park, Limerick was launched on 01 September.
- Affordable Housing Scheme of three-bedroom homes at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick was launched on 15 September.
- Rightsizing Scheme of two x three bedroom homes at An Tobar, Patrickswell was launched on 22 September.



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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- At the full Council Meeting held in September Limerick City and County Council adopted the Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031. The Scheme has immediate effect.
- A submission was made on behalf of Limerick City and County Council on the ESB Networks-Distribution Network Development Plan which plans for a net zero-ready distribution network by 2040.
- Limerick City and County Council THRIVE Strand 2 Application received funding of more than €6.5 million to transform the historic Fireplace site on Nicholas Street into a design and innovation hub. This landmark project will see the regeneration of 35-39 Nicholas Street, incorporating the surviving medieval fireplace and historic fabric into a new educational and innovative Design Hub. THRIVE is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, and the EU through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027 to restore vacant or derelict heritage buildings in public ownership. The project has already been granted planning permission, following approval by Limerick City and County Councillors earlier this year. There has also been positive engagement with the Kings Island Community throughout the process to date. This puts the project in a strong position to progress quickly.

Public Realm

- Report and recommendations on replacement Telephone Kiosks.
- Three new applications received for the Living City Initiative.
- Freya Porritt Wessmann will commission animation works for 29 Nicholas Street which will be funded by Creative Communities fund through the Limerick Arts Office.

Heritage

- Bat Survey completed for 29A Nicholas Street.
- Completed survey for the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage Ireland 2030.

Conservation

- Issue of tender for works to Sarsfield Monument, Cathedral Place, and receipt of tenders for same.
- Publication of eTender for Works to 1916 Monument, Sarsfield Bridge.
- Commencement of Built Heritage Lecture Series, in the Woodlands Hotel, Adare. Two lectures have been delivered during September – 'Early medieval Churches in the Shannon Estuary' and 'Dynamics of the King's Island Floor Relief Scheme'.
- Delivery of guided walking tour to Irish Architectural Foundation 'New Life, Old Buildings' programme, considering the range of building typologies evident in Newtown Pery.
- Deadline for applications for funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026 and the Built Heritage Investment Scheme – Historic Thatched Buildings 2026 scheme.

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Archaeology

- Completed and remitted Ministerial Consent extension application for Galbally 2025.
- Completed and remitted Ministerial Consent Report for Ballynoe Tower House 2025.
- Completed and remitted Ministerial Consent extension and variation application for Ballynoe Tower House 2025.
- Prepared presentation on Englishtown and presented to fourth year School of Architecture University of Limerick (UL).
- Appointment paperwork for contractor for Community Monument Fund (CMF) Galbally.
- Gave presentation to Metro Councillors on City Walls as part of URBACT.

2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

A total of 103 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	0
Housing Developments	4
Domestic Developments	71
Agricultural Developments	8
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	7
Sporting/Community & Educational Developments -	8
Other Developments	5

The current applications include proposals for:

The conservation and restoration to Bannatyne Mill (which is a Protected Structure) and a change of use of from a grain store to commercial office use, provision of on-site car parking and covered bicycle parking and all associated site development works at Bannatyne Mill, Ted Russell Dock, Dock Road, Limerick.

Construction of a two storey education and research facility 697 sqm including office space, computer workstations and learning spaces. Associated landscape works and improved public access to Fanning's Castle (which is a Protected Structure) at the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), George's Quay Campus, Mary Street, Limerick.

Construction of 25 residential units at Corbally Road, Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the planning application.

Construction of 10 dwelling houses at Skagh, Croom, Co. Limerick.

10 year permission for the construction of a renewable energy development comprising the development and operation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm with a total area of 94.98 hectares for an operational lifetime of 40 years, provision of single storey substation control building of 217 sqm and associated works, construction and operational access to the site by 3 site entrances using existing field access points at Ballygoghlan, Glin, Co. Limerick.

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Place-Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street

- Roof Repair Works and External Paint Works completed with minor snags for paint works and window repair works commenced.

33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Public Spending Code Infrastructure Guidelines - Approval Gate 3 Post Tender Approval submission to Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Unit.
- Letter of Intent and Letters to unsuccessful candidates issued on eTenders on 19 September.

Croom Post Office Village Square Project

- Tenders returned for painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building. Tender assessment commenced.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Letter of Intent issued to Egis Engineering Ireland Ltd. on 05 September appointing them as consultant for the project. Tender process continuing.
- Public realm enhancement options being developed for Market Alley following consultation with stakeholders.

Milk Market Food Hub

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

City Centre Streets and Laneways

- Topographical and Ground Penetrating Radar survey carried out of priority streets.

Greening Georgian Limerick

- Letter of Acceptance issued to supplier for the provision of 17 tree planters on 24 September.
- Commenced preliminary design for low level planters which would be used for shrubs, flowers, etc.

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

CFRAMs Staff attended the Local Authority Forum in Mayo which included discussion on common project issues, presentation by the Office of Public Works (OPW) on National Programme Progress, a review of the Mayo schemes and a site visit to Crossmolina Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) which is under construction.

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Visit to Site by Minister Kevin "Boxer" Moran on 04 September
- Progress Meeting held on 17 September
- Liaison with Operations on Flood Response Planning
- Liaison with Forward Planning on Public Realm finishes

Area A2 St. Ita's Road

- Pointing and Grouting to Quay Wall.

Area A3 St. Ita's Street

- Importation of material for new flood embankment continued.

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Area A5 Lee Estate

- Importation of material for new flood embankment continued.

Area A6 Athlunkard Boat Club

- Stone cladding works to new Quay Wall

Area A7 Sir Harrys Mall

- Installation of temporary sheet piles within Stream Assessment Corridor (SAC)

Area B2 Georges Quay

- Pointing and Grouting to Quay Wall

Area B3 Merchants Quay

- Construction of underground tank continued- walls poured and precast roof slabs placed.
- Drilling and grouting to Quay Wall, commenced piling at rear of courthouse.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group meeting held on the 10 September.
- Landowner engagement continuing and agreements being progressed.
- Geotechnical Contractor appointed.
- Fee discussions continued around construction delivery options.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 19 September.
- PR3 approval submitted to OPW on 04 September.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report at Final Review.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 19 September.
- Options Development Workshops undertaken.
- Environmental Survey, Geotechnical and Invasive Treatment Contracts progressing.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Progress meeting held on 17 September.
- Land Acquisition mapping being finalised.

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

Opera Square

Progress Update

Contract B – Sitewide Basement and Parcel 1

- The entire basement and Parcel 1 building have been submitted for Building Control (Amendment) Regulations (BCAR) approval to Building Control, who have validated and approved the BCAR submission.
- Programme – Elements including the external envelope, interior finishes, and building services—are now complete. System testing and commissioning has also been completed. The contract is now in the practical completion and handover phase.

Contract D – Office of Public Works (OPW) Landmark Building, Granary Redevelopment and Bank Place / Granary Courtyard

- Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) engaged with the Design Team and the preferred bidder with a view to mobilising and commencing construction works in the coming weeks in line with the Developer Agreement.
- Tri-party OPW, Limerick City and County Council, and LTT Heads of Terms for the sale of the Landmark Building site and transfer of car parking rights from Limerick City and County Council to the OPW and subsequent development of the building by LTT has been signed by all parties and all parties are currently working through legal documentation.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Progress Update

Phase 1 - Stabilisation and Repair of Flaxmill

- The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) Team at the Department of Housing sought further detailed reports before approval to proceed to award the contract.

Phase 2 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- The legal review of the Planning Pack is now completed and minor amendments are being incorporated by the Project Team.
- The Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been completed in draft.
- Cost plans and viability assessment updated to ensure latest designs are still viable to deliver.

Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Cleeves Riverside Quarter (CRQ) City Campus

- LTT and TUS have re-engaged to progress Stage 2.

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

Modular Accommodation Project

- In line with the Emergency Modular National Residential (EMNR) Service Level Agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ), 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 DOJ.

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Other Activity

One Opera Square Launch

- The 08 September marked a huge milestone for Limerick and the Limerick Twenty Thirty and Ireland Strategic Investment Fund Joint Venture, Treaty Stone Partnership, with the official launch of the world-class One Opera Square building. The building has space for 1,000 employees, was built for sustainability, wellbeing and innovation. A press release which received national coverage along with a series of three videos were released as part of the multi-stakeholder media campaign.

Exhibitions at Opera Square

- Two exhibitions opened in September at One Opera Square. Ireland's Biennial: the 41st Eva International Exhibition opened in the retail unit of One Opera, and a Limerick School of Art and Design Graphics exhibition opened on the exterior of the building; where the animated artwork comes to life when viewed through the lens of a phone.

Theatre Royal Works

- The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran shared a video of the Theatre Royal being brought back into use highlighting LTT involvement and featuring LTT's Project Manager. This was reshared to LTT's social media platforms.

New Limerick Twenty Thirty Board Members

- Limerick Twenty Thirty welcomed three Non-Executive Directors to the Board of Limerick Twenty Thirty. They were announced by way of the Limerick Twenty Thirty website and via a welcoming statement from the Mayor's office.



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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

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

- There were 50,723 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAPSSC at the end of September.
- A weekly average of 132 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2025.
- The September landlord payment run was €51.4 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of September, was €3.028 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €117.36 million in differential rent to end of September.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of September was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 7,524 HAP debt reminder letters in September.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/09/25 – 30/09/25	63	91	154
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	84%	58%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	16%	37%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	0%	5%	

	No. Received/Assigned	No. Validated/Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications September	13	12	0	15	
Disability Access Certificate Applications September	13	10	0	5	
Licensing Applications September	14	15			
Commencement Notice September	64	51	5		56
Completion Certificate September	16	12	1		13
Planning Referrals September	22				18
Dynamics September	1 received				

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

The following courses were delivered:

- Five new recruit firefighters for Limerick City Fire Station travelled to the UK Fire Service College to begin an extensive training programme.
- Two new recruits for Limerick City Fire Station completed training and commenced work on shift in September.
- Five Swiftwater Rescue Technician Instructors completed instructor updates.
- 11 firefighters completed the Bronto Aerial Platform refreshers course.
- Emergency First Responder training, both refresher and initial training courses were provided for large numbers of firefighters during the month.
- The retained fire station crews completed their Cardiac First Responder training.
- Critical Incident Stress Management sessions began for all crews in September, reviewing their techniques and procedures for dealing with the difficult stresses caused by their job.
- Officers are undertaking Leadership courses with the South-East Technical University

Civil Defence attendance at Events and Activities

The following activity took place:

Duties

- Medical cover for the “Dash of the Derg” in Ballina, Co. Tipperary (assisting Tipperary Civil Defence).
- Medical Cover and Decontamination at the Narwhals Swim on the River Shannon.
- Medical cover for the Emergency Services Day Parade, Limerick City.
- Participation in the Emergency Services Day Parade, Limerick City.
- Medical Cover for the “Run for Cliona’s” 5K run in Limerick City Centre.
- Search for Missing Person – call out by An Garda Síochána (assisted by Clare Civil Defence).
- Medical Cover at the Official Launch at the Greenway Hub in Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.
- Medical Cover at the “Limerick Wellbeing Series” 2025 in Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - August	September	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	11	0	11
Municipal Districts	9	0	9

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - August	September	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	48	4	52
Municipal Districts	36	4	40

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

In the month of September, the Climate Action Unit:

- **04 September:** The Community Climate Action Officer attended the Limerick Map of Resources and Community Knowledge launch event. This was a collaboration between West Limerick Resources, Creative Ireland and Nocht Studios which highlighted the results of a six week community Leaders Eco Training Course, as well as community interventions which developed a usable map of community projects and supports throughout the Mid-West Limerick Region.
- **09 September:** The National Climate Action Key Performance Indicators Report 2024 was launched (online).
- **09 September:** Attended the Greenspace URBACT Project Local Group meeting in City Hall.
- **10 September:** The Senior Management Team approved the Climate Action Programme.
- **10 September:** The Energy Management Team held their quarterly team meeting.
- **18 September:** The results of the Climate Action Awareness Survey were shared with all staff.
- **18 September:** Attended the Irish Architectural Foundation event – New Life for Old Buildings event in Wickham Way.
- **19 September:** Attended the opening of Doon Social Farm Wetlands. The funding for this wetland was facilitated through the Community Climate Action Programme.
- **30 September:** Launch of the Climate Action Champions Programme in the Council Chamber Dooradoyle.

- **30 September:** The Energy Officer attended a workshop on the Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme ran by The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in Tullamore.
- The Community Climate Action Officer met with 14 community groups throughout the city and county over the month to discuss the Community Climate Action Programme.

The following events were held in the Citizen Innovation Lab:

- **11 September:** The Limerick Cycling Campaign Group held a meeting to advocate for improved, safe and realistic cycling infrastructure.
- **25 September:** URBACT Project Event – A European exchange and learning programme promoting sustainable urban development. It enables European cities to collaborate and share best practice across several thematics.

Veterinary Services

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	18
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	4
Number of horses seized	6

Dog Wardens accompanied Garda on two operations in September, a total of eight dogs were seized during the operations including two XL Bullies.

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Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	35
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	43
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	8
Inspections – Annual Return Validations	85
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	18
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	15
Statutory notices issued (MS Dynamics)	4
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	5
Prosecutions initiated (MS Dynamics)	2
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered (MS Dynamics and One Page Spreadsheet)	1
Planning reports	124
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received	122
Inspections undertaken	442
Warnings issued	73
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	4
Statutory notices issued	15
Prosecutions initiated	5
Fines issued	8

The Domestic Waste and Litter team has carried out student engagement in collaboration with University of Limerick (UL) Students liaison officers during the return to campus in September. Actions included:

- Engaging with residents and students, regular uniformed street patrols providing visible presence in the area.
- Awareness actions such as talking to students, providing flyers on appropriate Presentation of Waste.
- Enforcement actions – verbal and written warnings for inappropriate presentation of waste.

CCTV for Waste and litter enforcement - Cameras at Dock Road and Milford Bring Banks are being upgraded due to the level of dumping happening at these locations. Five convictions for waste and litter offences captured by CCTV were handed out in the District Court in September.

Parks and Green Spaces

Projects progressed in September 2025

Project	Description
Cappamore Playground upgrade	Contractor has commenced works on site to upgrade the playground
Multi Use Games Area Hospital redevelopment	Redevelopment works have now been completed by the contractor
Saint Patrick's Well Garryowen green	The contractor is on site and works are progressing
Newcastle West Playground Upgrade and Extension	On 16 September an in person public engagement event took place at Municipal District of Newcastle West Office and an online survey took place from 17 to 30 September. Power washing and deep cleaning was completed at Newcastle West Playground.

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URBACT IV-GreenPlace

Limerick hosted the final in-person meeting of the URBACT GreenPlace Network in September. The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran welcomed the eight partner cities, lead experts and national URBACT contact points to Limerick for the three-day event. A packed itinerary included a visit to Baggot Estate urban woodland and the Castletroy Greenway, an URBACT Good Practice winning site. There were several presentations from Limerick City and County Council colleagues on placemaking, the Green Blue infrastructure strategy, The Biodiversity Action Plan and Limerick as a walled city.

A community planting event took place in conjunction with Paul Partnership in Watergate Flats. Residents planted window boxes to display on their balconies, and two new flowerbeds were planted.

A workshop was provided to the Metropolitan members on the URBACT GreenPlace project.

Caherdavin Playground

A meeting was held with the Diocese and schools in relation to plans to lease land from the Diocese for a playground and other community uses.

Presentations were made to the Metropolitan Councillors at the Local Area Briefings on plans for, Shelbourne Sports facilities, Pocket Park on Parnell Street and Saint Patrick's Well, Garryowen.

Mayoral Expert Group

A fourth meeting was held in the Woodlands House Hotel with suggestions made for priority projects in the four districts linking green spaces and heritage.

