

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 2025 at 9.45 A.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor D. Butler

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey-O'Mara, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan, Pond, Reale, Secas, Slattery and Talukder.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District (Ms. S. Reidy), Director of Service, Finance, Economic Development, Digital Services and ICT (Mr. M. White), Management Accountant (Ms. I. Griffin), Financial Accountant (Mr. P. Murnane), A/Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. Sheehan), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. J. Moylan), Administrative Officer, Property Management (Ms. T. Knox), Community Safety Coordinator (Mr. P. Moroney), Community Safety Administrator (Mr. E. O'Hanlon), Senior Executive Engineer, Development Management and Place-Making (Mr. M. Foley), Administrative Officer, Development Management and Place-Making (Ms. M. O'Brien), Senior Executive Officer, Tourism (Ms. E. Coleman), A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Development (Ms. A. Rizzo), Senior Engineer, Environment and Climate Action (Mr. A. Finn), Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing (Mr. L. Browne), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. L. Greaney), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. S. Carroll).

At the outset, the Cathaoirleach welcomed the Journalism Students from University of Limerick and Adult Learners from St. Saviour to the meeting.

The Cathaoirleach and Members extended their congratulations to all involved in the successful bid to host EuroPride 2028. Councillor Slattery proposed that a Reception be held to mark the achievement.

1. Support Services Directorate

Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 – General Municipal Allocation

Circulated, Report of the Mayor of Limerick dated 9th October, 2025, setting out the background to the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) and noting that the total provisional allocation for the GMA for 2026 was €1,639,500 of which €763,300 had been allocated to the Metropolitan District in the Draft Budgetary Plan 2026.

The proposed breakdown was outlined as follows:

Svc	General Municipal Allocation -2026	Metropolitan District €
B04	Local Roads	235,000

F04	Community Initiatives	528,300
Total	General Municipal Allocation	763,300

It was proposed by Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor Kiely and agreed to defer this item for further discussion.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 15th September, 2025.

Proposed by Councillor McSweeney;
Seconded by Councillor Slattery;
And Resolved:

“That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed”.

3. Declaration of Interest

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

4. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 3rd October, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 0.0121 Acres (0.0049 Hectares) of Land at 9 St. Joseph Street, Limerick (Backyard) rectification and right of way and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 3rd October, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 0.0049 Acres (0.002 Hectares) of Land and granting of a wayleave and right of way at Lisnagry Football Club, Scanlon Park, Castleconnell, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (c) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 6th October, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 0.0094 Acres (0.0038 Hectares) of Land at the rear of 19 Clare Street, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (d) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 24th September, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 3 Creagh Lane, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (e) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Management dated 24th September, 2025, setting out proposals for Disposal of 4 Creagh Lane, Limerick and the intention to bring a Section 183 Notice to Full Council in this regard, for approval.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

5. Limerick City Centre

- (a) Local Community Safety Partnership Update.

The Community Safety Coordinator, supported by a presentation, provided an update to Members on the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP).

The following key points were outlined:

- Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) replace the former Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) as part of a national reform.
- The LCSP brings together Local Authorities, Gardai, HSE, Tusla and community voices.
- A plan will be developed through broad consultation with stakeholders.
- Limerick's LCSP will comprise of 30 members, including elected representatives, public service agencies and community groups.
- LCSP will prioritise issues identified by the community, improve multi-agency collaboration and increase public confidence in service providers.
- LCSPs must hold at least six meetings annually. A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be elected from the members of the partnership for three-year terms.

Members thanked the Community Safety Coordinator for the presentation and welcomed the establishment of the Local Community Safety Partnership in Limerick. Members queried the timeline for the implementation of the Committee and highlighted the importance of representation from older people on the Committee. Members also queried the role of the Community Safety Wardens, seeking further information on their responsibilities and if their duties would extend to cover the suburbs outside Limerick City.

In response to the Members queries, the Community Safety Coordinator advised that Elected Members will be nominated to the LCSP Committee at a Plenary Meeting. He outlined the duties of the Wardens, noting they will have a friendly and visible presence around the city, responsible for reporting issues to relevant teams and assisting the public in locating services and amenities.

- (b) Limerick Laneways Project.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Planning and Place-Making gave a Presentation to Members on the Laneways Programme, noting that the Programme forms part of the Living Limerick City Centre (LLCC) Initiative.

