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Limerick City
& County Council

Director General Report on the Licence for the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2026 – Limerick St. Patrick's Day Parade 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 – Limerick St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026.

Location of Event: Commence at Roden Street off O'Connell Avenue and conclude at the junction of Matthew Bridge.

Dates: 17th March 2026, 12:00 to 13:30.

Assessment

The Parade will commence at the junction of O'Connell Avenue and Roden Street, proceed in a northerly direction to Glenworth Street where it will turn onto Henry Street and continue past the Viewing Stand opposite the Savoy Hotel. The parade will continue around Arthur's Quay Park on to Francis Street and straight over to the junction of Matthew Bridge where the parade will end and participants will disperse.

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 29th November 2025, inviting public submissions or observations from Monday 8th December 2025 up until and including Monday 29th December 2025.

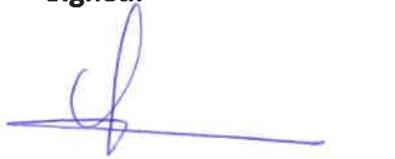
The application was referred to An Garda Síochána, the HSE, the Chief Fire Officer (LCCC), the Environment Section (LCCC) and the Roads Department (LCCC). An Event Management meeting was also held. All are satisfied with the proposal.

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 Limerick St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026 event should be held.

Signed:



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