Cemeteries

Projects progressed in September

Location	Description
Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery	Installation of headstone beams completed in a section of the cemetery
Saint Peter and Paul Graveyard, Crecora	Footpath and wall repairs completed

- Askeaton Burial Ground Extension was officially opened by Councillor Tommy Hartigan, who represented the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 29 September. The initial section developed will yield 292 burial plots and 41 cremation plots.
- A presentation was made to the Elected Members in Newcastle West on the layout plans for the new burial ground in Abbeyfeale in advance of Part 8 submission.
- A presentation was made to the Limerick City East Councillors on plans for a Columbarium Garden for Kilmurray burial ground.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in September 2025

Mount St. Lawrence	20
Mount St. Oliver	19
Castlemungret	12
Kilmurry	3

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	45	Farm Inspections of Farms in Bunoke_010, Flemingstown_010, Barnakyle_010 and Deel_070 River Catchments
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Letters sent	36	Notification of Inspection and/or further information required
Closing Letter	11	Compliant letters from Inspection
Dynamics CRM – Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/complaints	3	Water Pollution Complaints
Dynamics CRM – Number of Active Cases	18	Open cases in Dynamics CRM- Good Agriculture Practice and Non-Good Agriculture Practice cases
Dynamics CRM – Number of cases open longer than 30 days	16	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	1	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Invasive species website	4	Giant Hogweed locations indicated
Planning Files	16	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Forestry Files	9	Review of forestry applications and report to Forestry.
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Case studies	1	National Agricultural Inspection Programme Case Studies
External Meetings	3	Teagasc ASSAP (Agricultural Sustainability Support and Advisory Programme); South-West Local Authority Liaison LAWPRO (Local Authority Waters Programme) Meeting; Regional Operational Committee LAWPRO Meeting

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Environmental Awareness

- The Green Schools programme has been launched in partnership with An Taisce and schools in Limerick are engaging with the programme and receiving support from the Environmental Awareness Officer. Additional school related supports have been arranged by the Environmental Awareness Officer to promote waste/litter reduction and circularity including www.relovethefashion.ie, [Let's Fix Fashion I Join I Green-Schools and Home Page - Rubbish Film Festival](#).
- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) feature strongly within programmes managed by the Environmental Awareness Officer including www.tidytowns.ie, the Green Schools Programme [Green-Schools I Working Together For A Sustainable Future](#), Green Sports Clubs [Green Clubs I Limerick.ie](#). During SDG week, arrangements were made to design and purchase a Limerick City and County Council Pop up which highlights the fact that Limerick City and County Council supports the Sustainable Development Goals.
- National My Waste Green Hub visits continue in Adare to highlight the assets available to the business community within the www.mywaste.ie/business toolkit.
- The Environmental Awareness Officer continues to participate within several regional waste prevention projects promoting www.circular.ie, and two other projects – one on Reusable Party Packs and another on Community Cup Rental.
- My Waste Sports Club Toolkit Webinar Series was attended by many Limerick sporting organisations. [Implement waste actions in your sports club - My Waste](#)
- Arrangements for the Limerick Going for Gold Environmental Improvement Grant and competition grand final continued during September. Environment and Climate Action Staff featured on Limerick's Live 95FM information sessions.

Biodiversity

Biodiversity Officer September Update:

10–11 September

Limerick City and County Council hosted the national network of Biodiversity and Heritage Officers as part of the Heritage Council's National Training Programme. Activities included exploration of landscapes and soundscapes, with a focus on creating "quiet places." A site visit to Lough Gur highlighted both its natural beauty and environmental challenges. Day two featured leadership training for Heritage Officers and media/communications training for Biodiversity Officers, alongside discussions on Local Authority Biodiversity Action Plans.

12 September

Participation in the National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) Local Authority Stakeholder Consultation Online Workshop.

16 September

Attendance at the annual meeting of the National Biodiversity Data Centre Programme with the national Biodiversity Officer Network.

22 September

Participation in the National Steering Group for the management of Lesser Horseshoe bats, held in Glengarriff, Co. Cork.

25 September

The Limerick Biodiversity Forum gathered for an in-person workshop on the importance of grasslands and their management for biodiversity and to share work they have undertaken in 2025.

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Laboratory/Rural Water

This Month the Laboratory Rural Water Unit approved grant payments on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as follows:

Grant Type	Amount	Number of Schemes
Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) Capital funding 2024-2026 for Group Water Schemes (GWS)	€20,232.05	Two Group Water Schemes
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€199,411	Eleven Group Water Schemes
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€32,992.34	Eight Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€0	0

- Uisce Eireann confirmed this month their official taking in charge of the Feohanagh-Castlemahon Group Water Scheme (GWS) from midnight 30 September. The Scheme is connected to the South-West Regional Public Water Supply.



