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Limerick City  
& County Council

## **Director General Report on the Licence for the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2026 – International Band Championship 2026 Event**

Prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 238 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 193 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

**Name of Applicant:** Limerick City & County Council.

**Proposed Event:** Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2026 – International Band Championship 2026.

**Location of Event:** Commence at Barrington Street off Pery Square and conclude at Arthur's Quay Park.

**Dates:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 12:00 to 13:30.

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### **Assessment**

The International Band Championship will start at 12:00 from Barrington Street, turning right onto O'Connell Street, staying on the left side of the Monument at The Crescent (with an accessible area located on the right-hand side of the Monument), turning left onto Glenworth Street, then right onto Henry Street, before finishing at Arthur's Quay.

The International Band Championship will consist of up to 1,000 band participants. The Bands will be dropped off at designated locations on Mallow Street and the Bands will assemble, in their formations, on Perry Square and Barrington Street between 10:00 and 10:30.

The audience profile will range from young children to elderly persons with approximately 50,000 people expected to view the parade along a 1.76km route.

In line with festivals best practice, LCCC Festivals and Events propose to designate O'Connell Crescent area a quiet zone at the beginning of the route, ensuring a calmer, sensory-friendly space for individuals and families with additional needs. This area will have also include the universal access area to accommodate persons with reduced mobility.

A full Event Management Plan has been produced by the contracted Event Management Company in conjunction with blue light services and other key stakeholders. The Event Management Plan includes details of the following: Event Management Structure & Responsibilities, Event Safety Strategy, Medical Provision & Facilities, Site Security & Stewarding, Traffic Management Plan, Emergency Plans and Provision for the full clean-up of the area and for any remedial works arising from any damage caused to public property, facilities or amenities associated with the Event.

Limerick City & County Council published notice of their intention to hold an event in the Irish Daily Star and Limerick Post on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025, inviting public submissions or observations from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 up until and including Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

The application was referred to An Garda Síochána, the HSE, the Chief Fire Officer (LCCC), the Environment Section (LCCC) and the Roads Department (LCCC). An Event Management meeting was also held. All are satisfied with the proposal.

No submissions were received during the statutory timeframe.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Having considered the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and the submitted documentation, it is recommended that the proposed International Band Championship 2026 event should be held.

Signed:



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Date : 06/01/2026