

To: The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

**Chairperson's Report of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
of 22nd October 2025.**

10th November 2025

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A blended meeting of the above Strategic Policy Committee took place on 22nd October 2025. The following is a summary of the business transacted at the meeting.

Item 1: Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 10th June 2025 were proposed by Cllr. E. O'Donovan and seconded by Cllr. J. O'Donoghue and adopted.

Item 2: 'Think Before You Park Campaign' - Update by Mrs. Maureen Browne, Social Inclusion PPN.

Mrs. Browne delivered a presentation on the Think Before You Park campaign, established in 2004. She outlined the purposes of the group and highlighted the Access Awareness project, launched in September 2022, where audits identified parking on footpaths across all communities and the issues they create.

The members welcomed the presentation and thanked Mrs. Browne for the excellent work in the initiative.

Following discussion by the members, Mrs. Browne also added pedestrians with visual and physical disabilities find it difficult to come off footpaths when cars and wheelie bins are in their path. She added that planning for parking has a lot to do with the issue and respect for all concerned would go a long way.

Ms. Liddy complimented the excellent campaign and advised that LCCC has engaged in 'Make Way Day' and engaged with An Garda Síochána and provided 2,000 stickers for illegal parking. She added that 'Way Finding' Training was provided to staff in 2024 and the intention is to run this training again. She added that the Council will facilitate the inclusion of the 'Think before you park' campaign at the Road Safety Working Together Group and

will correspond directly with Mrs. Browne. She added that Active Travel has a disability audit included from the outset as provided by legislation.

Following a suggestion by members, the Chair agreed to circulate the presentation to universities and refer to parking on footpaths.

Item 5 was addressed as the next item with the agreement of the Chair.

Item 5: EV Implementation Stage and Update on Progress to date – John O’Leary, A/S.E.E.

Mr. O’Leary delivered a presentation on EV implementation and progress to date, outlining the background, policies and objectives and detailing LCCC’s EV strategy.

The members thanked Mr. O’Leary for the very informative update. Following discussion and in response to queries, Mr. O’Leary added the following: -

- The civils infrastructure is ready at the Kilmallock Library site and chargers are to be installed in the coming weeks and should be up and running after Christmas subject to ESB final connections.
- It was noted that while EV sales dropped in 2024, there had however been a move upwards in sales in recent times.
- Generally, the Charge Point Operator will impose penalties for prolonged parking after the charging is complete and byelaws will also be applied in disc parking zones where chargers are to be located.
- The enabling pilot project is funded through ZEV1 and operation & maintenance on the Concession Contract will be cost neutral to the Council.
- While the project deals with EV car charging, longer-term the technology for HGVs may involve alternatives such as hydrogen or HVO.
- Gaps in the map for EV charging is affected by a number of issues but specifically due to grid capacity issues with EirGrid and ESB networks. This is a constraint which should change over the coming years.
- There are currently approx. 130 public sites in Limerick. LCCC’s project is to meet its targets for 2025 and following that will focus on the 2030 targets.
- LIHAF road model for EV chargers is repeatable and LCCC will review similar options and opportunities in the future.
- The majority of charging (80%) will be carried out by people with off-street parking at home. LCCC will aim to cater for the remaining 20% through public charging. There are significant issues & risks regarding private charging cables/overhead arms on or across public footpaths (Health & Safety, insurance liability) so this is not currently an option.
- Castletroy EV charger will be at the playground and currently reviewing the option for Annacotty in the next phase. Castleconnell was reviewed recently and grid capacity issues still constrain the optimum siting locations for a public charger.

Item 3: Transport Oriented Development (TOD) in Limerick – Update by Mr. Carmel Brislane, S.E.P.

Ms. Carmel Brislane delivered a presentation on the urban development approach that integrates land uses with access to transport and concentrates housing, employment, and leisure space near public transport nodes, such as rail and bus stations.

The members thanked Ms. Brislane for the update.

In response to queries from the members, Mr. Brislane added the following: -

- Bus Connects and Rail will be the main drivers for this project.
- The TOD's are in mixed development sites & locations are yet to be confirmed.
- The TOD is specific for Limerick city and Shannon town with 15-minute frequency of bus services.
- It is hugely dependent on bus Connects and when report is received from Dept of Transport during the summer, she will have more information.

Item 4: Limerick City Centre Transport Plan – Update by Mr. Hugh McGrath, S.E.

Mr. Hugh McGrath delivered a presentation on the Limerick City Centre Transport plan outlining the objectives.

The Chair thanked Mr. McGrath and opened the floor to questions. In response to queries, Mr. McGrath added the following: -

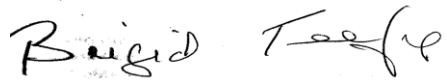
- The Council will be going out to tender on station less bike scheme and Ms. Liddy confirmed that station less bike scheme will be maintained until new scheme tendered.
- Before bus corridors can happen, the Transport plan must come first, the Council will be pushing to get one or two funded and the timeframe is a few years.
- Currently struggling to get new operator for Car Share but hoping to have new provider soon. Bike share, bike and e-scooter scheme to be put in place, not losing bike scheme until new one be put in place.
- The Transport Plan should be about movement. Currently working on the delivery strategy, which will be about parking deliveries, with parking management. The work has already started on this strategy with other cities.
- The ambition is to get all four Park & Rides sites through however, unable to confirm at this time.
- There is engagement between LCCC, NTA and TII regarding Park and Ride at the Mackey Roundabout and would be a good pilot.

Ms. Liddy thanked the members for the warm welcome. There are a lot of challenges, and the main issue is to get funding going forward.

Following a discussion by the members, it was agreed to change the time of future SPC meetings to 2:15 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Brigid Teefy

Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee