



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 17th December 2025.**

15th January, 2026

Officials Present: Patricia Liddy (PL), Hugh McGrath (HMcG), Assumpta Leahy (AL), Chris Neville (CN), Diarmuid Conway (DC), Mairead Corrigan (MC), May Fitzgerald (MF), Tara Flanagan (TF), Patricia Fogarty (PF), Sinead Kennedy (SK), Richard Gorey (RG), Natasha McGarry (NMcG), Sean McGlynn (SMcG), Rosie O'Donnell (ROD), Toby Goodwin (TG).

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A blended meeting of the above Strategic Policy Committee took place on 17th December 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 22nd October 2025 were proposed by Cllr. S. Hartigan and seconded by Cllr. T. Ruddle and adopted.

Item 2: Update on progress of Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS 2022) Implementation Plan: – Hugh McGrath, S.E.

HMcG delivered an update on the LSMATS implementation plan highlighting the details of progress in Q4 2025 for individual modes of transport.

Following discussion and queries raised, HMcG clarified the details of progress for individual modes of transport.

Item 3: Draft LCCC Accessibility Strategy: – Toby Goodwin, Behavioural Scientist.

T.G. delivered a presentation on the Draft LCCC Accessibility Strategy, highlighting the strategic approach required under statutory obligations to ensure fit-for- purposes access and delivery of services and facilities.

Item 4: Update on the Integration of Active Travel Programme with Emergency Services: -

Diarmuid Conway, A.E.

D.C. delivered an update on the study launched by the NTA on the integration of Active Travel Programme with Emergency Services adding that the findings will inform a wider national assessment and guide future Active Travel Schemes.

Item 5: Update on Revised Guidelines for Strategic Policy Committees:

P.L. advised that a workshop has been organised by Corporate Services for all members of all SPC's on 14th January 2026. Each SPC is encouraged to attend the workshops and to develop their own work programme.

Item 6: Item for discussion – Update on approach to governance and operations of signalised pedestrian crossings in Limerick City and County:

submitted by Farron Flaherty, Community/Voluntary PPN

Farron Flaherty queried the approach to governance and operations of signalised pedestrian crossings and asked what local policies the Council uses to determine the configuration of pedestrian crossing technologies.

Following discussion by the members, HMcG clarified that the executive is currently working on a protocol on how junction upgrades are prioritised with pedestrian facilities. He added that specialised consultants have been appointed to meet all the various schemes for all public realm, Active Travel and strategy. The next step is to draft a document which will address some of the queries raised.

Item 7: Item for discussion - Request for update on University Avenue Project:

submitted by David Tobin, Limerick Pedestrian Network.

In David Tobin's absence, Farron Flaherty proposed the item for discussion

Farron Flaherty requested an update on the Potential University Avenue project including Pedestrian link, cycle link between Moyross and TUS and if planning was approved for the Moyross Train Station.

In response, H.McG clarified that Regeneration has advised that there will be further engagement with residents and statutory bodies. The next phase will take place in Q1 2026 to advance the Moyross educational mobility corridor project and then to submit part 8. He added that Moyross Train Station is at pre planning stage.

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Cllr. S. Hickey-O'Mara raised the issue of using glyphosate and requested that the Council do the following when using glyphosate or other herbicides in a community as follows:

1. Inform the community in advance via a letter drop indicating the precise location that it will be used in.
2. Erect warning signs or notices at the precise location before and after the use of glyphosate or other toxic herbicides
3. Use any viable alternative to glyphosate or other toxic herbicides in their work
4. Agree to end use of glyphosate and other toxic herbicides.

In response P.L. advised the following: –

- As part of the public realm and roadway maintenance, the Cleansing and Roads Section spray on hard surfaces on public roads and footpaths and is used in a targeted and controlled manner.
- It is applied at the appropriate rate under the correct conditions by professional users registered with the Dept of Agriculture, Foods and marine and is in accordance with the requirements of their Risk Assessments.
- LCCC will review one policy that works for all and all elements will be examined.

Following a discussion, the members wished to add their support on the matter and Cllr. Hickey-O'Mara thanked the members for the time given to the topic.

M.C. advised members that the matter will go forward as a recommendation to the CPG. On their approval, it will then go forward to the full council meeting.

Recommendation from Travel and Transportation SPC:

That the Council will research and prepare a draft policy regarding the use of glyphosate and other herbicides and alternatives.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Brigid Teefy,

Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee