

# Executive Report

Contained within this document are the Mayoral Report and the Director General's Management Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

It details the execution of executive duties over the past month, encompassing the enactment of policies or other directives issued by the Council as part of its reserved powers, as well as the Council's continued service delivery.



Director General



Mayor of Limerick

December 2025

Limerick Greenway scoops award at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2025

Grove Island Leisure Centre experiences more than double growth in memberships following €1.85 million investment

Askeaton Pool and Leisure Centre re-opened following €2.8 million refurbishment and investment

Early Delivery of Key Bridges on Strategic Foynes to Limerick Road Scheme

Limerick's Community Safety Wardens Pilot Hit the Streets of Limerick City

Contracts for 18 New Social Housing Units in Bruff signed

The magic of Christmas in Limerick 2025 was captured with colourful new video

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## Office of the Mayor

**December was a particularly active period for the Mayor despite being a “short month”.** The busy diary reflected a strong focus on delivery before the year end, stakeholder engagement, civic leadership, and negotiations with Government to ensure that funding already secured for Limerick was not lost. The Mayor was particularly pleased to hand over a donation of €30,000 to the Marie Keating Foundation coming from the proceeds of the annual Mayoral charity dinner.

**Throughout the month, the Mayor continued to advance the objectives of the Mayoral Programme.** This included the usual monthly engagement with Council management and officials, Government Departments, statutory agencies, community organisations, international partners, and the wider public. Work was also progressed to get legal clarification on how governance changes to enhance delivery might operate in a local authority with a directly elected Mayor.

**A lot of work was taking place behind the scenes.** This included getting contracts signed, plans and strategies advanced for launch in early 2026 and implementing new approaches to sorting out how to improve delivery for 2026. After the successful agreement of the 2026 Budget negotiations moved to the national level to secure funds to help deliver the Mayoral Programme items for 2026.

**Reducing risk of loss of funding was a key priority in December.** A significant part of the Mayor’s work in December therefore involved active intervention to resolve remaining delivery risks before year end. It was important to get as much done or advance optional projects to reduce the risk of the loss or reallocation of funding away from Limerick. In parallel, by engaging directly with Government, the Mayor secured that €6 million of unspent capital funding remained available to Limerick. An interesting optional use of the funds was to buy a new mechanical sweeper for active travel routes in Limerick City West which was delivered just in time for Christmas.

**Projects advanced showed innovation in the use of funding.** This approach was evident in areas such as proposed land acquisition at Patrickswell, the use of roll over funds to retain critical CCTV services and related jobs in Limerick. Also, alternative uses of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) funding was agreed to advance the €21 million Granary refurbishment at Opera Square.

**December also saw significant positive news and progress on future health capacity for Limerick.** Key was the Government’s decision following the publication of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) report. The Mayor especially welcomed that the Government adopted all solutions and especially “Option 3” for a new hospital while he asked that minds remain open on whether that hospital should be a Level 3 as suggested in the report or be upgraded to a new Level 4 and University Hospital Limerick (UHL) transition to a Level 3 for the future. Crucially, preparatory work at Limerick City and County Council regarding new site options had already been led by the Mayor during 2026 even in advance of the publication of the HIQA report and Government decision.

**December focus continued to advance major capital and regeneration projects.** These included housing construction, transport infrastructure, city-centre regeneration, and public realm investment.

**The Mayor exercised statutory authority through the signing of Mayoral Orders.** These included progressing land acquisition especially for new housing, appointing design and construction teams, and advancing key contracts, including the Foynes Road scheme beyond Adare. €50,000 was advanced from the Mayoral Fund to ensure the “All we Have are Days” festival returned to Limerick for 2026.

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**Internal governance changes were also progressed recognising that 2025 had been disappointing from a delivery point of view.** Agreement was reached with the Director General about the need to hire a new Programme Manager. The second meeting of the newly created Mayoral Programme Delivery Board was chaired by the Mayor. The Mayor identified his top priority areas for 2026 which were circulated to top management to initiate the development of a quarterly delivery matrix for 2026 with clear ownership and timelines across the organisation. January will see the finalisation of this in time to better assist this year the allocation of the 2026 Mayoral Funds. Board selection and changes at all three of the main Designated Activity Company (DAC) boards and the selection of a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) were finalised or progressed and just before Christmas a communication was received from James Brown T.D., Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's office on the question of Councillors serving on DAC's and the Mayor wrote back to both the Minister and Councillors rapidly to move to progress to the next stage.

**Finally, the month reflected visible civic leadership across both the city and the county.** The Mayor, supported by other Councillors, fulfilled sustained representation at community, cultural, sporting, and seasonal events, alongside targeted funding support for local initiatives. A new Mayoral Fund funding scheme for community Christmas events was heavily oversubscribed and in the event a decision was taken by the Mayor to double the allocated funds to €40,000. New light up celebrations and events took place in Cappamore, Kilfinane, Kilmallock and Newcastle West. These engagements reinforced the already successful Christmas celebrations taking place in the city centre and other neighbourhoods right across the county.

As the year came to an end, we know that 2026 must now be the year to move from groundwork to momentum.

## December – Key Actions

- Health Capacity Planning:** Progressed post-HIQA engagement with Government and the Health Service Executive (HSE), building on pre-report site identification work to ensure Limerick is positioned to move quickly on future hospital capacity.
- Closed-circuit Television (CCTV) and Community Safety:** Secured continuation of the CCTV programme through rollover arrangements, ensuring no loss of funding or service.
- Community Wardens:** Community Wardens finally deployed and garda van once more secured for Christmas on the streets of the city centre as part of a wider safer, cleaner city initiative.

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- **Economic Development:** Industrial Development Agency (IDA) jobs announcement with a new tenant, Openchip, at Gardens International.
- **DAC Governance:** Finalised key governance milestones, including Limerick Twenty Thirty Annual General Meeting (AGM), CEO interview process, and board appointments for Innovate Limerick DAC.
- **Dereliction:** Agreed at the Southern Regional Assembly meeting a strategic reallocation of €60 million of Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE) funding to support residential reuse of buildings in the city centre.
- **Nicholas Street:** Signed €7 million THRIVE grant funding agreement for Nicholas Street, progressing long-planned regeneration into delivery.
- **University Way:** Advanced final designs for the University Way project, positioning it for consultation launch in early 2026.
- **Land Development Agency (LDA) Engagement:** Progressed engagement with the LDA on projects including Colbert Park design and Gasworks 285 apartment scheme granted planning permission.
- **Delivery Discipline:** Convened the second meeting of the Mayoral Programme Delivery Board, setting the top 25 priorities for 2026 and initiating a quarterly delivery matrix with lead directorates assigned to each delivery.
- **International Engagement:** Hosted visits from the Ambassador of Italy and representatives of Arras, strengthening international links and community sports cooperation.
- **Sport and Leisure Infrastructure:** Reopened refurbished swimming pools and sports centres in Askeaton and Grove Island.
- **Christmas:** Delivered €40,000 in support for community Christmas events across the city and county, alongside extensive civic engagement at Christmas events across the county.

- **Charitable Giving:** Presented a €30,000 donation to the Marie Keating Foundation cancer services following the annual Mayoral Charity Dinner.
- **Askeaton Regeneration:** Undertook a guided visit with Askeaton Community Council and launched multiple local initiatives, including restored old Forge as a public memorial garden, new electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and the local community news annual.

## 01 December

- Hosted a meeting with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Opened the Rotary Club of North Munster, Annual Remembrance Christmas Tree Ceremony
- Held a meeting regarding Patrickswell
- Interview with "Limerick Voice" student newspaper
- Spoke at the launch of the Limerick Framework for Action, Advancing Global Health Promoting Campuses
- Delivered a speech at "Echoes in Stone" St. Mary's Cathedral, Artist in Residence programme

## 02 December

- Hosted a meeting in relation to Kilmallock
- Met with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Attended a briefing on Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company
- Hosted a meeting regarding the Community Christmas offering
- Attended a meeting with the Regional Departments of Public Health, Health Service Executive

## 03 December

- Meeting regarding the Community Christmas Grants
- Met with the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm
- Spoke at the launch of Focus Ireland's, "Journey Home" photo exhibition at the Limerick City Gallery of Art
- Welcomed the Ambassador of Italy to Limerick at City Hall
- Met with the Housing Department

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## 04 December

- Attended a meeting regarding the Limerick Project Ireland 2040
- Visited Gardens International for the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) jobs announcement and office opening for Openchip
- Attended the Limerick Project Ireland 2040, Transport sub-group meeting
- Opened the Animation of Nicolas Street
- Spoke at the Hunt Museums official launch of the Open Submission Exhibition
- Attended a private reception in the Captain's Room at the Hunt Museum

## 05 December

- Joined the Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm Team to launch a new street sweeper
- Meeting regarding the Mayoral Ball cheque presentation
- Participated in the Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group meeting
- Visited the Winter Craft Fair at the Limerick College of Further Education and Training
- Opened Bradleys Animated Christmas Window in Monaleen
- Officially switched on Christmas Lights in Kilmallock

## 07 December

- Visit to Askeaton and Ballysteen to officially launch The Forge and the annual "ABC News" magazine (Askeaton, Ballysteen Community News)
- Attended the Milford Hospice annual fundraiser, Santa Cycle

## 08 December

- Spoke at the official re-opening of Askeaton Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre
- Launched the upgrade works at Grove Island Leisure Centre
- Attended a briefing on Limerick Twenty Thirty
- Visited the Lero Esports and Human Performance lab in the University of Limerick

## 09 December

- Met with Tindal Wine producers and merchants
- Met with the Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Attended the Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company Annual General Meeting
- Hosted Limerick Sports Partnership and their French guests regarding the Active Cities Programme
- Attended the Management Board Meeting
- Met with members of the EuroPride 2028 committee

## 10 December

- Held a meeting with the Director of Housing
- Met with the Director of Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
- Met with the Director General
- Met with a young Limerick fashion designer
- Led the Solidarity Walk of the three bridges to mark Human Right's Day
- Attended a Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company meeting
- Presented a cheque to the Marie Keating Foundation from the proceeds of the 2025 Mayoral Ball
- Officially launched the Christmas in Limerick Family Lights Installations

## 11 December

- Attended the Mayoral Programme Board meeting
- Attended the GRID Finance meeting
- Joined an on-line meeting with the Health Service Executive
- Attended a meeting with Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company
- Officially opened the "From the GDR to Dromcolliher: The Story of Irish Dresden" exhibition

## 12 December

- Attended a meeting of the Southern Regional Assembly

## 13 December

- Guest speaker at The Irish Aerial Creation Centre, 10th Annual Youth Show

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## 14 December

- Presented trophies at the “Light up Limerick” Irish Red Cross annual fundraiser

## 15 December

- Meeting with Limerick Twenty Thirty Designated Activity Company
- Met with the Grant Thornton, Head of Industry
- Launched the Limerick Community Safety Wardens
- Signed contract for Housing Scheme in Bruff
- Attended a workshop regarding the Housing Delivery Action Plan
- Hosted the Mayor’s Christmas Reception for Councillors and Management Board

## 16 December

- Met with the Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Attended the Special Meeting of the Plenary Council, in relation to the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency project
- Met with the Director of the Residential Tenancies Board
- Interviewed by students regarding a “Politics and Society Citizenship” project
- Meeting with the Housing Department regarding SMART Homes
- Met with members of Limerick Sports Partnership, Greenmount Cycling Club and Cycling Ireland
- Attended the launch of “Glamour and Grit” to celebrate Celia Holman Lee’s 60 years in the fashion, style and modelling industry

## 17 December

- Delivered a reading at the Limerick City and County Council Christmas Prayer Service
- Met with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance including DACs and Shareholder Unit
- Met with the Director of Housing

## 18 December

- Meeting with committee members of Limerick Opera Festival and Limerick City and County Council Arts Team

- Meeting with the Director of Planning and Ryder Cup
- Visit to Scoil Mocheallóg, Kilmallock
- Met with the Director of Regeneration, Community, Sports and Rural Development
- Celebrated the Ancór 20th anniversary concert and launch of Christmas album

## 19 December

- Signed contracts for Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm
- Met with the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm
- Attended the Management Board Christmas Lunch
- Visited Moyross for the “Project Believe” event

## 20 December

- Visited Cappamore Community Centre for the Christmas lights ceremony

## 21 December

- Attended the Santa Paws event at the Woodlands Hotel, Adare
- Participated in the St. Mary’s Cathedral Civic Carol Service

## 22 December

- Met with the Director of Environment, Climate Action and Fire
- Met with the “Friends of Lace” Limerick regarding the 2026 “Amazing Lace Symposium”
- Meeting with Croom Medical
- Met with the Director of Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development
- Visited St. Joseph’s Christmas party



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## Finance, Investment and Governance including DAC's and Shareholder Unit

### 1. Financial Management

#### Commercial Rates and Loans

#### Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2025	
As at 31st December 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,373,113 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	768,146
Writes offs/ Waivers €	2,162,746
Total for Collection €	67,010,976
Amount Collected €	63,838,658
Arrears €	3,172,318 ***
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	418,443
% Collected	96%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31st December 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	1,808,795 *
Writes offs €	-34
To Collect €	2,077,528
Receipts €	2,035,350
Arrears €	42,178 ***
% Collected	98%