He outlined the key aspects of the programme as follows:

- Create a world-class urban environment.
- Promote walking and cycling.
- Reposition the city centre as the premier regional destination for retail, cultural, commercial, work and leisure purposes.

The Senior Executive Engineer outlined the project implementation process:

- The Laneways Toolkit and Public Realm Strategy (currently Draft) will inform further engagement, design and approach to development.
- Prepare Activation Strategies for the laneways.
- Public Realm Upgrade project to Theatre Lane to act as pilot for future development.
- Enhancement project for Daly's Lane & Hartstonge Mews to show potential to developers/public and encourage activation.
- Overview of the timeline for the programme.

Members thanked the Senior Executive Engineer for the presentation, highlighting the need for the project, which will significantly improve the laneways in Limerick.

The following observations were outlined:

- Members welcomed the project, emphasising the value of Limerick's laneways to the city.
- Members queried the criteria analysis used for prioritizing laneways for the project and requested that an additional criteria would be considered in the selection process.
- Members noted that the project was ongoing since 2019 and expressed disappointment at the delay in progressing the initiative.
- An update on the timeline to complete the project was requested.

In response, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that the selection of laneways will be explored further with Members, and a Workshop will be arranged to facilitate this discussion.

6. Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development Directorate

Christmas in Limerick Light Up Procession Event Licence.

Circulated, Report of the Director of Service, Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development Directorate dated 15th October, 2025 and attached Report of the Director of Service, Planning & Place-Making dated 15th October, 2025, in relation to the proposed Christmas in Limerick 2025 Light Up Procession Event.

Proposed by Councillor Slattery;
Seconded by Councillor Kiely;
And Resolved:

"To approve the granting of a licence for the Christmas in Limerick 2025 Light Up Procession Event in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

7. Transportation and Mobility Directorate

Extinguishment of Public Right of Way – Bloodmill Road, Limerick

Circulated, Report of the Director of Service, Transportation and Mobility dated 3rd September, 2025 seeking approval to the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Bloodmill Road, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Slattery;
Seconded by Councillor Kiely;
And Resolved:

“To approve the Extinguishment of the Public Right of Way at Bloodmill Road, Limerick in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act 1993”.

QUESTIONS

8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what plans are in place to finish the footpath across from the Four Elms in Drombanna that was put in place in 2023 but not finished. This footpath needs to be extended towards the road junction serving Robin Hill Road entry point.

REPLY: The Road’s Department Metropolitan East will submit a new application to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for funding to extend the work already done in Drombanna. If application is successful, we will carry out the works.

9. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the highest amount Limerick City and County Council has paid to purchase a residential property within the last 12 months.

REPLY: This matter relates solely to the Housing Directorate. Other Directorates that would ordinarily be involved in the purchase of housing units were not included in the assessment process on this occasion.

In October 2024, Limerick City and County Council’s Housing Directorate acquired a purpose-designed detached bungalow in County Limerick for €561,708. The acquisition was based on an Occupational Therapist’s report, which confirmed the property’s suitability to meet the needs of a family with a dependent who has very complex medical and accessibility needs.

The newly built, wheelchair-accessible dwelling was designed in line with Universal Design and wheelchair accessibility principles, providing an adaptable and high-quality living environment. The A2 BER-rated, five-bedroom property is located on a large site and has an internal gross floor area of 172m².

10. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if this Council has considered repurposing the Council Car Park in Merchant's Quay and the Car Park by St. Michaels under Limerick 2030 for the location of the Smart Housing Programme.

REPLY: No, the Council has not considered repurposing the car parks at Merchant's Quay or St. Michael's for the Smart Housing Programme.

The key objective of the Programme is to deliver housing quickly on sites that are zoned for residential use, within Council ownership, and free from environmental, archaeological, or heritage constraints.

In accordance with the Limerick City and County Development Plan 2022–2028, the Smart Housing Programme is focused on activating suitable underutilised lands that can be developed efficiently and sustainably in line with compact growth objectives.

11. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the CCTV for the Castletroy Greenway.

REPLY: Thank you for your query regarding the Community CCTV application for the Castletroy Urban Greenway.

We submitted the application under Section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 on 30th August 2024. Following that, on 11th October 2024, a presentation was made to the Garda CCTV Advisory Committee by Limerick City and County Council's Head of Digital Strategy, the Data Protection Officer, and the Chief Superintendent of the Limerick Division, along with a member of his team. This was to support the application and seek authorisation to progress it to the Garda Commissioner's office.