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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Procurement

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	21
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/agreement	6

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

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
September	1462	318	1780

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

Rejection Reason	Reason
Memo Requisition not raised in advance - Omitted/Insufficient detail	101
Request for Quotes - Omitted	48
Procurement Reference - Omitted/Incorrect	40
Quotes - Omitted/Incorrect	37
Quotation Form - Omitted/Incomplete	22

Register of Electors

Total Transactions on Electoral Register	1,744
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Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Abrasive Wheels	1
CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) - Telescopic Handler	6
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	19
Manual Handling	23
Safe Pass	6
Total Staff Trained	55

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Schedule of Meetings for September

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, in relation to the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project	08/09/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to the Mayoral Fund	16/09/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	22/09/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	 02/09/2025 02/09/2025 03/09/2025	 Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale Special Meeting to discuss proposed social housing in Adare and recent property acquisitions to facilitate the Adare Bypass Monthly Meeting	 02/09/2025 02/09/2025	 Rathkeale Rathkeale and Online
Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	03/09/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	17/09/2025	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	15/09/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	02/09/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	02/09/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	02/09/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Party Leaders' Meeting	08/09/2025 18/09/2025	Dooradoyle and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	11/09/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	15/09/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Meeting	17/09/2025	Engine - Cecil Street
Protocol Committee Meeting	18/09/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick Women's Caucus Committee Meeting	22/09/2025	Dooradoyle

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Access to Information

	September	2025 (January to September)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	38	219
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	0	8
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	4
Total Ombudsman Requests	5	32
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	2	27
AIE Internal Appeals	1	3

Customer Services

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

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,423 calls. This represents an average of 428 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 619 on one particular day. 88% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,856 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.
- 3,429 cases were created, with 785 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 70% of the cases created.
- 2,950 cases were closed, with 716 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the My Limerick portal continued, with a total of 131 cases being logged. Of these, 115 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 98% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Metropolitan District of Limerick were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay offices.
- A total of 85 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 115 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 80 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,847 customers at both our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

2. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Limerick Student City

Campaign

- Launched a 'Welcome to Limerick' campaign to promote Limerick Student City to new and existing third level and further education students, with the objective of encouraging them to engage with Limerick city.
- Created dedicated social media and online content specifically for this audience.
- Distributed Limerick Student City collateral including a new z card map and guide to our Tertiary education partners.

Collaborative Video Asset

- Commenced production on a collaborative video promotional asset, which will be used to attract potential students to Limerick. This is a collaborative project between the University of Limerick (UL), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS), Mary Immaculate College (MIC), Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) and Limerick City and County Council.

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Invest Limerick

- Created a new video promotional asset that showcases Limerick's dynamic economic offering, energy, innovation and ambition.

Festivals

- Continued support provided to our colleagues in the new Festivals Marketing team to progress Halloween in Limerick and Christmas in Limerick campaigns.

Ryder Cup

- Limerick Tourism advertisement was shown on prime advertisement spots across the Ryder Cup weekend (25–28 September), to Sky TV audiences.
- Merchandise assets produced by Marketing used by the delegation attending the event at Beth Page Black in New York.

Other Activity

- Work continues on Out of Home (OOH) designs.
- Preparation continues on a collaborative project with Limerick Libraries set to launch in November.
- Support provided to departments across the organisation in terms of brand direction, marketing assistance and merchandise provision.

Social Media

Followers across our eight main social media platforms is now as follows:

Limerick.ie Facebook: 38,492

Limerick.ie X: 21,067

Limerick.ie Instagram: 42,002

Limerick.ie TikTok: 4,287

Limerick City and County Council X: 18,898

Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 5,351

Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 16,274

Limerick City and County Council TikTok: 1,103

Mayoral Accounts:

Mayor of Limerick Instagram: 1,562

Mayor of Limerick Twitter: 225

Limerick.ie

In September, there were 189,117* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 13% increase on the same period in 2024. (*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

- www.limerick.ie
- www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning
- www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse
- www.limerick.ie/council
- www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/culture-night-2025 (page no longer active)

Content Report: 104 articles, 309 events and 13 new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in September.

Communications

- Issued 24 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and 10 from the Office of the Mayor.
- Researched and wrote 27 speeches for the Office of the Mayor.
- Posted 429 times across the four Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 41,626. Our posts earned 563,577 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Handled all media queries, which come into communications@limerick.ie and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

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- Social media posts were created and shared for the following:
 - Think Before you Skip ([Mywaste.ie](https://mywaste.ie), Environment Department).
 - Irish Term of the Month.
 - Launch of Student City Marketing Campaign.
 - Launched sixth initiative under the New Build Incremental Purchase Scheme, Affordable Housing Scheme in Castletroy.
 - Local Sports Plan: Stage 2 Consultation Workshops.
 - Series of Exploratory Lectures for Conservation Department.
 - Promotion of Limerick Gift Card.
 - Community Hedge Cutting Scheme.
 - Identification of Bathing Waters.
 - Modular Housing innovation launch of Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition (SMART) Housing prototype.
 - Promotion of Twilight Thursday.
 - Weekly Planning Lists.
 - Launch of One Opera Square.
 - International Day of Clean Air.
 - Sports Club: Taking Action on Waste Webinars.
 - Before and After road maintenance routines.
 - Promotion of National Sustainable Fashion Competition
 - Going for Gold Competition.
 - Reminder: Burning Agricultural green waste is no longer permitted.
- Invest in Limerick Promotional Video.
- Culture Night Promotion and events.
- Flavours of Limerick Food Festival.
- Southside Skills Fair.
- Opening of Greenway Visitor Hub.
- Rehoming Dogs for the Limerick Dog Shelter.
- Circular Economy Grant, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Ireland Battery scheme.
- THRIVE (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) Funding secured for Nicholas Street Fireplace site.
- Ryder Cup Buildup.
- Historic Thatched Buildings Grant.
- Celebrating International Sign Language Awareness Week.
- Promotion of Make Way Day in collaboration with An Gardaí.
- Check it Fits Road Safety Authority (RSA) Campaign.
- Ryder Cup Watch Party in Adare.
- Continuous public and road notices and career opportunities.

3. Business Improvement

- A total of 906 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681

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4. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

The September Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 15 September.

Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing to discuss New Crescent, Childers Road and Clondrinagh Park, Ennis Road;
- Briefing on the URBACT GreenPlace Project;
- Briefing on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031.

Operational Area Briefings

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

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

- **Description of project: R506 Frinka towards Cappamore Macadam Overlay**
Location: R506 Frinka towards Cappamore
Cost of project: €94,500
Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: L1115 Miltown Mannor Macadam Overlay**
Location: Castletroy
Cost of project: €119,250
Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: L1115 The Fairways (School House Road) Macadam Overlay**
Location: Castletroy
Cost of project: €90,000
Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering Limited
- **Description of project: L1115 The Fairways (Monaleen Road) Macadam Overlay**
Location: Castletroy
Cost of project: €68,750
Contractor: Rathcabin Tarmacadam Limited
- **Description of project: L50061 Ballyvolane Flood Alleviation Scheme**
Location: Annacotty
Cost of project: €50,000
Contractor: Direct Labour
- **Description of project: L100059 North Circular Macadam Overlay/Drainage**
Location: North Circular Road
Cost of project: €340,500
Contractor: Roadstone/Peter Ryan Limited
- **Description of project: L10154 Abbey Avenue Macadam Overlay**
Location: Corbally
Cost of project: €121,000
Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: L8076 Whitethorn/Willow Drive Macadam Overlay**
Location: Caherdavin
Cost of project: €276,000
Contractor: Roadstone
- **Description of project: L10254 JailBoreen Drainage/Footpaths**
Location: Mulgrave Street
Cost of project: €24,500
Contractor: Maramba Road Services Limited
- **Description of project: Woodlawn Drive Footpaths**
Location: Dooradoyle
Cost of project: €33,000
Contractor: Peter Ryan Limited
- **Description of project: Mungret/Ballybrown Drainage Works**
Location: Mungret/Ballybrown
Cost of project: €11,000
Contractor: Peter Ryan Limited