\* Accruals for December 2025 not processed

\*\*\* Subject to finalisation of Annual Financial Statement 2025

\*\* The Date for Making the 2025 Rate was 28 January 2025

\*\*\* Subject to finalisation of Annual Financial Statement 2025

#### Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

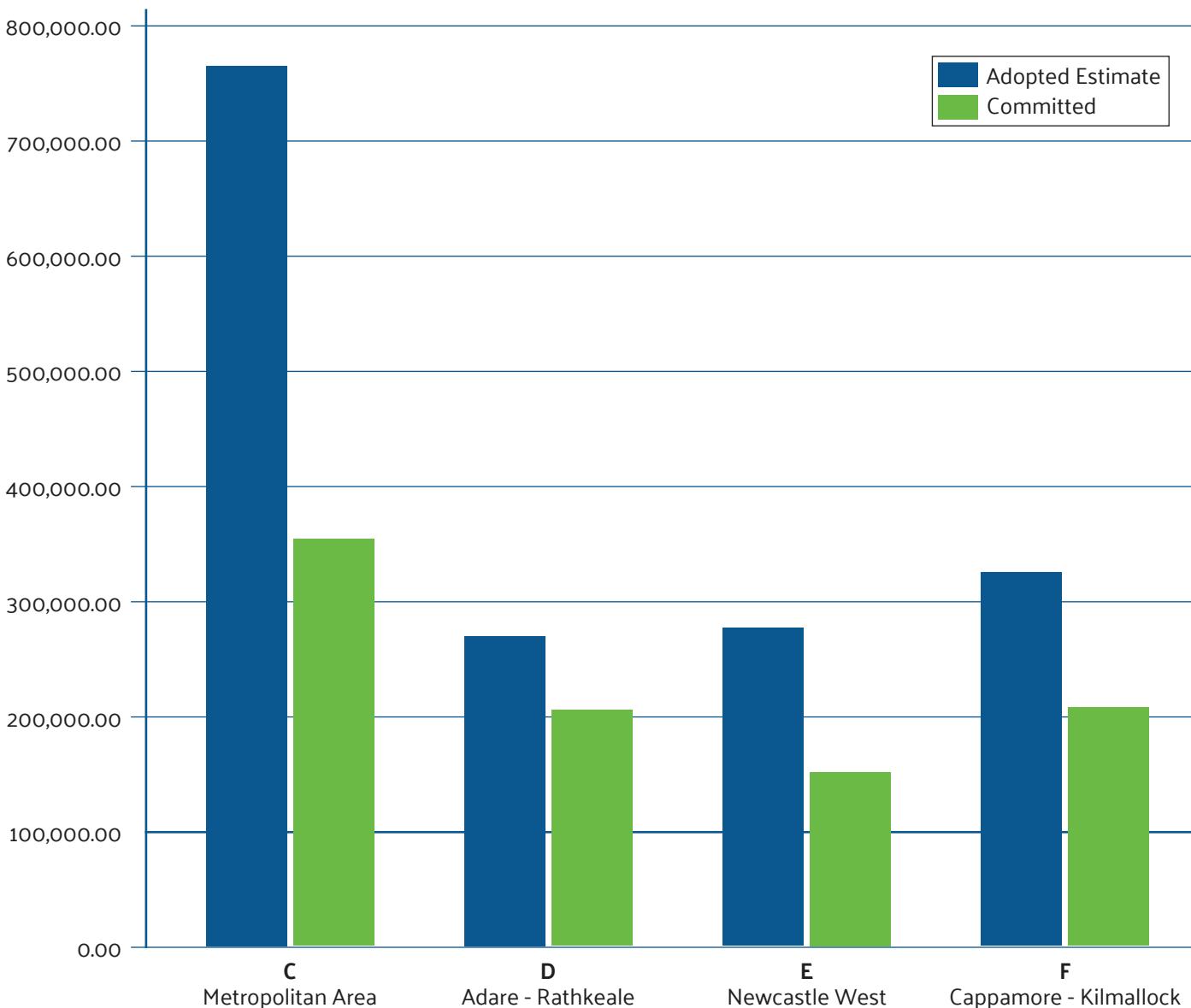
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## General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 31st December 2025 (subject to finalisation of AFS 2025)



### Municip (Code) + (Text)

- C Metropolitan Area
- D Adare - Rathkeale
- E Newcastle West
- F Cappamore - Kilmallock

### Value Adopted Estimate (€)

763,300.00

### Value Committed (€)

362,437

270,000.00

201,041

278,600.00

150,335

327,600.00

208,219

**1,639,500.00**

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## 2. Housing Assistance Payment Shared Services Centre (HAP SSC)

- There were 49,663 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of December.
- A weekly average of 123 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2025.
- The December landlord payment run was €50.803 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of December, was €3.029 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €156.28 million in differential rent to end of December.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of December was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 103,562 HAP debt reminder letters in 2025 including 5,305 HAP debt reminder letters issued in December.

## 3. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

### Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.12.2025-31.12.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	978
Other Calls	327
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(01 min 56 sec) 116 Seconds
Total No. of calls in December	1,305

## 4. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### Dolans Live at The Castle

In December, Dolans announced their final two concerts, in collaboration with King John's Castle. Gavin James and Patti Smith bring the total number of concerts to 11 for 2026.

### Castle Suite Upgrade and Refurbishment

In December, the Castle Suite upgrade was completed and can now accommodate private events. This versatile, multi-purpose space offers breathtaking views of the courtyard and the River Shannon.

### Christmas Live at The Castle Suite

King John's Castle came alive during December with a series of festive performances "Live at the Castle Suite" overlooking the River Shannon. There were nine events over five days which were proudly supported by Limerick City and County Council and in collaboration with Dolans.

The campaign showcased a rich and varied festive programme designed to position the Castle as a leading cultural destination throughout the holiday season.

Family audiences were at the heart of the programme with "Merry Mayhem", a brand-new children's Christmas production written and directed by Limerick's Margaret Hough. The interactive show, where Mrs. Claus goes missing just before Christmas, combined music, humour, and audience participation. The four shows on 07 and 14 December proved a real family treat.

On 06 December, Limerick Opera Workshop presented "Opera and Carols", two enchanting concerts, which blended favourite carols, timeless songs, and opera highlights performed by acclaimed Limerick artists Róisín Walsh, Tríona Walsh, Sarah-Ellen Murphy, Aoife Moran, and presented by Shirley Keane. The performances added an elegant touch to the season, blending classical performance with timeless Christmas favourites.

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Rounding off the celebrations, the Castle Suite Sessions hosted top Irish artists to the stage with Paddy Casey on 06 December, Mundy on 12 December and followed by Jerry Fish on 13 December.

## King John's Castle Seasonal Thank you

On 17 December, Discover Limerick DAC hosted a festive thank-you event in the newly refurbished Castle Suite at King John's Castle. The occasion provided the perfect opportunity to showcase the beautifully upgraded space while expressing sincere appreciation to everyone for their support throughout the year.

## King John's Castle Children's Events

We wrapped up the year at King John's Castle with two enchanting Christmas workshops for children: "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" musical workshop and the "Create Your Own Jingle Bells" workshop. These events brought a joyful end to a fantastic year of programming at the castle.

## King John's Castle launches programme of events

In December, King John's Castle launched an exciting year-long 2026 calendar designed to celebrate Limerick's rich heritage, vibrant culture, and artistic traditions. The newly released guide showcased a diverse range of experiences for all ages, blending history with creativity in the heart of Limerick.

## King John's Strategy

King John's Castle released their strategy in December. Co-Created with stakeholders, community representatives and staff in a series of workshops between September 2024 and April 2025. This Strategy has strong regards to the Mayoral Programme and aligns with the Limerick City and County Council Tourism Plan, emphasising the latter's ambitions to grow tourism, event revenue, employment opportunities, extend the season and invest in visitor attractions.

It took into account the Festival and Events Strategy, the Ryer Cup and King's Island Integrated Urban Plan. Working with Failte Ireland it collaborated with the Limerick Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) promoting the Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City and Ireland's Hidden Heartlands of Ballyhoura Country Plans.

## King John's Castle Festive Illumination

King John's Castle was beautifully illuminated for Christmas, with the lights casting a brilliant glow on the towers which was visible from across the River Shannon, the display added to the festive atmosphere in the city.

The courtyard was also beautifully decorated with uplighters and 30 Christmas trees, adding a magical festive touch.

## Lough Gur - Wreath Making Workshop

On 03 December, Lough Gur hosted a traditional Christmas wreath-making workshop, featuring locally sourced, natural materials. Attendees enjoyed a festive hot drink and seasonal treats while learning about the folklore behind the various plants used in crafting the natural wreaths.

## 5. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### Opera Square

#### Progress Update

#### Contract B - Sitewide Basement and Parcel 1

- The Parcel 1 building and entire basement achieved Practical Completion. This concludes the second Contract on Opera Square and marks a significant milestone for the Development. Works were concluded under budget, with over 1.2 million manhours completed, accident free.
- In December the Main Contractor commenced minor snag works which is due for completion in 2026.

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## Contract C – Library, Four Opera Square and Central Plaza Public Realm

- The tendering process is complete, with three submissions received and thoroughly evaluated. A preferred bidder has been chosen. The tender report has been sent to Limerick City and County Council, and notification letters have gone out to both successful and unsuccessful contractors.
- The contract award is on hold pending confirmation of funding from Limerick City and County Council.

## Contract D – Office of Public Works (OPW) Landmark Building, Granary Redevelopment and Bank Place / Granary Courtyard

- LTU signed Development Agreements with the OPW and Limerick City and County Council for the development of the OPW Landmark Building and the Limerick City and County Council owned elements of the Granary, Bank Place and Granary Courtyard in December.
- LTU appointed John Sisk and Sons as the Main Contractor for Contract D, the construction of the OPW Landmark Buildings, Granary Redevelopment and Bank Place / Granary Courtyard Public Realms in December.
- Sisk have commenced a mobilisation period following receipt of the Letter of Appointment.

## Project Media Engagement

- Limerick School Of Art and Design (LSAD) Pop Up at One Opera Square:** The building continued to support cultural activity in 2025, with the LSAD Augmented Reality exhibition ongoing and a student-led Christmas pop-up held on site.

## Cleeves Riverside Quarter

### Progress Update

#### Phase 1 - Stabilisation and Repair of Flaxmill

- The Final Business Case for the Phase 1 was approved in 2025. This allowed the Contractor to be appointed to complete the Phase 1 works.
- Notification letters were issued to tenderers, and the Letter of Acceptance was issued on 09 December which concludes the appointment of the Contractor.
- Meetings held with the Conservation Architect to commence the mobilisation of the full Project Team now that the works can progress.

#### Phase 2- Public Realm and Residential Zones

- The Planning Application including Environmental Impact Assessment Report was submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála.
- The final planning application included for the following quantum of accommodation:
  - 234 homes
  - 270 Student Beds
  - Creche for 34 children
  - Commercial unit of 299 square meters.
  - Large public realm spaces
- Two Public Information events were held on site at Cleeves. The events afforded interested parties an opportunity to see the final planning designs and discuss same with the Project Team.
- A briefing was provided to the Limerick City and County Council elected members in County Hall regarding the project.

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## Phase 3: Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Cleeves Riverside Quarter (CRQ) City Campus

- A draft Memorandum of Agreement was prepared and is being reviewed by both TUS and LTT to set out the next steps and indicative timeline for the project.

## Phase 4

- LTT have commenced the preparation of a Delivery Strategy for the full 10 acres site including the Shipyard Site.

## Project Media Engagement

- **Fossett's Christmas Circus:** Fossett's returned to CRQ on 13 December. It was a success last year with large footfall and significant promotion of LTT by Fossett's.
- **Team Hope Shoebox Appeal:** Cleeves Riverside Quarter again served as the regional hub for the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal in 2025, supporting the checking, packing, and distribution of gifts to children in Eswatini. The send-off was marked by lighting the Cleeves chimney to signal the start of the festive season. A highlights video was released on 16 December.
- **Cleeves Riverside Quarter:** A video was released on 21 December showcasing the extensive interim uses across the 10-acre site, which remained active throughout 2025, hosting a wide range of pop-up uses and community programmes. Key interim activities included provision of space to Limerick Treaty Suicide Prevention, Ennis Road Community First Responders, Limerick Dragons, St. Michael's Rowing Club, Limerick Celtics Basketball Club, hosting Fossett's Circus, the Scare Factory, Team Hope's Shoebox Appeal, and others.

## Gardens International

### Project Media Engagement

- **Openchip Launch:** New tenants to Gardens International, Openchip, hosted an International Development Association (IDA) launch in the foyer on 04 December, announcing their occupancy on the fourth floor. LTT issued a welcome statement on the website and social media channels.
- **Events in Gardens:** A year-end highlights video was released on 31 December showcasing that Limerick Twenty Thirty hosted 11 community-focused events in 2025, including the University of Limerick (UL) Citizens' Assembly, Fashion Fest for Riverfest, the Limerick School of Music Black Tie Fundraiser, the LSAD Fashion Graduate Exhibition, and the Garryowen Business and Leadership Lunch, among others.



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## Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm

### 1. Transportation, Public Realm and Place-Making

#### Travel and Transport Strategy

##### Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road

Works are progressing on the Mainline Dual Carriageway from Cratloe Road to Knockalisheen road and along Moyross Link Road. Works on Ballygrennan Bridge are nearing completion. The installation of the foul sewer and drainage works have commenced on Cratloe Road. Footpaths and Cycleways on Knockalisheen North are nearing completion

#### Transportation

##### Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan

- Six tenders received for Grove Crescent Carpark Link. Tender Assessment underway.
- Design review ongoing for the Phase 1 - Killarney Road.
- Meetings with Uisce Eireann regarding upcoming watermain works in 2026.

##### Mungret Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) Road Stage 3

- Mott MacDonald have submitted a draft surface water options report.
- Housing Density/Infrastructure Assessment completed and submitted to Housing Department for review.

#### Place-Making

##### Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

##### 58 O'Connell Street

- The roof restoration and exterior repaint are now complete.

##### 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Public Spending Code Infrastructure Guidelines - Approval Gate 3 Post Tender Approval received from Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Unit to appoint works contractor is ongoing.

##### Croom Post Office Village Square Project

- Painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building are set to begin as preferred Tenderer selected.

##### Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Official signing of Contract Documents for the Integrated Design Team Consultant for Stages 2(b) to 5 of the Project took place on 19 December.

##### Milk Market Food Hub

- Procurement process for the purchase of three Milk Market units continued.

##### City Centre Streets and Laneways

- Meeting took place with key stakeholders of Theatre Lane on 03 December to discuss current concept for public realm enhancements on the lane.

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## Greening Georgian Limerick

- Tree planters and trees delivered to Limerick City and County Council nursery for Davis Street.

## 2. Active Travel

### Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) to City Centre

Works to both sides of Cratloe Road, between Moylish Roundabout and Knockalisheen Road are well advanced and nearing completion.

### Corbally Road Safe Routes to School

Excavation works continued near Scoil Íde, kerbs installed and additional concrete footpath sections completed.

### Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme

Footpath excavations work, kerb installations, junction narrowing, and new pedestrian crossings continued along Garryowen Road.

### South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme

The tender for the scheme that will link Dooradoyle to city centre via South Circular Road was published following Part 8 approval and extensive engagement with stakeholders.

### Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Six Limerick schools were added to the SRTS programme for 2026. These are: Corpus Christi Primary School, St. Mary's National School (NS), Scoil Na Trocaire Doon, Ahane NS, St. Joseph's Boys National School (BNS) Rathkeale, and St. Michael's Infant School.

### Town and Villages

New footpaths were completed in Doon, Cappamore, and Askeaton.

## 3. CFRAMS (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study)

CFRAMs Staff attended the Local Authority Forum event on 18 December.

### King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (KIFRS)

- Site works are progressing across all work areas. In December works progressed along the Quay's and Sir Harry's Mall.
- Monthly Commercial Meeting held on 03 December.
- Monthly Progress Meeting held on 18 December.
- Pavements and Stakeholder Reviews undertaken in December.

### Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group Meeting held on 02 December.
- Stage 3 fee agreements progressing.
- Geotechnical Contract progressing on site.

### Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 16 December.
- Queries on Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application responded to during December.

### Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 10 December followed by walkover of King's Island Scheme by consultants and Office of Public Works (OPW).
- Stakeholder meetings on options progressed.
- Public Realm proposals and funding options being reviewed.

### Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 17 December.

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## Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings

Following on from the Organisational restructuring and the arrival of a new Director of Services, it was a busy period across all the Business Areas throughout December. While the main focus was on ensuring a festive and busy Christmas for all, considerable progress was made on a range of important issues, the main ones being as follows:

### 1. Tourism, Trade and Enterprise

- Openchip, pioneering Europe-born company in the design and development of high-performance accelerator chips, platforms and software stacks for advanced computing applications, announced the expansion of its operations in Ireland with the opening of a new design centre in Limerick, providing capacity for up to 70 highly skilled research and development roles.
- Christmas in Limerick Gift Card Live95 daily radio competition ran for the month of December.
- Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) third year Business Students delivered a project on the strategic approach to boosting awareness and engagement for The Limerick Gift Card.
- The Director of Service and colleagues attended the final Members Mingle on 04 December at Limerick Chamber offices where a review of the highlights of the year were presented to all members.
- Reviewed Retail Tender documentation for Retail in Limerick City 2026-2040.
- Delivered five Christmas video reels for Limerick Gift Card across all our social media channels showcasing various retailers/businesses for the month of December.
- Met the Italian Ambassador to Ireland Nicolla Faganello on 03 December with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran. Discussed potential collaboration opportunities.

- Met Dermot Sugrue, UK Sparkling Winemaker, with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on 09 December.
- Met Aoife McNamara, fashion entrepreneur, with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on 10 December to discuss links with the fashion industry in New York and the Limerick Fashion Incubator.
- Met with University of Massachusetts, Lowell and University of Limerick (UL) on 15 December to discuss future collaboration

### Night Time Economy (NTE)

In December, Night Time economy launched the “leave a light on campaign”, subsidising city centre businesses who close in the evening to leave their lights on until midnight or later. This was very well received by local businesses and received national media coverage from RTÉ. The Night Time economy advisor launched the Night Time Economy Christmas grant scheme, 12 events were directly funded such as the Treaty City Christmas Fair, Wren Walk and Georgian Christmas carols.

### Tourism Development

- Attended Irish Tourism Industry Confederation Meeting on 04 December.
- A Samhain 2025 Debrief was held with Lumen Street Theatre on 10 December.
- Attended Shannon Region Conference Bureau Board Meeting on 15 December.
- Met with potential project partners to discuss the INTERREG Slowtour Food Festival and Heritage Tourism Opportunity on 04 December. Briefed the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on opportunity on 10 December.

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## Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Plan (2025 – 2030)

- In December, Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Department continued the implementation of the Action Plan pertaining to Limerick City and County Council's new Tourism Strategy.
- The Tourism Department held a meeting with the Limerick Museum on 02 December to discuss the action plan, possible collaboration opportunities and the implementation of the strategy over the next five years. Furthermore, the Tourism Department held an internal meeting on 10 December to discuss the implementation of the Plan throughout the course of 2026. This Plan will now be in place until 2030, providing the guiding framework for the future development of tourism, within the remit of Limerick City and County Council and is a roadmap built on creativity, sustainability, and collaboration to shape the future of tourism in Limerick city and county. At the heart of the Plan is the concept of 'ReThinking Tourism' - a commitment to telling the Limerick story in new and creative ways, building on Limerick's reputation for innovation, authenticity, and memorable experiences. The Plan introduces 'Project 10', a strategic roadmap comprising of ten key focus areas that will guide the development of tourism across the city and county and these projects will be delivered collaboratively across multiple Council directorates and with external partners, ensuring that tourism reflects the aspirations of both the local community and the wider industry.

## Flavours of Limerick Food Festival 2025

- Stage 1 and Stage 2 payments to suppliers and service providers continued to be processed by the Tourism Department throughout the month. Follow-up emails were issued in relation to all outstanding payments. The Tourism Department are currently awaiting a response from specific suppliers whose payment will be processed accordingly thereafter.

## Limerick City Walking Tour – "Explore Limerick: Stories, Streets and Heritage"

- In December, the Tourism Department drafted a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the continuation of Limerick City and County Council's 90-minute walking tour throughout the summer of 2026. Service providers are requested to provide walking tour services for Limerick City which will be scheduled seven days per week from mid-May to mid-September (inclusive). This will ensure a continuation of the walking service provided in 2025 which took participants through the heart of the city, exploring iconic landmarks such as King John's Castle, St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone, Arthur's Quay Park and the scenic River Shannon.

## Virtual Mapping of Limerick Greenway

- Global Virtual Asset Management (VAM) Ltd. (in conjunction with the Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council) have conducted a virtual reality (VR) mapping exercise of Limerick Greenway. The project is now 100% complete.
- 360-degree imagery of the top locations and attractions in Limerick County was captured by Global VAM Ltd. as part of this project and this content has been reviewed and finalised by the Tourism Department.
- Planning for the official launch event in relation to this new tourism product and offering continued throughout the month of December with a cost-benefit analysis being completed in conjunction with a review of the 'Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)' and 'Risk/Mitigation Measures' for this project.
- All material will be made available on the Limerick.ie website for viewing in due course.

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## Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

- The Limerick Greenway marketing campaign in December focused on strengthening Limerick Greenway's digital presence through targeted social media and advertising activity.
- Throughout the month, the Tourism Department monitored Facebook and Instagram performance, tracking reach, profile visits, and new followers, while also running paid social media and Google Advertisement campaigns to boost engagement, website traffic, and overall visibility for Limerick Greenway.
- This work supported the broader goal of maintaining strong public awareness during the winter season and preparing for increased visitor interest in 2026.

The main strategic goals of the December campaign were:

### Maintain and grow digital visibility during the off-peak season

- A focus on Facebook and Instagram performance metrics (reach, profile visits, followers), indicating an effort to keep the Greenway visible and relevant even during winter when activity naturally slows.

### Increase engagement across social channels

- Tracking engagements and running paid social ads suggests a strategic aim to strengthen audience interaction and interest in Greenway content.

### Drive traffic to the Limerick Greenway website

- The inclusion of link-click metrics for the Advertisement campaigns shows an intention to direct potential visitors toward online resources for more information and trip planning.

## Build momentum ahead of the 2026 visitor season

- Sustaining awareness in December supports stronger seasonal performance once visitor numbers increase again in spring and summer.

Limerick Greenway's social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram included the following:

- Business of the Month was back, with a post on 01 December promoting Like Bikes and owners Andy and Diana whose business has gone from strength to strength with the development of the Limerick Greenway.
- The people of Limerick Greenway series returned, with a post on 11 December promoting Noreen Cotter (owner of An Siopa Milseán) speaking about how people travelling along Limerick Greenway have helped their business thrive. Furthermore, Eamon McAuliffe discussed how he has seen Newcastle West Surveys benefit from the development of the route.
- A post on 18 December highlighted the Ardagh Chalice and the beautiful wood carving of the chalice that is located at the Limerick Greenway Hub at Ardagh.
- Looks like Santa has been spotted on Limerick Greenway! On 23 December Santa paid a visit to Limerick Greenway to get a good stretch before the hard work of Christmas begins.
- A post on 25 December wished all of the community a very Merry Christmas filled with joy, laughter, and new memories.

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## Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 – 30 December

### Facebook

Reach: 261,677  
Profile Visits: 592  
New Page Followers: 16

### Instagram

Reach: 11,185  
Profile Visits: 130  
New Page Followers: 86

### Social Media Ads

Accounts Reached: 115,009  
Post Engagements: 338  
Link Clicks (to Website): 268

### Google Ads

Clicks: 755  
Impressions: 7,697

## Festivals and Events

- Represented Limerick City and County Council and presented at Fáilte Ireland Festivals and Events Masterclass on 08 and 09 December.
- Met with Eddie McGuiness and the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran to discuss EuroPride 2028 on 09 December.
- Met with Tim O'Connor and representatives of the Kennedy Rose Fitzgerald Festival on 18 December.

## Christmas in Limerick 2025

The theme for this year's Christmas was "Together for Christmas in Limerick", a six-week destination experience offering over 150 programmed events.

Christmas in Limerick kicked off with the switching on of the Christmas lights with a spectacular Christmas themed procession by renowned street spectacle company LUXE Theatre Company. This format of switching on the lights by incorporating a street theatre procession was a first for Limerick. The procession proved hugely successful

attracting 12,000 people to Limerick city centre. Other firsts this year included a wonderful four weeklong projection of children's artwork onto Bank of Ireland on O'Connell Street and an interactive light and sound installation at the band stand on Howley's Quay. The light and sound interactive installation titled "Making Spirits Bright" featured the work of two Limerick based artists Catherine Ireton and Jose Luis Berna Moya.

The Festivals and Events Section partnered with The Milk Market to ensure there was a city centre Santa Experience. Festivals and Events grant-aided the procurement of a Santa Grotto for the Milk Market which was very well received by the public and will be available to the Milk Market in future years for Christmas at the Iconic Milk Market. Festive favourites like the Toots - Christmas Train, Limerick On Ice and Fossetts Christmas Circus enthralled young and old over a six-week period driving footfall and dwell time in the city. Street shows and costumed seasonal walkabouts entertained city centre shoppers on the weekends. Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) brought live music to Limerick on the community stages.

## Christmas in Limerick and Marketing Campaign:

- Seven Press Releases were circulated over the duration of the campaign - from the "teaser" release on 03 November to the final one on 22 December highlighting the Christmas to New Year (Twixmas) period.
- Online digital guide went live in tandem with the launch and the updated version of the guide went live on 01 December, encompassing a list of Night Time Economy themed events happening around the city in December.
- With over 150 events programmed over the duration of the six-week campaign, both city and county wide, Christmas in Limerick 2025 was bigger and better than previous years. The Night Time Economy element was a new initiative this year also and this helped bolster the depth of programming, especially over the Christmas to New Year (Twixmas) period which is an important trading time for many stakeholders around the city.

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- A robust social media campaign was actioned - underpinned with weekly competitions to win a night's stay at a local hotel, some paired with tickets to events. We also boosted posts, meaning that we could geo-target specific locations to attract visitors from neighbouring counties to come to Limerick over the festive season. The competitions also incorporated a €500 Limerick Gift Card, response was very positive as seen in online engagement rates - likes/shares/tags, and so on.
- We engaged two Influencers as part of our social media campaign – Emma O’Leary (Life with Tiny Humans) who has over 80,000 followers on Instagram was invited to come to Limerick and capture content on her socials of a ‘family fun day out in Limerick’. Her curated itinerary saw her meet Santa at the Milk Market, attend street shows in Cruises Street and visit Limerick on Ice with her family. Our second Influencer Sinead O’ Brien (Sinead’s Curvy Style) was hired to promote the launch of the “Making Spirits Bright” interactive light and sound installation situated at the boardwalk at Harvey’s Quay. Feedback was positive and it secured front page coverage in the Limerick Leader on the Monday edition, 15 December.
- The Children’s Art Projections went live on the same night, 10 December - with artwork from Limerick schoolchildren projected onto the Bank of Ireland building on O’Connell Street, Limerick. This initiative was a novel first for our campaign and acted as another pull-factor to attract families into the city over the festive season.
- Tangible branding and collateral in the form of tent cards and Christmas in Limerick flags were actioned, leading to greater visibility and brand awareness around the city.
- A strong radio advertising campaign was executed with media partners Live95 and Spin. This included competitions with Limerick Gift Cards as the prize. These advertisements were also translated to the Irish version and broadcast As Gaeilge, ensuring compliance with our Irish language requirements.
- We also ran a “12 Days of Christmas” competition with Clare FM, giving away €100 Limerick Gift Cards over 12 consecutive days, helping drive campaign awareness in neighbouring County Clare.
- Print media adverts ran throughout the campaign - with four full page adverts featuring in the Limerick Post highlighting Christmas in Limerick events.
- A photographer was hired to capture images from our key events, these will be used as a means of building up a strong asset bank of images that can be used in future campaigns, promotional material, press releases, etc.
- Furthermore, a videographer captured live footage from some of our flagship events, and this formed the basis of a highlights video that was circulated on social media to mark the end of the campaign on 30 December, bringing down the curtain on what was a very successful Christmas in Limerick 2025!

## 2. Culture and Arts

### Libraries, Gallery, Museum and Arts Office

#### City Library at Barrow House

- On 01 December the City Library hosted Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) tutor Aoibhe Hickey who delivered an informative and entertaining talk about using Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) in Everyday Life. This introductory session was designed to make people feel more at ease with what A.I. is and how they can use it for their benefit, while also being aware of some potential pitfalls. This talk is part of the ongoing partnership between Limerick Libraries and the LCETB in improving awareness of A.I. in our communities.

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- Also on 01 December, Europe Direct Limerick was represented at the national Europe Direct Soapbox final in Dublin where the two Limerick regional winners competed for the €1,000 main prize. Ellie McCaffrey from Laurel Hill Faithful (FCI) and Dylan O'Donnell from Gaelcholáiste Luimních spoke brilliantly on this year's theme, "Likes, Lies, and Legal Limits": Is It Time the EU Banned Social Media for Under-16s? with Ellie McCaffrey named as the national runner up in the 17 and over age category.
- Author Sadhbh Devlin visited on 04 December and shared a fascinating workshop based on her book "Geansaí Otto" with a third Class from Scoil Íde primary school.
- On 09 December, the City Library hosted a pop-up Home Energy Café with Darren Barry, Community Climate Action Officer, featuring practical tips to make your home warmer and more energy efficient and a demonstration of the Home Energy Saving Kit which is available to borrow from Limerick Libraries.
- On 13 December, the City Library invited people to learn Furoshiki, the Japanese art of cloth wrapping, and find a more sustainable way to wrap Christmas presents with fabric instead of paper.
- Also on 13 December, we welcomed back author Róisín Meaney for her monthly storytime.
- There were 10 book club meetings at the City Library across the month with regulars such as the University of the Third Age, First Thursday, Second Wednesday, Phoenix, Spiral, Health Service Executive (HSE), Kids, Teenage and Young Adult book clubs all holding their December meetings.
- Age Action Digital Skills training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices finished their current term on 09 December.
- Paul Partnership continued a course of Personal Development classes for migrants and people in direct provision on Monday mornings throughout the month.
- Weekly toddler story times continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday.

- The University of the Third Age's Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups held their regular meetings at the City Library at various dates throughout the month.
- The Library also welcomed five class visits during December from primary schools Scoil Íosagáin Christian Brothers School (CBS), St. Patrick's Girls and St. John's.

## Kilmallock Library

- On 02 December, the Community Climate Action Officer with Limerick City and County Council delivered a fascinating talk exploring how to make our homes warmer, greener and more energy-efficient, just in time for the winter season. The Community Climate Action Officer also demonstrated the use of the Home Energy Saving Kit, a wonderful energy saving tool which can be borrowed from Limerick Libraries.
- On 04 December, Arran Towers of the Tallest Smallest Theatre delighted junior class pupils from Kilmallock, Athlacca and Martinstown National Schools with his captivating adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic The BFG. Arran visited Kilmallock Library as part of the "My Little Library Bag" initiative, where students had the opportunity to join the library and receive their free book bag and books. The "My Little Library Book Bag" initiative is a collaboration between libraries, the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth as part of the First 5 Strategy.
- On 05 December, junior class pupils from Bruree National School paid a special visit for story-time, browsing and collecting their free book bags and books under the "My Little Library Bag" initiative.
- Also on 05 December, Kilmallock Library held a screening of the videos documented over the past few months from the "Libraries for Literacy" project showcasing activities on offer throughout the network of libraries. The core message of "Libraries for Literacy" is that Libraries are invaluable and accessible resources within local communities, offering a safe environment to enhance literacy skills. Project partners were Limerick City and County Library

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Service, Ballyhoura Development Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), Cork County Library Service, Clare and Limerick Education and Training Board (ETB), Cork ETB, Fighting Words and the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS).

- On 06 December, Val the Viking was special guest at Kilmallock Library during the Christmas Market at the library plaza encouraging all children to call into the library and collect a free Val the Viking Activity Pack. This wonderful initiative takes readers on a journey of exploration through the city and county and is complete with fun facts about Limerick, scavenger hunts, informative puzzles and enjoyable activities.
- On 18 December, a special festive fun-filled "Little Readers" session full of seasonal songs, stories and crafts for pre-school children.
- On 19 December, there was seasonal cheer at "Library Festive Singalong", with the Kilmallock Community Choir led by music therapist Sara Dopiazza supported by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Mental Health Ireland. All attending enjoyed a morning of music, laughter, and community spirit as some favourite Christmas tunes were sung.
- Weekly English Conversation Club, facilitated by Ballyhoura Development, continued each Wednesday for those wishing to improve their spoken English skills.
- Bridge classes continued each Thursday of the month.
- On 10 December there was a special screening of "The EU as a Catalyst for Change: Ballyhoura Development's Support for the Ukrainian Community", a short documentary filmed across the Ballyhoura region.
- "Walk and Talk" group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library on Wednesday mornings.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued each Thursday morning with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving.

## Newcastle West Library

- There was ongoing use of Sensory Space during the month of December.
- Regular visits to the Library from the Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents continued throughout the month.
- The Library hosted Headway Ireland's weekly meetings every Friday morning.
- The Knitting Club continued to meet every Friday morning.
- The Children's Book Club continued to meet in the Library on the second Thursday of the month.
- Digital Device classes for the public were held on 04 and 11 December.
- Newcastle West Library celebrated "Family Time at your Library" on 06 December. This initiative was part of the national "Right to Read Programme." Those who visited on the day enjoyed arts and crafts sessions, making their own Christmas tree decoration to take home with them.

## Dooradoyle Library

- Dooradoyle Library's "Close knit friends" knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat. On their last craft session for 2025 they made Christmas wreaths.
- The Popup book club discussed "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell.
- The Limerick Health Service Executive Training Services visited the library throughout the month with 40 visits.
- Meditation for adults continued with one session by the Two Hearts meditation group on 13 December.

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- On 06 December, the Library hosted Southill Family Resource Centre's walk-in information session for members of the public needing advice on accessing services and counselling.
- St. Gabriel's school visited Dooradoyle library on 04 December to join the library and learn about library resources.
- On 06 December, Helium Arts offered a free art workshop for children with long term physical health conditions. The morning and afternoon workshops were enjoyed by the children and their carers.
- On 10 December first year students from Crescent College Comprehensive visited the library. The students enjoyed a demonstration of "BorrowBox" and how to search the catalogue.
- On 10 December, 80 people attended the launch of the "Multiplicity" exhibition in the gallery area in Dooradoyle library. This is an annual event showing artworks from the VOICE Centre in collaboration with Dooradoyle Training Service.
- On 11 December, Our Lady of Lourdes National School enjoyed a class visit, with story time and browsing the library's junior collections.
- The annual Dooradoyle Library Christmas card design and colouring competition held its prizegiving ceremony on 13 December. The winning entries were displayed around the library. The competition attracted entries from 25 schools with 140 winning entries.
- On 16 December, Lets Educate Together National School visited the library with over 80 pupils and five teachers. They enjoyed completing the Christmas word maker quiz. Also 24 students from the Catherine McCauley school visited. They used the local history resources to complete their Limerick history assignments.
- Throughout December as part of Dooradoyle Library's Outreach Programme, staff visited pre-schools in the area. The pupils enjoyed story times and singing songs. Parents were encouraged to visit the library and complete library registration forms for their children.

- On 13 December, to celebrate "Family Time at Your Library" in Dooradoyle Library, four Christmas themed crafts were offered to children.

## Adare Library

- December began with a Home Energy Café. The Community Climate Action Officer with Limerick City and County Council shared practical tips on reducing energy consumption in our homes. Attendees also had the opportunity to borrow the Home Energy Saving Kit from the library.
- On 05 December, junior and senior infants from Scoil Naomh Iósaf attended an arts and crafts session, where they created personalised Christmas tree ornaments.
- On 09 December, second and third class pupils from Scoil Naomh Iósaf took part in sign language workshops. Students learned the basics of Irish Sign Language and practiced signing the song Santa Claus Is Coming to Town.
- Second and third class students from St. Nicholas National School attended a Christmas arts and crafts workshop on 10 December.
- The Library "Parent, Baby and Toddler Group" met on 11 December.
- On 12 December, Kilfinny Preschool visited Adare Library for a Christmas storytime and colouring session.
- Students from Croom College of Further Education visited the library three times during December.

## Watch House Cross Library

- For Library Ireland Week, Áine Ní Fhlatharta delivered a series of Energy workshops on the 02 and 03 December, to local primary school children. The workshops were in conjunction with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and An Taisce. The workshops were interactive and focused on science experiments about energy consumption.

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- Also as part of Library Ireland Week, third class pupils from Gaelscoil Sáirséal attended an author visit with Sadhbh Devlin on 04 December. Sadhbh discussed her book “Geansaí Ottó” and talked about what inspires her as a writer.
- Thomond Community College Book Club visited the library on 05 December, and the students were given a tour of the library and a brief introduction to the range of services.
- On 05 December, researcher and analyst Aidan O'Brien of Media Literacy Ireland hosted an information session on media literacy, misinformation and disinformation.
- The library held their annual Christmas coffee morning on 10 December. Corpus Christi School Choir performed a range of popular Christmas songs for the audience.
- The Christmas Parent and Toddler party welcomed a special visit from Santa Claus on 12 December.
- “Family Time at Your Library” was celebrated on 13 December, with a Christmas party-themed event hosted by DJ Tom Prendergast. Entertainment included music, crafts, colouring and games.
- Helium Arts delivered a series of art workshops on 13 December, designed for children living with a lifelong physical health condition.
- Two groups of pre-schoolers from Northside Family Resource Centre visited the library on 17 December, where the children enjoyed a festive storytime and spent time in the Sensory Room.
- Senior infants classes from Corpus Christi Primary School were invited to the library on 18 December for a special Christmas storytime event.
- The Friday morning book club held their monthly meeting on 19 December.
- Regular events such as Storytime Thursday and Crafty Saturdays continued throughout the month.
- The Sensory Room had 41 sessions and 163 visitors in December.

## Local Studies

- There were 30 onsite visits to the Local Studies Department in December, comprising research on the newspaper archives, online resources, and materials from the Local Studies and Archive collections. There were 19 remote queries.

## Abbeyfeale Library

- As is now tradition in the branch, 21 pupils from second and third class, Scoil Mháthair Dé decorated the library Christmas tree. They entertained staff with a selection of Christmas carols and were gifted a Discover Limerick Val the Viking pack when they were leaving.
- On 11 December Library staff facilitated a festive glass painting session for members of the public to attend.

## Other Branches

- Roxboro Library** – Senior Infants from Our Lady Queen of Peace called into the branch for a festive storytime on 17 December. Pupils from the senior classes called in for a library visit on 18 December.
- Glin Library** – Glin welcomed the regular meetings of the Craft Club, Scrabble Group and Community Singing with over 50 people attending throughout the month. “After the Bell”, a local after school club, continued their weekly visits. And the pupils from St. Fergus National School Autism Class visited three times during the month.
- Cappamore Library** – Library staff were invited to attend the Christmas Fair in the College of FET (Further Education and Training) Campus in Cappamore on 11 December. We hosted an information stand for attendees and spoke of the services and resources that library membership provides.

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## Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- SORE SPOT featuring Helen O'Leary and Eva O'Leary, a two-person exhibition across the ground floor galleries, along with the exhibition of LCGA's 2025 Graduate Award winner from Limerick School of Art and Design, Caoimhe Glennon continued through December.
- Three separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections continued to be exhibited throughout December. These include the Director's Cut, an exhibition of selected works acquired, purchased, and donated to LCGA between 2015-2025, featuring artworks acquired through the support of the Mayoral Acquisition fund 2025. Included in the exhibits from the Permanent Collections, was the recent donation of a portfolio of prints by Jim Sheehy of 45 prints by international artists to add to the Hollander Workshop Prints portfolio within LCGA Collections.
- LCGA hosted a touring exhibition in the HUB space by FOCUS Ireland about the homeless which was officially opened on 03 December by the Mayor of Limerick John Moran and the Chief Executive Officer, Focus Ireland.
- Limerick City Gallery of Art continued to liaise and work with local community groups including University of the 3rd Age (U3A), with weekly meetings hosted throughout December.
- LCGA hosted a special musical event on 10 December, with "Concert for Palestine" by musicians Charlotte Daun and Faris Amin with an attendance of 40 people.
- LCGA hosted a Helium Arts workshop designed for children living with lifelong physical health conditions on 13 December.
- LCGA's artwork from the Permanent Collection by Walter Osborne was returned after the exhibition "Homecoming: Walter Osborne's Portraits of Dublin, 1880-1900" that took place in the United States of America at the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art in Notre Dame, Indiana after a very successful exhibition.

## Limerick Museum

- On 11 December, the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran performed the official opening of "From the GDR to Dromcolligher: The Story of Irish Dresden", an exhibition of porcelain celebrating Irish Dresden, the iconic Limerick company, curated by the Assistant Curator, Limerick Museum and the Saar family. In 1962, Oskar and Johanna Saar established Irish Dresden in Dromcolligher, Co. Limerick. Tragically, Oskar Saar died unexpectedly in 1968, leaving his wife Johanna presiding over both the family and the business. By the mid-1980s, 80 per cent of Irish Dresden's wares were being exported, with some 50 per cent going to America. They later broke into the Japanese market, where the firm continues to have much success.
- In advance of the exhibition, the Assistant Curator, Limerick Museum, Sabina Saar and Kristian Schnittger-Saar of Irish Dresden were interviewed on 10 December by Joe Nash on his Limerick Today programme, broadcast on Limerick Live 95FM. The interview was filmed and later hosted on the Limerick Live 95FM website.
- On 02 December, as part of the Museum's ongoing and very active outreach programme, the Curator gave a lecture on the "Irish Parliamentary Tradition 1297-1918" to the Limerick Shannon Probus Club in the Strand Hotel, Limerick.

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## Limerick Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

### Pop-up Gallery Initiative

The 'Pop-Up-Gallery' is a new initiative being piloted by Limerick Arts Office in the run up to Christmas 2025. There were over 30 submissions through an expression of interest to the project, some of which were artist collectives.

Istabraq Hall played host to the 'Limerick Arts Expo' this December, featuring the work of 11 local artists. Visitors were presented with a diverse range of art works including, Paintings, Prints, Photography, and Ceramics. The exhibition hosted a collection of works from an artist's collective in Limerick City, bringing culture and arts into the city for the pre-Christmas period, and was open to the public up until 17 December. Curated by Carl Doran, the artists that took part were, Kathleen Bartlett, Mags Dunne, Declan Greene, James Kearney, Luci Lane, Hugh Mac Mahon, Tim O'Neill, Ciarán O'Sullivan, Ester Redlichova, Paul Rhatigan and Dan Scully. The Arts Expo was officially opened by Councillor Shane Hickey-O'Mara, on 05 December with a launch event.

Treaty City Brewery hosted the work of three local artists from The Art Collective Club; Rio Mc Gonigle, Niamh Griffin, and Johnathan Rosney, at their Christmas Night-Time Market on the 20 and 21 December.

### Opportunities

#### Event Coordinator - Limerick Cruinníú na nÓg

Creative Limerick and the Arts Office advertised a "Request for Quote" for an event coordinator service to support the development and delivery of Limerick's Cruinníú na nÓg programme for 2026. The successful applicant/candidate will work in partnership with the national Cruinníú na nÓg coordinators, Creative Ireland Limerick team and local creative, cultural and youth stakeholders to deliver an innovative participatory programme of events across Limerick city and county.

### Expression of Interest – Creative Ireland Shared Island Initiative

Creative Limerick launched an Expression of Interest for potential partners who wish to collaborate to develop and submit applications to Creative Communities, or Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community, on a Shared Island grant schemes 2026 – 2028.

### Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2025 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to maximise and support the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. Three letters of support were issued in December.

## 3. Property Management Services

As well as being involved in several property transactions and inspections, the following table highlights the Vacancy and Dereliction Team metrics throughout December:

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	203
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	26
Derelict Sites Cases opened	4
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	21
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	4
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	3
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	11
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	13

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## 4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran seven Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics during December for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 58 business owners from across the City and County.
- In December, LEO Limerick client company Cayo was shortlisted as a finalist in the One to Watch category of the Business of Craft Awards for Showcase 2026, where the winner will be announced at Showcase.
- The LEO Limerick Student Enterprise Programme, Christmas Market, took place in the Limerick Milk Market on 05 December, where 52 teams of secondary school students from across Limerick displayed and sold their products to members of the public, in what was an extremely successful event.



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## Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development

### 1. Regeneration and Sports Infrastructure

#### Social Regeneration

#### Community Activities

##### King's Island

- The King's Island Community Centre hosted The Rogues Christmas Party on 09 December, with the Limerick band entertaining the crowd for the afternoon. The event was targeted at over 40s residing within the community.
- A Christmas Concert was held on 12 December, during which the Irish Youth Chamber Orchestra contributed to the festive atmosphere within the King's Island community.
- Over 120 attended the Free Christmas Dinner Event catered for at King's Island Community Centre on 21 December.

##### Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) delivered over 300 hampers to the northside community in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul (SVP).
- MCEC hosted a Crafts Fair on 11 December, with Adult Education Co-ordinator leading on this event along with other stakeholders, to deliver an event showcasing talent, creativity and community spirit in the sports hall within the hub.
- Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the final classes of 2025 with the Good2Go and Ageless Strength classes coming together in festive mood for singing and laughing before the Christmas break. The MCEC then provided a festive dinner for those in attendance.

- Project Believe was launched in Moyross on 19 December, with a festive winter wonderland delivered within the Moyross community. This ran for four days with Christmas lights, a mini passenger train, Santa, other characters and many other activities available to those who attended.
- MCEC hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 15 December.

##### Southill

- Santa's Grotto was held at Southill Hub in December, with young children getting into the festive spirit with facepainting, arts and crafts and plenty of other games for all to enjoy.
- Southill Hub hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 17 December.
- Mr. and Mrs. Claus were welcomed to Tait House Creche in Southill, on 05 December for Santa's grotto.

##### Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) hosted the free Community Law and Mediation Clinic delivered on 10 December.
- OLOL welcomed a large crowd for the Seniors Christmas dinner. As well as the hearty food, the attendees sang and danced with the Community Companions, local members of An Garda Síochána and others from the community.

##### Economic Regeneration

- Third Class in Corpus Christi School visited Atlantic Aviation in Shannon as part of the Outreach to Employment Programme.
- Work experience was arranged with assistance from the Regeneration Department for Transition Year students of Coláiste Nano Nagle, Sexton Street, Limerick.

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- In collaboration with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB), interviews were held for learners interested in the Public Sector Business Administration Traineeship QQI Level 5.
- The Outreach to Employment Project Team held a meeting in Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballinacurra Weston.
- Stakeholder meetings were held with Outreach to Employment services in the city to discuss collaborative approaches.

## Physical Regeneration

### Housing Developments

- On 11 December, all 10 units in Delmege Park/Hartigan Villas in Moyross achieved Substantial Completion. Tenancies for these properties were subsequently offered.
- Works progressed on the remaining 14 infill units in Carew Park.
- Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield, Southill (Phase 2) reached Substantial Completion on 10 December. Tenancies were offered to 25 households for these one, two and three-bed properties.

### Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 126 (52 houses in Southill) is nearing completion with snagging ongoing during December.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross) commenced on site with the contractor.

## House Refurbishments

### Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4a Scheme 2 and 3 (six houses) - the remaining house in Lot 4a is progressing towards completion.

### Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) - the remaining two houses in Lot 4b are progressing towards completion.
- Capital Appraisal for the major refurbishment of seven properties issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) for Single Stage approval.
- Capital Appraisal for major refurbishment of three properties for Barnardos relocation issued to the DHLGH for Single Stage approval.

### Minor Refurbishments

- Works continued on the following properties:
  - 56 Delmege Park
  - 108 and 110 Cliona Park, Moyross
  - 2 Galtee View, O'Malley Park, Southill
  - 6 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston
- Scoping continued on four properties in St. Mary's Park:
  - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street
  - 3 Columcille Street
  - 116 Oliver Plunkett Street
  - 3 St. Bridget's Avenue

## Community Projects

Limerick City and County Council submitted a Part VIII application for the extension and renovation of the existing single-storey Kings Island Youth and Community Centre building. Plans include alterations and extensions to the existing building (232 sqm), including an additional storey at first floor level and new roof structure.

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The extended building floor area of 911 sqm (gross internal floor area) shall comprise at ground floor level: a community café and servery area, multi-purpose sports hall, office and meeting/training room accommodation and at first floor level further office and meeting/training room accommodation in addition to ancillary toilet, circulation, storage and plant spaces at both ground and first floor levels.

The proposal incorporates public realm works at Verdant Place comprising a mixture of soft and hard landscaped areas.

## St. Mary's Park Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)

Part VIII for a new multi-use games area (250sqm) to the north of the community centre building and adjoining the existing playground on St. Ita's Street was submitted.

## Infrastructure Projects

### Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme.

### Thomond Rugby Football Club (RFC) Extension

- Contractor (Martins Construction Ltd) continued works, including new boundary and utility diversion works.

### Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP held the annual Blanket Run/Walk on 07 December at Mungrange Park. This family-friendly morning event was for all ages and fitness levels with donations of clean blankets and shoeboxes with essential items contributed by the public on the day. Despite the wet conditions, participants enjoyed the experience.
- The LSP supported the launch of Limerick's second Junior Parkrun, which takes place weekly at Manor Fields, Adare.

- LSP continued to encourage nominations up until 15 December for the Volunteers in Sport Awards, which form a national award to be announced in early 2026.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit [www.limericksports.ie](http://www.limericksports.ie)

## Council Sporting Facilities

### Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub welcomed 165 individual users during the month.
- A further 37 people signed up to the SportsKey booking system for the first time.
- Group bookings welcomed St. Ita's Association Football Club (AFC), West Limerick Athletics Club, Limerick Camogie, Metrix Sport Science and Performance Group to the Hub.

### Rathbane Golf Course

- The course continues to grow its junior membership, with 32 new members.
- As well as the membership, juniors accounted for 132 rounds of golf.
- A total of 11 introductory members signed up during December.
- The course was open for nine days in December, owing to the Christmas holidays and the challenging winter weather.

### Grove Island Leisure Centre

- A Ministerial launch of the Upgrade Works event was held on 08 December by Patrick O'Donovan T.D., Minister of Culture, Communications and Sport. The occasion was marked by the unveiling of a plaque by the Minister, in the presence of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran.

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- Martins Construction Ltd continued the outstanding snagging works. This project is co-funded by the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport through a Sports Capital Grant of €500,000.

## Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Park Soccer Playing Pitch – Preferred tenderer identified and submission made to Department of Culture, Communications and Sport for approval to proceed with their formal appointment.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents continued, including review of site investigation requirements.

## Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- The pool and leisure centre fully re-opened to the public in early December.
- An official re-opening event was hosted on 08 December, with the formal unveiling of a plaque by Patrick O'Donovan T.D., Minister of Culture, Communications and Sport, in the presence of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran. The centre was approved Large Scale Sports Infrastructure grants in the amount of €1,265,750 with the balance of the costs being paid for from Limerick City and County Council's own resources.
- Activities undertaken at the centre included the delivery of swimming lessons to local primary and secondary school students, lane hire by the local swimming club, delivery of gym sessions and pay as you go visits to the leisure centre.

## 2. Community, Regeneration and Sports Policy

### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings were held on 02 December.
- The following groups received LEADER funding approved at the Local Action Group (LAG) meeting:

John Byrnes Mechanical Engineering Ltd	€37,078.08
Gerard Fenniman	€7,951.76
Orrantree Leisure Ltd	€131,067.00

### Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The three SICAP LOTS presented their case studies for 2025 at the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held on 02 December. The case studies for 2025 are LOT 21-1 Limerick West Rural – West Limerick Resources – Climate Communities, LOT 21-2 Limerick Urban – Limerick City Area Partnership – Stronger Together Local Solutions for Global Challenges and LOT 21-3 Limerick East Rural – Ballyhoura Development Company – Just Green Transition.

### Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and stands at 286. The membership registration form is on the PPNL website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- At the request of Members and Representatives, PPNL hosted an online Plenary Meeting on the 11 December.

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## Migrant Support Forum

Throughout December 2025, the Limerick Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) continued its proactive engagement with migrant communities across Limerick City and County. The team delivered a broad range of supports aimed at enhancing social inclusion, improving access to services, and strengthening community participation for residents living in accommodation centres and in the wider community.

LAIT conducted six visits to accommodation centres, providing residents with direct access to information, guidance, and practical assistance.

The team facilitated two group information clinics, offering structured sessions on life in Ireland, available supports, and community engagement opportunities. These group settings enabled residents to share experiences, ask questions, and learn collectively in a supportive environment.

LAIT also delivered 37 individual information clinics, providing tailored one-to-one consultations. These sessions addressed a wide variety of needs, including documentation queries, integration challenges, employment pathways, and onward referrals to specialist agencies.

The LAIT coordinated the Solidarity Walk, organised under the Limerick United Against Racism (LUAR) campaign as part of the #DiversityIsStrengthLK initiative. Supported by the Migrant Integration Steering Group (MISG), the event served as a public demonstration of collective commitment to supporting individuals and communities affected by racism and xenophobia. Beginning at Limerick City and County Council's offices at Merchant's Quay, the walk progressed across the city's three iconic bridges, symbolising connection, resilience, and the shared responsibility to promote an inclusive and welcoming Limerick.

LAIT, in collaboration with DORAS, also hosted two immigration procedures advice clinics, offering residents clear, reliable information on immigration processes, status updates, and rights and responsibilities under Irish immigration law.

Two English Conversation Clubs were held at the Fernbank accommodation centre, providing residents with a safe, friendly, and supportive environment to practice spoken English.

Accommodation Centre Visits	6
Group Information Clinics Held	2
Individuals supported	37

## Healthy Limerick

- Limerick Food Partnership a key collaborator with Healthy Limerick was in Copenhagen on 03 December participating in the "Transformative Governance for Food Systems and Biodiversity" conference bringing together European leaders and change agents. The presentation will focus on living labs and policy councils as enablers of transformative change in local food systems. As Denmark concludes the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) the University of Copenhagen and the Danish Ministry for Green Transition, on behalf of the European Commission, will host this conference focused on advancing the EU's green transition through bioeconomy, food systems, and biodiversity. The conference took place on the 02 and 03 of December. The conference convenes policymakers, researchers, industry leaders, civil society, and EU project representatives to discuss how to turn strategy into action.
- Limerick marched in solidarity against racism on International Human Rights Day on 10 December.
- This solidarity walk, organised by the Limerick United Against Racism (LUAR) campaign is an initiative of the Migrant Integration Steering Group (MISG), which is a network of statutory agencies, community and voluntary organisations and migrant representative and support groups.

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- The Community Integration Forum (CIF) end of year meeting took place on 09 December at The Strand Hotel. The Integration Health and Wellbeing Team made a presentation to the CIF of all the works carried out, by the team at Limerick City and County Council during 2025 and gave an update of the situation to date, comparing numbers with previous years.
- Healthy Ireland supported a home cooking session which took place at The Tait Kitchen with residents of Pier One Hotel. This was delivered by the Limerick Food Partnerships Community Food and Nutrition worker who facilitated both cultural food preferences and basic cooking and nutrition skills. It allowed participants to prepare good healthy wholesome meals for their families, while at the same time giving them the opportunity to save money by being able to 'batch cook'. We would hope to explore some more of these facilities in 2026.
- Attended the culture night at Wickham Way as part of the 'Twilight Thursdays' campaign with the Night Time Economy (NTE) team.

## Sláintecare Healthy Communities

In December, programme delivery continued across Sláintecare Healthy Communities with a focus on physical activity for health, health equity and literacy, and community engagement.

The MoveWell programme provided targeted supports for mobility and wellbeing through four sessions:

- Pilates for Chronic Pain and Arthritis at St. John's Pavilion -11 participants
- Breathe Well at Moyross Community Centre - 11 participants
- Move Steady at Moyross Community Centre - 11 participants
- Move Steady at Southill Hub - nine participants.

The Period Equity initiative maintained its delivery and provided additional menstrual products to Ruhama, Athlunkard Rowing Club, Perinatal Mental Health Service Users, and Limerick Mental Health Café to provide additional support to service users over the Christmas period. These actions complement

ongoing education events and community vending machine provision, supporting Sláintecare objectives for equitable access to menstrual resources.

Community engagement was further supported through the Winter Rose Gathering, delivered in partnership with Doras. This workshop explored cultural traditions contributing to inclusive health promotion within migrant communities.

Project management continued across a broad portfolio of Healthy Community initiatives:

- Venture Out
- Healthy Relationships
- Limerick Growing Communities, The Island Gardens project
- Healthy Families, European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) Social Innovation (Oak Lodge Collaboration)
- Full Pitch (Short Film)
- Sing Strong
- Barnardos Breakfast Club
- Active Cities Limerick – Shelbourne Park Project

These activities reflect ongoing implementation of Sláintecare priorities through integrated, community-based approaches.

## Bin Waivers Scheme

- Over 2,300 Bin Wavier Applications received.
- 1,300 Bin Wavier permits issued.

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## Age Friendly

- The Annual General meeting of Limericks Older Persons Executive (OPE) took place on 02 December. The committee will remain in place for 2026.
- Limerick OPE member Aileen O'Connor attended the inaugural meeting of the University of Limerick's (UL) World Health Organization (WHO) Age Friendly University (AFU) steering group on 08 December. The steering group is a sub-committee of University of Limerick's Age Friendly University (AFU) Committee. UL's ambition is to create an inclusive and accessible environment that encourages and supports the participation of older adults from both within and outside the UL community in the act of 'knowledge creation and exchange' and fosters intergenerational collaboration and engagement.
- The launch of Mary Immaculate College (MIC) joining of the Age Friendly University Global Network took place on the 12 December.
- Limerick's Age Friendly Ambassador Celia Holman Lee launched her book on the 16 December.

## Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

December Offer a Home (OAH) figures:

Properties	December	To Date
Offered	0	253
Inspected	0	252
Allocated /People Housed	0	143 / 425
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	1	95
Not yet Ready	0	0
To be matched	0	0

## 3. Rural Development

### Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2025

On 22 December, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced the four successful applications under the 2025 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Limerick City and County Council was successful in securing a total of €895,699.

Two projects were approved for funding under the Project Development Measure, which, allows projects to be advanced to a shovel ready stage, and these included:

- Cappamore – Design plan for multi-use community green space (€49,815)
- Croom – Design of public realm and redevelopment of the former Post Office (€50,000).

Under the Main Scheme, two projects were approved for funding for capital works and these included:

- Adare – public realm enhancements, focused on improved access (€300,000)
- Athea – redevelopment of a community building into a modern energy efficient multi-purpose hub (€795,884).

The approved projects will commence in Quarter 1 2026.



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## Housing

### 1. Housing Support Services

#### Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	3,287
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	511

#### Closed Housing Applications

	December	Year to Date
Closed Applications	92	893

Applications are returned/closed for the following reasons:

- Failure to satisfy the eligibility criteria for social housing support as set out in legislation.
- Failure to submit a complete application and/or further information required.
- Applicants who have been housed by Limerick City and County Council or an Approved Housing Body.
- Applicants who wish to apply to another local authority or are no longer interested in social housing support.

#### Allocations

	No. of Units December	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	2	41
Newcastle West	6	43
Metropolitan District	22	277
Cappamore-Kilmallock	6	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>407</b>

#### Refusals

	No. of Units December	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	1
Newcastle West	1	7
Metropolitan District	4	39
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58</b>

#### Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
288	191	53	44

#### Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	557
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)/RAS Tenancies	649
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	2
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	9

#### Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,709 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	12
No. of Amendments	241
No. of Cessations	39

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## Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€27,006,181	€35,656,578	€23,365,960	€12,290,618	66%

## Home Improvement Schemes

December 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	0	0	0
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€8,000.00	€0.00	€8,000.00
	No. Paid	0	0	1	0	1
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Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	3	7	16	4	30
	HAG Expenditure	€24,710.46	€0.00	€46,910.00	€7,429.00	€79,049.46
	No. Paid	3	0	7	1	11
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Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	2	7	2	2	13
	HOP Expenditure	€16,870.50	€8,000.00	€9,100.00	€6,810.00	€40,780.50
	No. Paid	3	1	3	0	7
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Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
	No. Paid	0	0	0	0	0

Total No. Approved	43
Total Monies Paid	€127,829.96
Total No. Paid	19

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## Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

January - November 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	8	6	62	5	<b>81</b>
	MAG Expenditure	€41,035.75	€22,194.11	€237,074.94	€30,000.79	<b>€330,305.59</b>
	No. Paid	10	5	48	9	<b>72</b>
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Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	41	80	141	32	<b>294</b>
	HAG Expenditure	€355,560.45	€538,540.73	€1,643,946.51	€249,000.30	<b>€2,787,047.99</b>
	No. Paid	38	55	174	33	<b>300</b>
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Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	79	128	144	50	<b>401</b>
	HOP Expenditure	€442,056.75	€702,353.89	€1,136,505.98	€550,174.13	<b>€2,831,090.75</b>
	No. Paid	89	123	265	91	<b>568</b>
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Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€16,558.52	€60,807.18	€438,642.70	€66,713.00	<b>€582,721.40</b>
	No. Paid	2	6	26	6	<b>40</b>

<b>YTD Total No. Approved</b>	<b>776</b>
<b>YTD Total Monies Paid</b>	<b>€6,531,165.73</b>
<b>YTD Total No. Paid</b>	<b>980</b>

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## Community Sustainment Unit

### Tenancy Inductions

	December	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	60	364

### House Visits

	December	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	126	2,130

### Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	December	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	305	305
Cases closed during month	137	668

### Repossessions

	December	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	7	120

### Garda Checks

	December	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	61	1,113

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## Limerick Homeless Action Team – Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data

Date: 10.12.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	33
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	74
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	99
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>261</b>

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	213	218	135
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	10	17	9
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Families</b>
		<b>229</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>150</b>

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	December	YTD
<b>Tenant Purchase</b>		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Received	2	30
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Approved	4	14
<b>Local Authority Home Loans</b>		
Loan Applications: No. Received	3	77
Loan Applications: No. Approved	0	23
<b>Deed of Discharge</b>		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	14	179
<b>Consent to Sale</b>		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	4	40
<b>Cottage Purchase Annuity</b>		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	1	22
<b>Ground Rent</b>		
No. of Ground Rent Applications	4	58
<b>Title</b>		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	5	172
Title Rectifications Received	0	7
<b>Private Rented Inspections</b>		
No. of Inspections	119	3,136

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

<b>Freedom of Information requests</b>	2
<b>Ombudsman Query Cases</b>	0
<b>Data Access Requests</b>	0

## 2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

### \* Traveller Accommodation

<b>No. of Units offered December</b>	1
<b>Year to Date</b>	32

\* These figures are included in Allocations Figures and Approved Housing Body Allocations

Traveller Community Sustainment	December	Year to Date
Number of Inspections	49	532
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	11
Number of active cases at end of month	39	39
<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>

### Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

<b>No. of Referrals/Visits December</b>	23
<b>Year to Date</b>	213

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## 3. Local Authority (LA) Housing Construction and Maintenance

### Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns December	
Total	14

House Returns December By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	4
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

- During December, LA Housing Construction team were notified of 1 property returned in Adare – Rathkeale Municipal District, 4 properties in Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District, 0 properties in Newcastle West Municipal District and 9 properties in the Metropolitan Municipal District

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in December	In Progress
<b>Local Authority Construction Team</b>		
Minor Refurbishments	0	21
Major Refurbishments	0	71
<b>Local Authority Maintenance Team</b>		
Minor Refurbishments	11	64
Major Refurbishments	0	24
<b>Regeneration Team</b>		
Minor Refurbishments	0	32
Major Refurbishments	39	3
<b>Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)</b>		
Minor Refurbishments	0	4
Major Refurbishments	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>220</b>
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	12

- In December, works on 11 properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team and works on 39 properties were completed by the Regeneration Team.
- There are four teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of December, the Local Authority Construction Team is in the process of completing works on 92 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 80 properties, and the Regeneration Team are working on 35 properties, and the Traveller Accommodation Unit Team are working on five properties.
- Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process - 12 properties.

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## Project Updates

- Part 8 application was submitted for 30 Apartments for 48-50 Mary Street.
- Contracts were signed for construction of 18 housing units at Brugh Na Deise, Bruff and two units at Crawford Street, Bruff.
- Stage 4 application submitted to the Department of Housing for construction of four units at Radharc an Ghleanna, Mountcollins.
- Part 8 application was granted for construction of five units at Scouts Hall, Bawnmore.

## Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €1,021,688 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €3,155,773 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Local Authority Housing Maintenance

### Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during December

Housing Maintenance Cases – December	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.12.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	747	779	1,189
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	89	95	398
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	126	113	352
Municipal District of Newcastle West	91	73	536
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>2,475</b>

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## Grants Inspections

### Metropolitan District of Limerick – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – December

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	5	0	7	12
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	4	11	0	5	20
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	3	9
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	3	3	6
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>

### Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – December

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	2	0	2	4
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	10	0	1	11
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	3	3
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>

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## Municipal District of Newcastle West – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – December

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	1	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	5	9
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	5	0	7	12
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	4	4
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>

## Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock – Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations – December

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	10	0	0	10
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	10	0	1	11
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>

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## House Inspection Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - December - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 - Minor Repairs needed	8
Cat 2 - Moderate Repairs needed	0
Cat 3 - Substantial Repairs needed	0
Cat 4 - Major Repairs needed	0
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT</b>	<b>8</b>
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	16

## Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered December	4
RFI (Request Further Information) Applications December	4
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	0
Applications - Damage Threshold Met	5
Remediation Option Grant Approved	5
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
<b>Total Applications Registered - Year to Date</b>	<b>34</b>

## 4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

### SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.12.2025 is as follows:

As at 31.12.2025 (01.01.2025 – 31.12.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	225	23	248	551
Buy *	28	0	28	€15m (Funding allocation)
Lease	29	0	29	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>305</b>	

\*Majority under the ‘Buy’ stream are Notice of Termination properties.

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## Notice of Termination Figures

The following outlines the number of cases received in December and Cumulative to Date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in December	CTD
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council regarding Notice-To-Quit (that meet eligibility criteria, should funding become available)	17	95
Proposals being reviewed	0	0
Sale Agreed	0	2
Purchase Completed	1	174
Withdrawn - e.g., Main reasons - vendor not accepting offer based on independent valuation or presence of deleterious material in property (e.g., pyrite) or Fire Safety issues	5	646
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into Limerick City and County Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	1	67
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	0	69
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,053</b>

## Social Housing – Project Submissions and Approvals

### Project Approvals received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

SHIP Turnkey	Approval for eight units at Ashgrove House, Dooradoyle	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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### Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

SHIP Turnkey	Submission for acquisition of 13 units at Treada na Ri, Kilfinane	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Affordable Housing Fund	Submission for Affordable Housing funding for six Units at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy Phase 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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## Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in December
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Part 8 planning launched for public consultation period on the 19 December. Packs available for viewing online and in person in Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Design optioneering paused -Public Private Partnership Programme under review by Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage team with a view on determining the Public Private Partnership programme's value for money. Finance and procurement strategy ongoing.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental -Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Design and unit mix agreed with councillors. Initial preplanning meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Planning Section. Work progressing on design to planning and coordination with adjacent park design.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Site Specific Flood Risk assessment tender re-issued, tenders received and evaluated, appointment of winning consultant progressed. Design brief for design team progressed.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Part 10 planning consultant initial report completed. Work continued on existing planning pack, and additional reports required to make planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála as robust as possible.  Work continued on The Fosse, Phase 1, Local Authority Water Sustainable Urban Drainage System project.



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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in December
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	On the basis of the completed Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment, the project Ecologist recommended an Appropriate Assessment screening and associated Natura Impact Statement be carried out. This will require the project be a part 10 submission. Appropriate Assessment was advanced in December, along with a tender package for a Part 10 planning consultant to assist in the extended planning pack.
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	23	Judicial review in progress. Project on hold.
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on progressing this scheme during December. Contractor has been appointed.
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during December. Affordable Housing Fund viability testing underway.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during December. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during December.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in December
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare/ Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	3D Scanning and survey was carried out in December. Sketch project with three design proposals was completed and under review for cost implications and viability. Meeting held with Limerick City and County Council Property Section on right of way and site strategy.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	3D scanning of internal completed in December. 3D model started for design proposal. Tender for cleaning and making structural sound tender completed. Evaluation of tenders progressed. Asbestos report for ground floor completed.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Ballykeeffe	145	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during December.
	Municipal District of Adare/ Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Srutháin, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during December.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Phase 2 was launched on the 19 December for seven x three bed houses and three x four bed houses.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout December for Carraig Desmond.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in December
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Killmallock Co. Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during December.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 1	10	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer continued throughout December.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 2	6	Affordable Housing Fund application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the 23 December
	SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing. Appointment of integrated design team was completed on the 17 December with contracts signed. Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued during December. Modern Methods of Construction design expert tender was completed in December.

## Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €6,421,980 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €16,087,212.41 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Conferences and Workshops

On 03 December, the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHLGH) and the Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH) held an online webinar on the recently launched Approved Housing Body (AHB) Strategic Forum.

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## New Housing Schemes Launched by Strategy and Non-LA Construction Team

- Rightsizing Scheme for one unit at Clare Street, Limerick launched on 17 December. There is one, one bed, ground floor unit available under this scheme. It is located close to the city centre and a number of amenities which include, local churches, shops, public parks and walkways.
- Affordable Housing Scheme of seven x three-bedroom homes and three x four-bedroom homes for Phase 2 at Castle Place, Newcastle West, County Limerick was launched on 19 December.



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## Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup

### 1. Development Management

#### Planning Applications

A total of 142 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	4
Housing Developments	0
Domestic Developments	95
Agricultural Developments	9
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	10
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	8
Other Developments	16

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of 57 residential dwellings on three main plots, with associated ancillary roads, pedestrian pathways, hard and soft landscaping, site services and all associated site works at Toppins Field, between O'Donoghue Avenue and John Carew Road, Limerick City.
- Part 8 for the construction of a three-five storey building, to include 30 apartment units comprised of two blocks of development (one three-five storey block addressing Mary Street and one four-five storey block addressing Sráid Séamus Ó'Cinneide), new public lighting, connection to the existing foul and surface water network, and all other associated site development and landscaping works at 48-50 Mary Street, Limerick.
- Seven year permission for the construction of three five storey buildings each with a floor area of 7,208 square metres, to be used for office use and/or Medical Use with provision for screened roof top plant, reconfiguration of existing car parking provision resulting in an overall reduction in car parking numbers, provision for six bicycle storage buildings with external bin storage facilities, landscaping and all associated site works at City East Plaza, Towlerton, Ballysimon, Co. Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the planning application.
- Construction of warehouse (10,000 square metres), administration building and staff carparking, extension to truck parts storage building, vintage truck storage building, Installation of a new wastewater treatment percolation area and all ancillary site works at Dromclogher, Cappamore, Co. Limerick.
- Construction of a new Limerick GAA Training Centre consisting of the demolition of existing structures, provision of six floodlit natural grass pitches, two floodlit all-weather synthetic pitches, one sod replacement pitch, one indoor pitch, two precast concrete ball walls, re-purposing of existing walled garden to incorporate all-weather synthetic training area, construction of a two-storey Pavilion Building 4,285 square metres to include changing rooms, gym, first aid/physiotherapy rooms, meeting rooms, offices, multi-purpose hall, auditorium, the refurbishment and change of use of Prospect Hall from residential use to commercial use, new vehicular entrance, internal roadways and footpaths to include amenity walking paths, surface car parking, new proprietary wastewater treatment plant and all related site development, servicing, hard and soft landscaping at Prospect Hall, Jockeyhall, Crecora, County Limerick. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the planning application.

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## 2. Forward Planning, Urban Development and Heritage

### Forward Planning

- Request for tender closed on 08 December for consultancy services for the undertaking of statutory environmental assessments as part of the variation of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. Apparent successful and unsuccessful letters issued following tender assessment.
- Request for tender closed on 15 December for consultancy services related to updating the Housing Strategy including Housing Need and Demand Assessment as part of the variation of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. Apparent successful and unsuccessful letters issued following tender assessment.
- Public consultation seeking expressions of interest for lands suitable for zoning for residential purposes that would contribute to accelerated housing delivery closed on 19 December yielding 76 submissions.
- Public display submission period for Moyross Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) Design Review closed on 19 December yielding four submissions.
- Assessed submissions received from Environmental authorities on proposed Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan (LDP) in relation to substandard roads.

### Urban Development

- Contracts signed for THRIVE (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) Fireplace Project with the Southern Regional Assembly which is co-funded by the Government of Ireland, and the European Union (EU) through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027 to restore vacant or derelict heritage buildings in public ownership.
- Following a tender process for a Multidisciplinary Consultancy Services team, consultants were appointed for the THRIVE Fireplace Project, Nicholas Street.

- A digital art display featuring four short, animated films by artist Freya Porritt Wessman, was launched in December, bringing contemporary animation, drawing and storytelling into Nicholas Street, one of the city's most historic quarters. The project was funded by Arts Council and delivered in collaboration with Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) Limerick School of Art and Design.

### Conservation

- Recommendations for grant offers under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Built Heritage Thatched Buildings Stream grant funding schemes were prepared and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval.

### Heritage

- Over €22,000 in Heritage funding drawn down for various projects.

## 3. Ryder Cup Project Management

- Briefings to the Metropolitan and Municipal Districts about planning in the Council for the 2027 Ryder Cup
- Liaison with Limerick's cultural, sporting and entertainment event venues on a programme for 2027
- Liaison with Golf Ireland and Limerick Sports Partnership on a golf development programme for Limerick in the lead up to the Ryder Cup event
- Presentation to the Staff Liaison Network on the Ryder Cup event
- Planning Session for the Limerick City and County Council Ryder Cup Oversight Group
- Meeting with the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport as the lead department for the event

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## Environment, Climate Action and Fire

### 1. Environment, Rural Water and Climate Change

#### Climate Action Team

- Community Climate Action Officer held three Energy Workshops in Kilmallock, Adare and the City Library.
- The Community Climate Action Officer partook in the Junior Achievers Ireland Programme and taught two classes in Corpus Christi Primary School, Moyross.
- The Community Climate Action Programme closed for applications for Phase Two on 16 December.
- The Climate Action Officer attended a Limerick City and County Council meeting with BABLE (Business Accelerator for Building and Living Ecosystems), a European platform and consultancy that helps cities plan and fund projects through European Union funding on 03 December.
- The Climate Action Officer hosted a Climate Champions (staff) meeting on 09 December. Staff showcased 'green' initiatives and projects from Planning Development and Management, Midwest Roads and the Tourism Department. The Community Climate Action Officer gave an overview of 'Home Energy Kits' supplied by libraries. The Climate Action Team has several home energy kits which can be borrowed by the Climate Champions.
- The Climate Action Graduate volunteered for the Junior Achievement Programme teaching primary school children about sustainability.
- The Climate Action Coordinator attended and presented at the European Urban Initiatives Capacity event in Stockholm on 04 December.
- The Energy Officer attended the presentation of the Investment Grade Energy Audit for Merchants Quay from Tipperary Energy Agency.

- The Climate Action Coordinator met with Limerick Youth Services on 11 December to investigate the possibility of a joint project to engage youth in Climate Action.
- Limerick City and County Council's ISO 50001 Energy Management System has been recertified by the National Standards Authority of Ireland.
- The tendering process to appoint external Consultants for the Limerick City District Heating Feasibility Study has been successfully completed.

#### This month in the Citizen Innovation Lab we hosted:

- A REFER (Raw Engagement for Electronics Repair) Restarter Café, which is a free electronic repair event. Each repair workshop or event is free and is open to the public on a first come, first serve basis. Anybody can bring along their broken electronic appliances, devices and sit down with repairers to see what is wrong with it and what can be done to fix or repair it. People are encouraged to drop in with their broken phones, laptops, hoovers or other electrical or electronic appliances. Skilled repair volunteers help people diagnose and fix these broken or slow electronic devices and small appliances, to save them from waste and help change our relationship with electronics.

#### Veterinary Services

<b>Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter</b>	8
<b>Number of call outs to seize stray horses</b>	4
<b>Number of horses seized</b>	3

Veterinary Services provided administrative support to the Moyross Equine and Therapeutic Programme regarding setting up a new steering committee and drawing down 2026 funding for the project.

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## Domestic Waste and Litter

Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received	100
Inspections undertaken	289
Warnings issued	1
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	1
Statutory notices issued	1
Prosecutions initiated	4
Fines issued	14

## Clean Ups

The following clean-ups were done during the month:

- Laneway off Parnell Street, Limerick City
- Laneway off William Street, Limerick City
- Galvone Industrial Estate (Near Treaty Steel) Limerick City
- Childers Road, Limerick City
- Banogue, Croom, Co. Limerick

## Environment Regulation and Enforcement

### (Commercial Waste, Air, Noise, Water and Public Health)

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	28
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	43
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	2
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	8
Directions of Authorised Officer issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Statutory notices issued (MS Dynamics)	1
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	5
Prosecutions initiated (MS Dynamics)	3
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	5
Planning reports	41

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## Parks and Green Spaces

### Projects completed in December

Location	Description
Kilmallock Playground upgrade	Upgrade works are now completed and include an inclusive carousel, an inclusive trampoline and new swing seats including an inclusive swing seat.
Cricket Crease in Mungret Park	Construction is now complete.
Newcastle West	New Adult Exercise Equipment has been installed.

Planting was done in the City Centre at O'Connell Street and Nicholas Street for the Festive season and Buxus Balls with lights were added at the Three Bridges Walk.

The following tree surgery works were completed:

- 17 trees crown thinned and reduced in Oakview/ Ballinacurra Gardens.
- Three trees and shrubbery pruned in Casement Avenue.
- Two trees reduced in Meadowvale, Raheen.
- Four trees in Marian Avenue reduced.
- All the Beech Trees growing in Fernhill which were affecting the public lighting and pedestrians reduced.
- Seven dead Ash Trees removed and stump grinded in Rich Hill estate Lisnagry.
- One in decline Mature Beech Tree significantly reduced in Castlerock Castleconnell.
- One London Plane pollarded in Woodlawn estate.
- One dead Pine removed and stump grinded in Heatherdale.
- All the trees affecting the bus corridor in Garryowen reduced away from the roadside.

## Cemeteries

### Projects completed in December

Location	Description
Kilmurry Columbarium Garden	Installation of two Columbarium Walls is now complete.
Mount Saint Lawrence (Old and New) Graveyards	Footpath restoration works. Development of a new soil/clay storage area.
Effin Graveyard, Effin	Replacement of footpaths.
Beagh Graveyard, Ballysteen	Installation of new pedestrian/disabled persons footpaths.
Holy Cross Graveyard, Athea	Installation of external lighting.
Loughill Graveyard	Installation of water harvesting unit.
Caherelly Graveyard	Installation of new footpaths.
Ballysimon and Cappamore	Site assessments were done at each of these locations to determine suitability for development of new graveyards.

### Tree Surgery Works were completed at the following Graveyards:

- Effin (Old) Graveyard
- Clonkeen (Old) Graveyard
- Ballingarry Church of Ireland
- Drehidtrasna (Old) Graveyard
- Nantinan (Old) Graveyard

### Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in December

Mount St. Lawrence	5
Mount St. Oliver	14
Castlemungret	13
Kilmurry	6

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## Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	12	Farm Inspections of Farms in the Deel_070 and Sheep_10 catchments
Farm Re-Inspections	6	Re-Assessment of farms previously inspected to ensure compliance
Closing Letters	18	Compliant letters from Inspection
Advisory Letters	4	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Warning Letters	4	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) – Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/complaints	3	Water Pollution Complaints
Dynamics CRM – Number of Active Cases	2	Open cases in Dynamics CRM- Good Agriculture Practice and Non-Good Agriculture Practice cases
Dynamics CRM – Number of cases open longer than 30 days	1	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	14	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Planning Files	14	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	3	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations
Poultry Books	3	Poultry Books sent out
Poultry Dockets	200	Dockets received and uploaded

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## Biodiversity

### Site Visits

On the 15, 16, and 30 December, the Biodiversity Officer visited sites in Granagh, Cappamore, and Galbally. These visits were with local Tidy Towns groups to discuss biodiversity initiatives.

### National Training

On 11 December, the Biodiversity Officer attended the Heritage Council's national training event for the Biodiversity Officers Network.

### Southern Regional Assembly Nature Forum Seminar

On 03 December, the Biodiversity Officer was a panel member at the Southern Regional Assembly Nature Forum (EPSON Project) seminar. The theme was "Nature-Based Adaptation to Climate Change: Harnessing the Potential of Blue/Green Infrastructure."

### Faith Communities Biodiversity Project

As part of the "Return to Nature" project, Limerick City and County Council distributed pollinator-friendly spring bulbs to participating parishes. Supported by the Heritage Council, this initiative involves 10 church grounds across Limerick promoting pollinator-friendly practices and enhancing biodiversity.

### Limerick Wildlife Walls

Island Road in Limerick now features two new murals as part of the Limerick Wildlife Walls project. Created by Draw Out's artist-in-residence Louise Keely, the murals depict the Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Crú-ialtóg bheag) and the Green Hairstreak Butterfly (Stiallach Uaine). These join other biodiversity-themed artworks, such as dragonflies at Grove Island and the fox mural on Athlunkard Street, turning the cityscape into a celebration of nature. This project is funded in collaboration with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

## Laboratory/Rural Water

This Month the Laboratory Rural Water Unit approved grant payments on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as follows:

Grant Type	Amount	Number of Schemes
Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) Capital funding 2024-2026 for Group Water Schemes (GWS)	€0	0
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€0	0
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€16,374.51	Four Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€0	0

The Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) decided this month that the Laboratory (314T) would maintain its accreditation for its existing scope of tests.

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## 2. Fire and Emergency

### Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/12/25 – 31/12/25	75	83	158
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	77%	72%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	19%	24%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	4%	4%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications December	21	28	1	19	
Disability Access Certificate Applications December	13	10	1	11	
Licensing Applications December	7	5			
Commencement Notice December	30	25	4		30
Completion Certificate December	7	7	0		7
Planning Referrals December	21				15
Dynamics December	0 received				

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## Fire and Emergency Training Events

- Four Recruit firefighters completed Breathing Apparatus, Pump Operation, Abrasive Wheels, Manual and Patient Handling, and Firefighter Drills Training.
- A number of Firefighters have been attending the Health Service Executive (HSE) run Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).
- A number of Firefighters from Limerick City Fire Station completed Manual and Patient Handling Training.
- Four Firefighters commenced working at Limerick City Fire Station.
- Senior Officers attended the Building Control Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Day in Trim, County Meath.

- One Retained Firefighter attended an Initial Breathing Apparatus Training Course.
- One Senior Officer and one Sub Station Officer successfully completed the Compartment Fire Behaviour Instructor Training Course.

## Civil Defence attendance at Events and Activities

- Medical Cover and Transport – An Garda Síochána Senior Christmas Party at Claughaun GAA Club.
- Medical Support – Light Up Limerick Parade in aid of East Limerick Red Cross.
- Patient Transfer – From Limerick Residence to Ennis Medical Centre, County Clare.
- Medical Cover – Limerick Racecourse.

## Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - November	December	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	17	0	17
Municipal Districts	10	0	10

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - November	December	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	62	5	67
Municipal Districts	46	2	48



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## Corporate Services, HR and Organisational Development

### 1. Corporate and Customer Services

#### Schedule of Council Meetings for December

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Full Council</b>		
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to the Disposal of Land and Car Parking Spaces at Opera Square, Limerick	08/12/2025	Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to the Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project	16/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Operational Briefings</b>		
Limerick City East	02/12/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City North	02/12/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City West	03/12/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Municipal District of</b>		
<b>Adare-Rathkeale</b>		
Monthly Meeting	09/12/2025	Rathkeale and Online
<b>Cappamore-Kilmallock</b>		
Monthly Meeting	11/12/2025	Kilmallock and Online
<b>Newcastle West</b>		
Monthly Meeting	12/12/2025	Newcastle West and Online
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b>		
Monthly Meeting	15/12/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b>		
Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment	03/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Home and Social Development	04/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture	10/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Travel and Transportation	17/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting</b>	02/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting</b>	02/12/2025	Dooradoyle and Online

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## Procurement

The Procurement Department is responsible for setting up and extending existing procurement references on request from all departments within Limerick City and County Council.

The following shows the number of Procurement References dealt with during the month:

New Procurement References set up	21
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/agreement	15

The Department validate all requisitions raised across the entire Limerick City and County Council.

The following statistics applied for December:

- Approved requisitions account for 84% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions account for 16% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
December	1,097	211	1,308

The top five requisition rejection reasons for December were identified as follows:

Rejection Reason	December
Memo Requisition not raised in advance - Omitted/Insufficient detail	55
Documentation attached Omitted/ Incorrect	43
Procurement Reference Omitted/Incorrect	33
Request for Quotes - Omitted	18
Quotation Form - Omitted/Incorrect	14

## Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	100
Deletions from Electoral Register	1,630
Modifications to the Electoral Register	225
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	1,955

## Health and Safety Training

Health and Safety Training organised the following courses during the month:

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	3
First Aid	21
Manual Handling	73
Safe Pass	8
Fire Warden	67
Lock Out Tag Out / LOTO (Hazardous Training)	6
Dealing with Aggressive Behaviour	70
Abrasive Wheels	1
<b>Total Staff Trained</b>	<b>249</b>

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## Access to Information

	December	2025 (January to December)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	18	299
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	1	16
Information Commissioner Appeals	1	8
Total Ombudsman Requests	0	39
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	0	33
AIE Internal Appeals	0	3

## Customer Services

The Customer Services Team continued to support our customers and Public Representatives at first point of contact by answering queries via telephone, email, My Limerick and social media. Case creation, payments processing and generally facilitating applications for all Council services also continued throughout the month.

The following figures highlight the activity within the contact centre throughout the month:

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 8,263 calls. This represents an average of 434 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 818 on one particular day. 85% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 5,893 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.

- 2,751 cases were created, with 578 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 58% of the cases created.
- 2,915 cases were closed, with 727 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 129 cases being logged. Of these, 115 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 99% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Metropolitan District of Limerick were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay offices.
- A total of 165 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 73 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 53 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,178 customers at both our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

## 2. Marketing and Communications

### Marketing

#### Limerick On Foot

- Print promotional assets to highlight our three Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) funded trails created and printed.
- Photography and video assets created and finalised ahead of "Limerick on Foot" campaign.
- Branded merchandise created as part of the campaign preparation.

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## Limerick Student City

- Final collaborative (with our education partners at University of Limerick (UL), Mary Immaculate College Limerick (MIC), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB)) promotional video assets received.
- Dedicated social media content created ahead of Central Applications Office (CAO) Deadline Campaign.

## Other Activity

- “Welcome to Limerick” Out-Of-Home (OOH) installed at Limerick’s Colbert Station.
- Marketing Plan for 2026 prepared.
- Golf Limerick Action Plan prepared.
- Brand Governance Plan prepared.
- Limerick Student City CAO campaign plan prepared.
- “Val the Viking” roll out plan prepared.
- Brand Audit completed in advance of Brand Strategy 2026 – 2030.

## Social Media

Management of eight social media channels including Limerick.ie to engage with citizens and promote Limerick to locals, visitors, students and the business community.

Followers across our eight main social media platforms is now as follows:

**Limerick.ie Facebook:** 40,181

**Limerick.ie X:** 20,967

**Limerick.ie Instagram:** 44,786

**Limerick.ie TikTok:** 4,587

**Limerick City and County Council X:** 18,854

**Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 6,612

**Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 16,709

**Limerick City and County Council TikTok:** 1,352

## Mayoral Accounts:

**Mayor of Limerick Instagram:** 1,900

**Mayor of Limerick Twitter:** 274

## Limerick.ie

In December, there were 205,152\* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 17% increase on the same period in 2024. (\*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

- [www.limerick.ie/christmas](http://www.limerick.ie/christmas)
- [www.limerick.ie/](http://www.limerick.ie/)
- [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/kids-family-fun/limerick-on-ice](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/kids-family-fun/limerick-on-ice) (page no longer active)
- [www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning](http://www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning)
- [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/kids-family-fun/fossetts-christmas-circus](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/kids-family-fun/fossetts-christmas-circus) (page no longer active)

**Content Report:** 85 articles, 171 events, eight new Limerick City and County Council services and eight new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in December.

## Communications

- Issued 19 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and five for the Office of the Mayor.
- All media releases from Limerick City and County Council were also shared internally on the staff portal.
- Researched and prepared 19 speeches for the Office of the Mayor and two for the Office of the Príomh Chomhairleoir.
- Posted 302 times across the three Limerick City and County Council’s social media channels with total followers now 43,527. Our posts earned 489,606 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Handled all media queries, which come into [communications@limerick.ie](mailto:communications@limerick.ie) and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.

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Social media posts were created and shared for the following:

- Promotion of Limerick Gift Card videos with three social media advertisements on Instagram and LinkedIn for the Trade and Investment Department.
- Regular updates on work being carried out by cleansing and maintenance crews.
- “Wildlife Walls” Series videos.
- Promotion of “Christmas in Limerick” programme of events.
- Job Opportunities at Limerick City and County Council.
- “Think Before you Park” campaign promotion.
- Launch of Affordable Housing at Castle Place, Newcastle West, Limerick.
- Series of posts for the Active Travel Department.
- Reopening of Askeaton Pool and Leisure Centre.
- Memberships double at Grove Island Leisure Centre following €1.85 million investment.
- Continuous updates on Storm Bram and tips to stay safe.
- Series of posts for the Residential Zoned Land Tax Scheme.
- Limerick Marches in Solidarity Against Racism on International Human Rights Day.
- Limerick’s Community Safety Wardens Pilot Initiative.
- Signing of contracts for New Social Housing Units in Bruff.
- Limerick City and County Council is calling for applications for the Community Monuments Fund 2026.
- Rightsizing Scheme - One-bedroom ground-floor home available in Clare Street, Limerick.

- Road and Public Notices.

- Press Releases shared to socials.

## 3. Business Improvement

- A total of 917 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681
- Staff Liaison Network meeting was held in the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle on 10 December
- Business Improvement coordinated and submitted all entries for the Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) 2026 All-Ireland Community and Council Awards

## 4. Municipal Districts

### Metropolitan District of Limerick

#### Meeting

The December Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 15 December.

#### Briefings/Workshops

Briefings/Workshops were held during December for the Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick as follows:

- Briefing on Ryder Cup 2027
- Briefing from the National Office for Community Safety (NOFCS) on Community Safety and the development of Local Community Safety Partnerships.

#### Operational Area Briefings

Operational Area Briefings were also held for the Elected Members in early December.

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## Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale was held on 09 December in Aras Sean Finn, New Line Rathkeale, County Limerick and online.

Essential repairs to social houses and public roads were undertaken by the Housing Maintenance and Roads Maintenance Teams:

- 79 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 108 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

## Road Maintenance

- Inlet opening on roadways
- Culvert opening and cleaning
- Debris removal from Road Drainage Systems
- Minor Drainage Projects
- Emergency response to storm events

## Winter Maintenance

- Road salting/De-Icing
- Tree removal/Road clearance

## Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

### Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 11 December in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Briefing on the Ryder Cup also took place on 02 December in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

## Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 125 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 157 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

## Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

### National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel Scheme

Description of project:	R505 Doon to Toomaline Footpath Extension
Grant:	NTA Active Travel
Location:	Private Passage
Cost of project:	€80,000
Contractor:	Limerick City and County Council

Description of project:	R506 Cappamore Footpath Extension
Grant:	NTA Active Travel
Location:	R505 Cappamore
Cost of project:	€160,000
Contractor:	Alan O'Connell (AOC) Developments

## General Municipal Allocation

Description of project:	Glenroe Village to National School Public Lighting
Grant:	General Municipal Allocation (GMA) 2025
Location:	Glenroe
Cost of project:	€19,772
Contractor:	Electric Skyline

Description of project:	Kilfinnane National School and Secondary School Public Lighting
Grant:	GMA 2025
Location:	Kilfinnane
Cost of project:	€22,000
Contractor:	Electric Skyline and Kilmallock Roads

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**Description of project:** Cluain Dara Estate Angelsboro Footpath Restoration Works

**Grant:** GMA 2025

**Location:** Angelsboro

**Cost of project:** €10,000

**Contractor:** Kilmallock Roads

**Description of project:** L8505 Knockainey Interim Drainage Works

**Grant:** GMA 2025

**Location:** Knockainey

**Cost of project:** €7,657

**Contractor:** English Tar

**Description of project:** R662 Galbally Road Safety Barrier Installation

**Grant:** GMA 2025

**Location:** Galbally

**Cost of project:** €12,000

**Contractor:** Lagan Operations and Maintenance

**Description of project:** Bruree Drainage Works

**Grant:** GMA 2025

**Location:** Bruree

**Cost of project:** €10,000

**Contractor:** Kilmallock Roads

## Municipal District of Newcastle West

### Meetings and Briefings

- 12 December - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- 12 December - Briefing for the Members on potential Uisce Éireann works in Abbeyfeale.
- 12 December - Briefing for the Members in relation to THRIVE proposals for Newcastle West.
- 12 December - Briefing for the Members to discuss the 2027 Ryder Cup at Adare.

### Housing Maintenance

- 91 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

### Transportation and Mobility

- 97 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

### Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,042 transactions.

### Road Reconstruction

### General Maintenance

- Opening inlets and gulley cleaning.
- Patching of potholes.
- Street cleaning and suction sweeper in towns and villages.

### Hedge Cutting

- Cutting of hedgerows at roads, junctions and signage in the interest of safety.
- Letters issued to landowners and follow up notices.

### Road Works Scheme (RWS) 2026

- Planning underway for roads to be included in the RWS 2026.

### Active Travel 2026

- Planning underway for Active Travel Projects to be included in the 2026 programme.

### Christmas Lights 2025

- Management of the contractors and works for the erection of Christmas Lights in the town of Newcastle West.

### Winter Maintenance 2025

- Salting of assigned routes.