At present, the application is with the Garda Commissioner's team and remains under review. They have recently requested some additional information from us, which we take as a positive sign that the application is actively being assessed. We're hopeful that a response will be forthcoming soon.

We'll continue to keep you updated as soon as we receive any further developments.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the UL to Montpellier Greenway.

REPLY: The Technical Consultants on this Scheme are AtkinsRéalis. At present the UL to Montpellier Greenway is still in the route selection phase.

A number of issues are still under consideration by the project team prior to the publication of the preferred route, and it is hoped that these will be resolved in the near future.

13. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown of the total monies committed to and spent, and any other costs incurred, for the new Flavours of Limerick food festival.

REPLY: The Flavours of Limerick food festival was delivered by Limerick City and County Council in September 2025 as a pilot initiative supported by the Mayor's Fund and aligned with the objectives of the Mayoral Programme 2024-2029.

The festival programme included a range of events across city centre locations, including a Mystery Dinner, Street Feast, and live food demonstrations at the Milk Market. One scheduled event, the Sing-a-Long Picnic, was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

Total payment issued to date: €70,777.

Estimated outstanding costs: €50,800.

A full financial reconciliation is underway, and recovery of funds is being pursued.

14. Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from the design team on works to be completed at Bolands Cross, Rathmale and Mungret Village and for an update on road safety including footpaths.

REPLY: Clandillon Civil Consulting Ltd., appointed by Limerick City and County Council as technical advisors, are well advanced on finalising the details design and contract documentation on the N69 Mungret to Bolands Cross Road Safety Improvement Scheme. The proposed scheme comprises the re-alignment of Boland's Cross, full reconstruction of the road pavement, landscaping and the provision of new pedestrian facilities from Boland's Cross to Mungret Village.

Limerick City and County Council are actively engaging with local landowners to acquire all lands necessary to advance the project to the construction phase, as well as seeking the necessary funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to deliver the scheme.

15. Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on road safety on the section of road from Clarina Roundabout to Red Brick Lodge including footpath. These improvements works were to commence in 2022.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council has been successful in obtaining land agreements in principle. Leahy Reidy solicitors representing LCCC are progressing with Legal agreements for obtaining land purchases. PMCE Consultants have also completed the detailed designs and contract docs. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has indicated they are in support of this scheme with intended delivery next year subject to funding.

16. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of Notice to Quits received in the Metropolitan area so far this year.

REPLY: In 2025 to date, Limerick City and County Council have received a total of 145 Notices of Termination (Notice-to-Quit) relating to tenancies in the Metropolitan District. None of these have progressed to date due to several reasons (i.e. property not meeting new eligibility criteria, funding constraints, property not suitable for family, landlord wishing to sell on the open market). Limerick City and County Council keep a register of Notice to Quits that we have been notified of, so that if additional funding is to become available, we may progress review of those that meet the eligibility criteria based on the "first come, first served" principle.

17. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the reason why lights were removed on and around Oakview Drive, Ballinacurra and when they might be reinstated as it is very dark.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council has reviewed this location and can confirm that no public lights have been removed in the area. All existing public lighting at this location have been upgraded to LED Type. In addition, there is a request on file to provide a light on the ESB Networks Pole opposite no. 32 Oakview Drive, Ballinacurra, however at present no funding is available to the Public Lighting section for the installation of new lights.

18. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many people/households are on the housing transfer list and what is the breakdown by bedroom size of these housing transfer applicants in tabular format.

REPLY:

Number of Housing Transfer Applicants	Bedroom Size
149	One bedroom
109	Two bedrooms
155	Three bedrooms
62	Four bedrooms
3	Five bedrooms
478	

19. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what engagement has taken place by the Tourism Directorate with Savannah Georgia since the delegations' recent visit.

REPLY: Mayor Johnson and a delegation from Savannah travelled to Limerick in February 2025 to sign a Friendship Agreement. This agreement unites Limerick and Savannah in both a cultural and economic partnership. We also welcomed a delegation from Georgia in May

which included Jon Burns, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. This visit was a further showcase of the wonderful tourism offering that Limerick has.

Councillor Dan McSweeney and Director General Pat Daly attended the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Conference in June 2025. During this visit, meetings took place with the Savannah Tourism team where future cooperation was discussed in promoting both cities.