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- **Description of project: Mungret Caher Road Safety Works**

Location: Mungret

Cost of project: €14,000

Contractor: Richie Collins Plant Limited

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale was held on 09 September 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:

- 52 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 65 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Surface Dressing Works

Surface Dressing Works carried out at:

- L-1203 - Curraghchase, Kilcornan
- L6004 - Ballynorth, Askeaton
- L6087 - Shanid Upper, Shanagolden
- L6113 - Knocknabolly, West, Foynes
- L6115 - Knocknabolly - Middle
- L6070 - Dunmoylan, Shanagolden
- L-1544/L-8658 - Balinleena, Granagh

Road Reconstruction Works

Road Reconstruction works carried out at:

- L-6028 Ballinaguila, Kilfinny
- L52307 Enniscouch, Rathkeale
- L1545 Ballinleena, Granagh

Local Improvement Schemes

Local Improvement Scheme completed at:

- Knockroe, Kildimo
- Ballinavulla, Ardagh

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 17 September in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Workshop for the Elected Members on Policing Matters was held on 17 September in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Briefing for the Elected Members on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025-2031 was held on 17 September in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 116 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 78 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

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

Description of project:	Drainage Scheme Works
Location:	L1514 Ballinvreena, Kilfinnane
Cost of project:	€16,200
Contractor:	Limerick City and County Council (Kilmallock Roads Crew)

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Description of project: Drainage and Boundary Works
Location: R518 Garrynoe, Kilmallock
Cost of project: €17,000
Contractor: Alan O'Connell Developments

Description of project: Surfacing Works and Drainage Works
Location: L15333 Mount Russell, Ardpatrik
Cost of project: €12,000
Contractor: English Tar and Kilmallock Roads Crew

Description of project: Surfacing Works and Drainage Works
Location: L8571 Effin
Cost of project: €20,000
Contractor: English Tar, O'Regan Slipform and Kilmallock Roads Crew

Description of project: Local Improvement Scheme
Location: Ballylooby, Knockcarron
Cost of project: €74,000
Contractor: English Tar and Kilmallock Roads Crew

Description of project: Installation of Anti-Skid Surfacing
Location: R516 Crean's Cross, Bruff
Cost of project: €10,000
Contractor: Ecoflex Surfacing Limited

Description of project: Low Cost Safety Scheme Works
Location: L1413 Tankardstown, Bruff
Cost of project: €50,000
Contractor: Ecoflex Surfacing Limited

Description of project: Low Cost Safety Scheme Works
Location: R512 Ballinastona, Kilmallock
Cost of project: €30,000
Contractor: Ecoflex Surfacing Limited

Description of project: Main Street Crossing
Location: R517 Kilfinane
Cost of project: €3,000
Contractor: English Tar

Description of project: Drainage Works
Location: L15061 Adamstown, Elton
Cost of project: €1,921
Contractor: Kilmallock Roads Crew

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- 03 September - Workshop for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West to discuss General Municipal Allocation.
- 03 September - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- 03 September - Briefing for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West on the Draft Development Contribution Scheme 2025 – 2031.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 146 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 106 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Housing Grants

- 23 grant applications were approved under the Private Housing Grant Schemes during the month. The total value of approvals was €177,895.00
- Payments of €36,308.05 were made to eight applicants who completed works under the Housing Aid for Older People Scheme.
- Payments of €55,198.41 were made to five applicants who completed works under the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.

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Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

Road Reconstruction

- Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance programs are completed.
- Restoration Improvement works were completed on the R523 and R521 by contractors.
- Restoration Maintenance works were completed in Meenoline and Mountcollins.

Flooding events at Dromcollogher

- Investigation works have been carried out on the storm water system in Dromcollogher.

Drainage Scheme Works

- Drainage works commenced in Monagea and works at Castlemahon were completed.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

- Two Local Improvement Schemes were completed in Tournafulla and Knockaderry.

Low-Cost Safety Works

- Low-Cost Safety Works were completed in Athea and works commenced in Dromcollogher and Newcastle West.

Active Travel Projects

- Active travel projects were completed in Ballyagran and Feohanagh and works are ongoing in Strand.

Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,242 routine transactions generating an income of €208,684.