Our Tourism Department have contacted Visit Savannah to introduce external stakeholders and we also hope to showcase a tourism brief on our limerick.ie website showing why Savannah is an attractive place to visit and hope Visit Savannah will do the same to promote Limerick as a tourism destination.

Limerick City and County Council are continuing to explore future cultural, educational and economic mutually beneficial opportunities to strengthen the relationship between the two cities with stakeholders across Limerick.

20. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council set out the current opportunities available to it to regulate and restrict short-term rentals such as Airbnb, so that the opportunities for securing long-term rental agreements can increase. How many such cases have been reported to Limerick City and County Council in the Metropolitan area and investigated in the last 12 months with outcomes identified.

REPLY: Limerick City and County are located within a designated Rent Pressure Zone. Individuals who wish to short-term let their principal private residence in a rent pressure zone are required to register this with the local authority and fulfil specified reporting obligations.

Where an individual owns a property in a rent pressure zone which is not their principal private residence and they intend to let it for short-term letting purposes, they are required to apply for a change of use planning permission unless the property already has a specific planning permission to be used for tourism or short-term letting purposes.

In the past 12 months one such case of a property in use as a short-term let in the Metropolitan District was notified to the Planning Authority and the Enforcement Section served a Warning Letter in that case. The case remains under investigation.

21. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council provide an update on the preparation of the City Centre Transport Plan.

REPLY: The Limerick City Centre Transport Plan is currently in development with the various reports and assessments being completed with a view of presenting to the Members prior to the end of the year.

22. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council provide details of the cleaning schedule for the roads and footpaths in the area enclosed by Henry Street / South Circular Road to the west, Lord Edward Street / Prospect Hill to the east, Clontarf Place / St Joseph's Street to the north and Punches Cross to the South.

REPLY: In the area bounded by Henry St, South Circular Road, Punches Cross, Prospect Hill, Lord Edward Street, St. Joseph's St. and Clontarf Place the following cleansing activities are carried out:

Daily road sweeping of R526, O'Connell Avenue. Other main roads are swept and subject to limitations such as parked vehicles blocking access to kerb lines, in which case manual litter picking is required.

Litter picking is carried out as required based on inspections and in response to requests from members of the public.

Litter bins on R526, O'Connell Avenue are serviced daily, litter bins on other streets in this area are serviced every second day.

Illegal dumping is removed.

Focused clean-ups can be arranged for small areas when identified and necessary.

Road signage is cleaned by the Traffic Section.

23. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for confirmation as to whether glyphosate was sprayed in the Farranshone area on Tuesday 23rd September and, if so, why was glyphosate used at this location on this date, were warning signs put up before or after the spraying, and was a risk assessment carried out in advance.

REPLY: As part of public realm maintenance, a contractor sprays weeds on hard surfaces on public roads and footpaths on behalf of the Limerick City and Council's Cleansing Section. Glyphosate is used in a targeted and controlled manner as it is an effective and feasible method of controlling weed growth in a city environment and is applied at the appropriate rate, under the correct conditions by qualified operatives. The contractor has completed a risk assessment and determined that warning signage is not necessary as a control measure.

24. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the progress that has been made so far on the Council approved plan to roll out One City, One Book in Limerick in 2026. When in 2026 is the Council planning for One City, One Book to take place and has a book been chosen for 2026 yet.

REPLY: Limerick Library Service have followed up on exploring the potential opportunity of the *One City, One Book* model for both Limerick City & County.

Important considerations which have emerged include a suitable funding model, the planning necessary to deliver such a project and the logistics of managing the roll out over an extensive City and County wide geographic area.

Careful thought and consideration has to be given to the choice of book. To date no final decision has been made. A further consideration is the availability of authors to participate in a program of events which is a key factor in the success of the project.

Overall there is also a need to cover a broad reading base to be as accessible and inclusive as possible.

In terms of time-scale September/October 2026 are the most suitable dates.

25. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when did the Gaelic Grounds/Limerick GAA submit their request for an Event License from Limerick Council in advance of events staged there on Saturday 23rd August & Sunday 24th August 2025? As part of this application, did they stipulate that they would be working through the night of Sunday 24th into the early hours of Monday 25th August.

REPLY: CWB Productions Ltd applied for an event licence on the 22nd May 2025 to hold a 2 day music and entertainment event on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August 2025 in the Gaelic Grounds.

As part of their event licence application, CWB Productions Ltd submitted a Build and Breakdown procedure document which also contained a detailed production schedule. The production schedule detailed movements on the grounds of the Gaelic Grounds from Monday 18th August to Wednesday 27th August – i.e. from setting up to clearing the site after the event. In the production schedule, the event organisers state that all patrons will be offsite at 11pm on Sunday 24th August, with all crew back on site at 10am on Monday 24th August.

There is no reference to works taking place during the night at any stage of the production schedule.

26. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed Community and Sports Complex at Patrickswell and an indicative timeline for the lodging of a Part 8 Planning Application.

REPLY: Design drawings for the layout of the proposed changing rooms are being prepared internally by LCCC at the moment to supplement the masterplan drawings which have been developed by the Parks Dept and which will form part of the Part 8 planning application.

Details of the proposed scheme have been circulated to the various directorates for review and/or comment and we await their feedback. Assuming no further design changes and/or

supporting studies, it is envisaged that a Part 8 will be submitted mid to late November of this year.

27. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed N69 Clarina to Brick Lodge walkway.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council has been successful in obtaining land agreements in principle. Leahy Reidy solicitors representing LCCC are progressing with Legal agreements for obtaining land purchases. PMCE Consultants have also completed the detailed designs and contract docs. Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) has indicated they are in support of this scheme with intended delivery next year subject to funding.

28. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full update in relation to the pipeline delivery of LA Affordable Purchase Homes in the Metropolitan District for 2026 & 2027 and the expected delivery for each scheme during the above period.

REPLY:

Estimated completion date for each LA Affordable Purchase scheme in 2026 and 2027 is as follows:

Scheme	Project Name	Total Units	Indicative Register Launch Date	Substantial Completion Date
Affordable Purchase	Newtown Meadows, Castletroy	6	Q4 2025	Q2 2026
Affordable Purchase	Ballykeeffe, Raheen Phase 1	36	Q2 2026	Q4 2026
Affordable Purchase	Glenwood, Ballyanrahan, Patrickswell	4	Q2 2026	Q4 2026
Affordable Purchase	The Rivers, Annacotty	7	Q3 2026	Q1 2027
Affordable Purchase	Hazelhall, Castletroy, Limerick	1	Q4 2026	Q2 2027
Affordable Purchase	Clonmacken Lands	15	Q4 2026	Q2 2027
Affordable Purchase	Lord Edward Street	7	Q4 2026	Q2 2027
Affordable Purchase	Mungret Lands Phase 1	60	Q4 2026	Q2 2027
Affordable Purchase	Corbally, Limerick	26	Q4 2026	Q2 2027
Affordable Purchase	Baunacloka, Raheen, Limerick	9	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Site Junction of at the junction of Hymee's Boreen and	4	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Anglers Walk, Rhebogue Meadows	3	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Ballykeeffe, Raheen	50	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Toppins Field	28	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	5	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Ballygrennan, Moyross Phase 1	40	Q2 2027	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Suttons Lands, Castletroy	68	Q2 2027	Q4 2027

Note: Substantial completion dates are dependent on timely approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage

NOTICES OF MOTION

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the grass be cut at the side of the Road 5109 and signs put in place stating "slow bend pull in" for people who normally do not use this road, so oncoming traffic are safe. With the grass cut the road will be

wider and safer.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Pond and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Slattery highlighted that the road in the area was very narrow, causing safety concern for those using the road.

She noted the need to contact landowners again, reminding them of their responsibility to cut their own hedge grow. She also highlighted that road markings and signage was also required to improve the safety of the road.

REPLY: Limerick City and County Council issued correspondence to the landowners on the L5109 on the 29th September last. Each landowner was notified of their responsibilities under Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act regarding maintenance of trees, hedges and other vegetation on their property that may be a danger to people using the public road and to take the necessary action where necessary.

Limerick City and County Council will review the signage and road-markings layout along this route in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and upgrade as necessary.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council provide an online facility for members of the public to pay their €20 planning observation or objection fee via credit card that would operate 24/7.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Donoghue and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Doyle highlighted that the introduction of an online facility would be very convenient for users, particularly when the cash desks and offices were closed.

REPLY: Members of the public can pay their €20 planning observation or objection fee via credit card 24/7 by using the National online planning portal system.

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a list of all residential properties within the Metropolitan District in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council both available and currently under renovation, along with their expected completion dates, be provided to District Councillors on a regular basis.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Beasley, seconded by Councillor Donoghue and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Beasley stated that regular updates on available residential properties would be beneficial to Members.

REPLY: The Housing Directorate currently presents regular updates to each Municipal District on the status of housing delivery in each area making reference to its location and estimated substantial completion date. In the Metropolitan District this includes a breakdown of delivery activity by each Electoral Area. This update includes renovation projects called SHIP Renew properties and Buy & Renew properties identified by general address without making reference to the dwelling number.

Future updates will include the status of Void properties for each Municipal District to give a full picture on Local Authority stock due to be renovated or nearing renovation completion. The next update to the Metropolitan District is early November.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council implements a transparent and documented process for assessing housing applicants with pets. Such as the question being asked on the physical application form. The current informal approach lacks clarity, making it impossible to determine how many applicants are denied housing due to pet ownership. A more formal procedure is needed to ensure fairness and allow for proper oversight of these decisions.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that Limerick City and County Council would change their policy of not allowing tenants in local authority houses to engage contractors to install solar panels on their houses.

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

34. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that Limerick City and County Council write to Bus Eireann, Dublin Coach and ask that passengers are allowed to board their buses at the Bus Stop at Avista (St. Vincents) in Annacotty and alight in Limerick City.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Pond, seconded by Councillor Slattery and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Pond stressed the difficulties faced by residents and older people since Annacotty did not have a bus service into the city, and noted the significant traffic volumes in the area.

35. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that a traffic management plan for Groody/Ballysimon be expedited in light of the recent planning decision for 1,000 student apartments and the daily traffic congestion on this major artery of Castletroy.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gavan, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Gavan highlighted the very heavy traffic volumes in the area, noting that Castletroy was one of the fastest growing urban areas.

REPLY: The Traffic Section acknowledges the concerns raised regarding traffic congestion in the Groody/Ballysimon area, particularly in light of the recent planning approval for large-scale student accommodation.

As part of the implementation of BusConnects, improved infrastructure measures will be considered to support all travel modes, including cycling and pedestrian facilities, in accordance with national and local transport policy and subject to funding. This includes alignment with the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) and the relevant objectives and aims of the Limerick Development Plan.

36. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the National Transport Authority urgently examines and progress service enhancements to Castleconnell/Montpelier incorporating Annacotty Business Park under the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility programme, coordinated with the planned Bus Connects improvements in Limerick City.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gavan, seconded by Councillor Pond and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Gavan stressed the need for an hourly bus service in the Castleconnell area, to better accommodate workers, students and residents in the area.

37. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council give members a presentation on the Flavours of Limerick festival, and commit to a full review into this new food festival to analyse its impact and value for money.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Kiely and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Sullivan raised concerns in relation to the marketing of the Flavours of Limerick festival and the value for money it provided.

REPLY: A presentation on the new Flavours of Limerick food festival is intended to be delivered at a workshop with the Metropolitan District members, as well as a review of the festival.

Members consider that there was very little public awareness of the event and expressed concern

about the level of marketing that took place in advance of the festival. Members expressed support for a well-considered and marketed food festival as an opportunity to raise the profile of Limerick producers while ensuring value for money in supporting such a festival. They highlighted the need to engage with the Elected Members before events are organised and expressed their disappointment at not being invited to the launch of the event. Members welcomed the proposal to hold a workshop to allow a frank discussion on the festival.

Suspension of Standing Orders

On the proposal of Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor Kiely, Standing Order 4 was suspended to complete the agenda.

38. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council will support the families, many of whom are attending school and services locally, from their notice of transfer from international protection accommodation services in Limerick City.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Talukder and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan highlighted the importance of supporting the families who have been living in Limerick for several years and have integrated into the local communities.

Councillor Doyle proposed an amendment to the Motion to write to the Minister of State at the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Mr. Colm Brophy, T.D. This was seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

REPLY: The Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) continues to actively engage with both BOTPs and IPAs. The Limerick LAIT are already delivering supports as required to all residents of state provided accommodation in Limerick city and county, as well as notifying LAIT's in other local authority areas of imminent accommodation transfers.

39. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we write to the Department of Housing to ask that a funding strategy be explored to enable the local authority to build extensions / convert attic for additional bedrooms for families who are in overcrowded council housing.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor McSweeney and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely stated that providing extensions for those in overcrowded housing would provide a better quality of life for tenants and enhance the overall housing stock.

40. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we examine the possibility of extended opening times at Mungret Recycling Centre to include Sunday.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor McSweeney and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Kiely highlighted that Mungret Recycling Centre was an excellent amenity and well used by the public. She stated that extending the opening hours would benefit people that were working during the week.

REPLY: The opening hours at Mungret Civic Amenity Site were extended this year to include Monday opening providing increased accessibility for users. Any further extension of opening days, such as Sunday openings, would result in additional operational costs which would need to be passed onto the user through increased charges. The situation will continue to be monitored to ensure that the opening hours remain responsive to public demand while balancing operational and financial consideration.

Members referred to the opening times of the Recycling Centre on Google Search, which states that it is closed on Sundays and Mondays, and requested that this information would be updated. Members queried if the opening days of the Centre could be changed to open on Sunday instead of Monday. The Senior Engineer, Environment and Climate Action agreed to revert to Members in this regard.

41. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Irish Cement Community Liaison Committee is established by the end of October 2025, given LCCC's stated commitment to ensuring this group is put in place.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Gavan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Donoghue stressed the importance of establishing the Committee to improve communication within the surround areas and ensure transparency.

REPLY: The Council is at an advanced stage in the establishment of the An Bord Pleanála mandated Community Liaison Committee in respect of Irish Cement Castlemungret, and it is our intention to hold the first meeting of that group by the end of October, subject to the filling of the last remaining seats.

42. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council consider researching the opportunities to develop a communal bin storage system in city core residential areas (eg within the former Corporation boundary) to reduce the need for large numbers of wheelie bins left on our footpaths, laneways and streets to comply with the waste segregation requirements without the availability of sufficient external space within private residences.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Gavan and

agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Donoghue highlighted the difficulties caused when bins are left on the streets and knocked over, causing a hazard for pedestrians and wheelchair users.

REPLY: We acknowledge that effective waste management solutions are essential in Limerick City Centre, and we are therefore in the process of appointing Consultants to undertake a Feasibility Study for a new Waste Management system in Limerick City. One of the areas that this review will consider will be the potential for the development of communal bin storage systems in high density residential areas while also assessing the practical, environmental, and financial implications of such a system. The report on the findings and recommendations will be available in Q2 2026.

43. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we receive an update on the removal of the parklets in the city centre and plans for outdoor dining for the businesses impacted by their removal.

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan commended the ongoing work in the city centre. She acknowledged the risks associated with the current parklets but stressed the importance of supporting local businesses.

REPLY: The temporary parklets in Limerick City were installed by Limerick City and County Council circa five years ago as a temporary measure to assist with the local economy's recovery during and post covid lockdowns. All temporary parklets were located with the public realm.

The temporary structures were intended to last for one year, but the Council allowed them to remain for an extended period in response to requests from local businesses.

The Council has received submissions from the public and elected members about their deteriorating condition, adverse visual appearance, their use for outdoor smoking areas with attendant associated litter and more recently anti-social behaviour.

It became clear that the timbers in the support structures were failing in these parklets and were slippery underfoot, thereby posing a risk to public safety and the enjoyment of the city centre. Furthermore, the Council became aware of unauthorised additions to a number of the parklets. It is important to remember that the parklets remain in the ownership of the Council and the Council may be held liable in the event of any personal injury or damage claim. The Council was therefore obliged to commence a removal programme for all parklets in Limerick City to protect users and to protect the Council.

The Council has engaged with the owners of businesses adjacent to these structures over the last number of years owing to increased focus on the City Centre by the Council staff as was requested by the Elected Members. On foot of this, the Council has been reviewing their operation with a view to identifying potential outdoor dining solutions within the

public realm that provides for a 2m clearance on the public footpath while avoiding cross traffic from customers and/or staff carrying food and/or drink. This will allow for tables and chairs to be located adjacent to the entrance of the business with the unobstructed passage along the footpath occurring outside of this area. In addition, and on foot of representations from the Elected Members, the Council will be carrying out a number of infrastructural improvements in City Centre lanes to deal with a range of issues and will actively engage with businesses to reanimate these important assets. This will require a programme of permanent interventions at appropriate locations and will be subject to funding availability. At present, plans are being prepared to offer alternative solutions, and these will be made available to the Elected Members for consideration prior to public consultation shortly.

44. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: _____
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Dated: _____