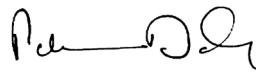


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Contained within this document are the Mayoral Report and the Director General's Management Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

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

November 2025

Val the Viking Brings Adventure to Limerick Libraries with Exciting Discover Limerick Activity Pack

Christmas in Limerick Festival Delights Crowds as Thousands Gather for Spectacular Light Up Limerick Procession

Mill Road Active Travel Scheme Officially Launched

Limerick City and County Council Takes Top Honour at IPB Pride of Place Awards 2025

Official Launch Reveals Rathkeale's Community-Driven Town Centre First Plan

Balanced Budget Delivered to Fund Limerick City and County Council Services for 2026

Limerick City Fairtrade 20th Birthday Celebrated in Style at City Hall

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Office of the Mayor

November 2025 has seen further activity in the Mayor's Office committed to action and delivery for Limerick.

The Mayor, along with elected Councillors and the Executive of Limerick City and County Council, agreed on a Budget for 2026 at the annual statutory Budget meeting on 21 November. The Annual Budget for 2026, totalling €1.73 billion, underscores the commitment to maintaining service levels while focusing on critical areas to stimulate economic growth.

The Mayor was also invited to and attended the inauguration of President Catherine Connolly at Dublin Castle and a reception thereafter.

On the international front, the Mayor was pleased to welcome three Ambassadors to Limerick in November – namely the Swiss, Peruvian and British Ambassadors.

British Ambassador, Her Excellency, Kara Owen, was here as part of the 'Joining the Dots' conference. This event involves local authorities and other stakeholders from the United Kingdom and Ireland sharing best practice on regional economic development. The event was delivered in partnership with Limerick City and County Council and the UK's Connected Places Catapult.

A Team of interagency leaders from Limerick and the Midwest, including the Mayor, met Andy Burnham, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, in Dublin as part of continued efforts to establish Ireland's first ever Health Equity Region in Limerick.

Limerick also hosted the 23rd edition of the popular all-Ireland Pride of Place community awards, which the Mayor attended. The awards included recognition for communities in Thomondgate, Templeglantine and Glenbrohane.

01 November

- Attended a Party Leaders meeting in preparation for Annual Budget 2026
- Met with management of Crew Brewing Company

02 November

- Laid a wreath at Royal British Legion Remembrance Ceremonies at King's Island Cemetery
- Attended the Contemporary Cities 2025 Shared Island Project, King John's Castle

03 November

- Hosted a meeting regarding Annual Budget 2026
- Officially opened the Mid-West Simon Community Clann Nua apartments on Clare St.
- Gave the welcome address at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Community outreach meeting at Limerick City Library
- Interview with Newstalk Radio
- Attended the British Ambassador's Business Reception welcoming trade from Manchester and Liverpool city regions, Dublin

04 November

- Held a review of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) briefings
- Hosted a meeting with Director General and Deputy Director General
- Held a meeting on the Mayoral Programme with Grant Thornton
- Held a pre-budget meeting with the Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Met with Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, and Minister for Housing and Local Government and Heritage
- Attended a discussion regarding Ireland's Health landscape, Dublin
- Attended a meeting regarding Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group

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- Joined Limerick Chamber of Commerce for a Strategic Partner Dinner, Verizon Headquarters

05 November

- Attended Limerick Food Partnership event, The Strand Hotel
- Visited the Moyross Community Hub
- Participated in Corporate Policy Group (CPG) meeting
- Attended the Budget Workshop for the Plenary Council

06 November

- Meeting regarding the Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm
- Met with the owners of The Locke Bar and restaurant
- Attended the Special Meeting of the Plenary Council regarding the Mayoral Fund
- Hosted a meeting regarding Arthur's Quay
- Celebrated the Limerick Senior Football Team with a Civic Reception, Council Chamber, Dooradoyle
- Attended the Kilmallock Christmas Reception

07 November

- Launched the Mill Road Active Travel Scheme, Scoil Íde, Corbally
- Met with the Acting Director of Housing
- Met with the President of Mary Immaculate College (MIC) and Director of Enterprise and Community Engagement
- Spoke at the Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place Awards Ceremony, The Strand Hotel

08 November

- Gave a speech at the official opening of the Irish Medical Organisation conference "Health on the Margins"
- Attended the Laurel Hill Coláiste 90th Anniversary celebration

09 November

- Attended the Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Commemoration and laid a wreath at Limerick War Memorial, Pery Square

- Attended the Polish Scouts, Independence Day celebrations, Glenstal Abbey

10 November

- Hosted a pre-budget meeting with Social Democrats Councillors
- Met with the Director of Finance and Finance Team in preparation for Budget 2026
- Held a follow up meeting regarding the 2025 Mayoral Ball
- Attended the inaugural address of the President of Mary Immaculate College
- Attended the President's Dinner at Mary Immaculate College

11 November

- Celebrated the Inauguration of the President of Ireland, Dublin Castle
- Attended a reception in honour of the President of Ireland, Dublin Castle

12 November

- Meeting regarding Healthy Limerick
- Hosted a meeting with leader of Sinn Féin
- Hosted a meeting with Leader of the Green Party
- Attended a Budget 2026 meeting with Directors of Service
- Attended a briefing from the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm
- Meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre

13 November

- Meeting regarding the Theatre Royal
- Hosted a meeting with the Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Hosted a Mayoral Programme catch up
- Met with the Director of Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development
- Gave a speech at the Comhairle na nÓg 2025 Annual Limerick Youth Conference
- Was guest speaker at The Amicable Society of Galway, Past Presidents of Galway Chamber dinner

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14 November

- Held a Budget 2026 meeting with Director of Finance, Economic Development, Digital and ICT Services
- Meeting regarding Abbeyfeale traffic management plan
- Participated in the Southern Regional Assembly meeting
- Attended the Limerick Chamber of Commerce 2025 President's Dinner and Regional Business Awards

17 November

- Delivered a speech at Christian Brothers School (CBS), Sexton Street, for college awareness week
- Held a Party Leaders meeting with Independent Ireland
- Held a Party Leaders meeting with Independent Councillors
- Held a pre-budget meeting with Party Leaders, Council Chamber, Dooradoyle
- Attended the November Corporate Policy Group (CPG) meeting
- Attended the Budget workshop of Plenary Council

18 November

- Met with the Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Hosted a video call with President of the Hohenlohekreis district, Germany
- Visited Garrydoolis National School with Councillor Noreen Stokes
- Visited Herbertstown Hub, Kilmallock
- Received a briefing on Active Travel in Limerick
- Attended the November Party Leaders meeting
- Attended the "Joining the Dots" opening reception, Shannon Rowing Club
- Gave a speech at the Limerick Civil Defence long service ceremony, Dock Road
- Attended the official opening of "Faces of Limerick: Chapter 2" Portrait Collection, Adare

19 November

- Meeting regarding the Mayoral Programme – Healthy Pillars

- Gave the welcome address at the "Joining the Dots" conference, The Strand Hotel
- Launched the Rathkeale Town Centre First plan, Rathkeale House Hotel
- Hosted the British Ambassador in City Hall
- Held 2026 Budget preparation meeting
- Delivered a speech at the "Joining the Dots" dinner hosted by the British Embassy

20 November

- Hosted a meeting regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Gave a speech at the Limerick Traveller Network Strategic Plan launch, City Hall
- Celebrated Irish Design Week with Limerick Civic Trust in association with the French Embassy

21 November

- Attended the Statutory Budget meeting of Limerick City and County Council, Council Chamber, Dooradoyle

24 November

- Met with the Deputy Director General
- Attended the Local Strategic Advisory Management Group
- Attended the Councillors Christmas Lunch, Dooradoyle
- Attended the Full Council meeting of Limerick City and County Council

25 November

- Meeting regarding Limerick Small Medium Enterprise (SME) Action Plan
- Met with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Attended the Councillor briefing on Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition (SMART) Housing Programme
- Met with the Director of Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
- Attended weekly Management Board meeting

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26 November

- Attended the Limerick City and County Council meeting regarding Planning and Place-Making
- Officially opened the Manufacturing and Supply Chain West, Conference and Exhibition, University of Limerick (UL)
- Gave a speech celebrating the centenary of the birth of Ciarán Mac Mathúna, King John's Castle

27 November

- Hosted a meeting regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Met with the Director of Service for Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development
- Held a discussion on SMART Housing
- Met with Director of Housing
- Met with the Head of Human Resources
- Attended a Special Meeting of Plenary Council regarding Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID)
- Attended the "Tree of Remembrance" ceremony
- Attended the Intercultural Twilight Thursday evening

28 November

- Attended the launch of Christmas Policing Plan with An Garda Síochána, Thomas St.
- Welcomed the Ambassador of Switzerland to City Hall
- Welcomed the Ambassador of Peru to City Hall
- Launched Project "Believe" at the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC)
- Visited Newcastle West for the switching on of the Christmas Lights

29 November

- Attended the GRID Finance lunch, Dun Laoghaire

30 November

- Officially opened Noonan's Christmas lights display, Templeglantine



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1. Finance

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2025	
As at 30 November 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	3,568,755
Accruals €	66,371,539 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	579,791
Writes offs/ Waivers €	2,059,342
Total for Collection €	67,301,161
Amount Collected €	60,435,352
Arrears €	6,865,809
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	463,005
% Collected	90%

Debtors Loans	
As at 30 November 2025	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	268,699
Accruals €	1,641,455
Writes offs €	- 34
To Collect €	1,910,188
Receipts €	1,852,679
Arrears €	57,509
% Collected	97%

^ Accruals not updated for loans for November 2025

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

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

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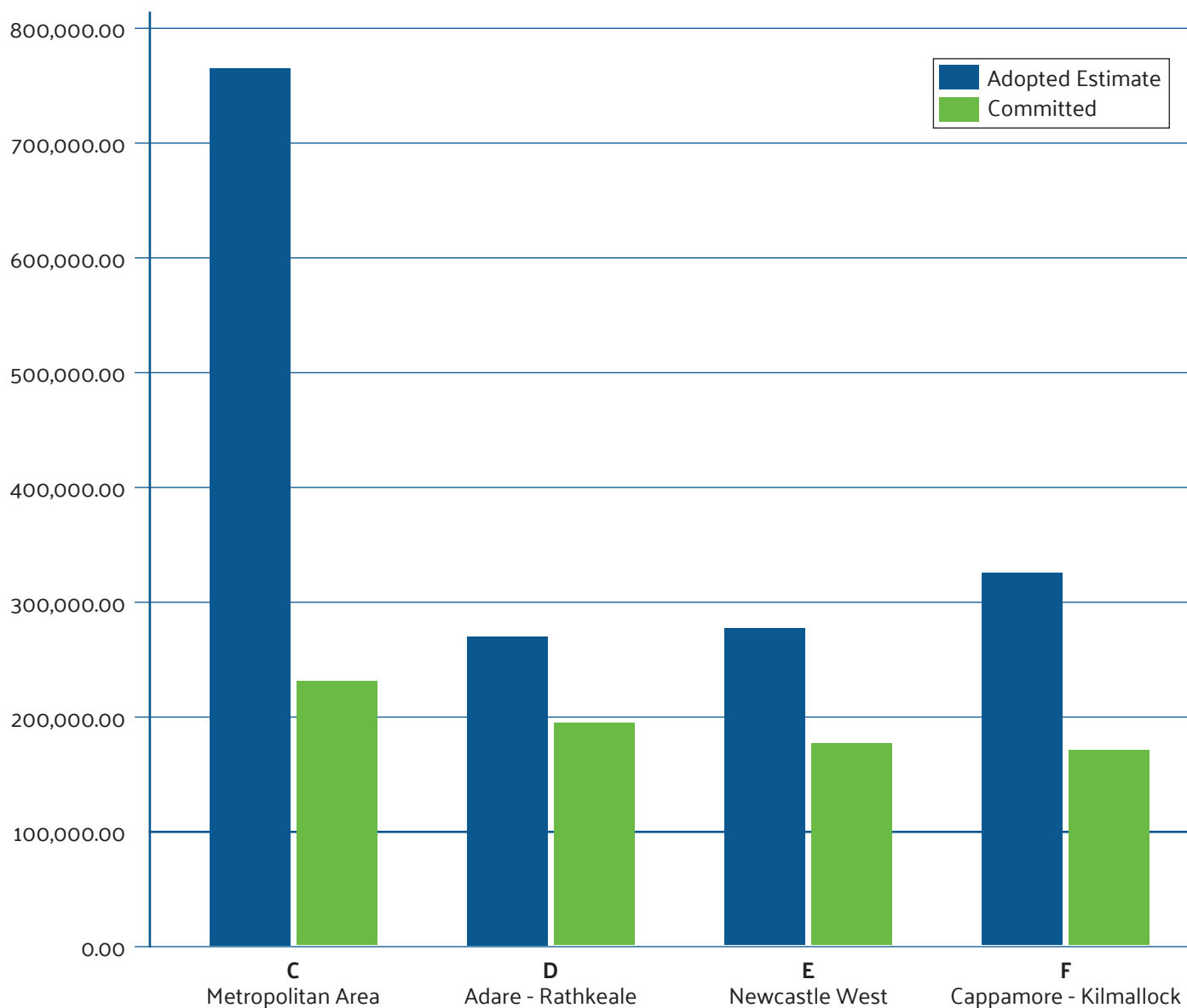


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General Municipal Allocation 2025 Adopted Estimate €1.6395 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 30th November 2025



Municip (Code) + (Text)

C Metropolitan Area

D Adare - Rathkeale

E Newcastle West

F Cappamore - Kilmallock

Value Adopted Estimate (€)

763,300.00

270,000.00

278,600.00

327,600.00

1,639,500.00

Value Committed (€)

229,918

193,042

175,259

170,209

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2. Trade and Investment

- The Trade and Investment team met with Mark Tiernan of Tiernan Properties/Arthurs Quay to promote Limerick Gift Card throughout the shopping centre on 03 November.
- Meeting with property owners on Nicholas Street to promote Limerick City and County Council's retail incentive scheme and potential opportunities for retail on 03 November.
- A member of the Trade and Investment team attended the Shannon International Leasing Conference (SILC) Aviation Conference in Dublin on 04 November.
- A meeting with Limerick Opera Festival on 12 November to discuss future collaboration with The Limerick Gift Card for 2026 Opera events.
- Attended the Limerick Chamber Business Awards at the Strand Hotel on 14 November.
- Attended St. Andrews Day Event at Guinness Storehouse as a guest of Miconex Ireland, Town and City Gift Cards on 25 November.
- Hosted the first Local Authority Economic Development Officer Forum at Engine on 27 November.
- Adoption of the new rates incentive scheme for vacant properties at the recent November budget meeting. This scheme was drafted and proposed and presented to finance and rates team by Trade and Investment.
- Attended and spoke at the launch of the 2026 Limerick Information Technology (IT) Summit.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

- In November the Night Time Economy advisor joined a panel discussion at the "SoundWaves" conference in Adare around how the creative industries and night time economy can collaborate.
- The Night Time Economy advisor also presented on Twilight Thursday and joined a panel discussion with

the British Embassy and industry peers as part of the "Joining the Dots" conference.

- We ran our 7th edition of Twilight Thursday on the 27 November and also announced two new grant calls in the form of "Leave a Light On" and "Christmas NTE Grant" which were both very well received.

Update from European Union (EU) Projects

Limerick City and County Council has recently secured funding for two EU-supported Interreg projects:

- URBAN - Understanding Recovery of Biodiversity and Animal Network
- SLOWTOUR - Unlocking Heritage Opportunities for Slow Tourism

3. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran 10 Training programmes and Business Advice Clinics during November for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 116 business owners from across the City and County.
- The Local Enterprise Office Evaluation Committee approved eight grants for Limerick businesses during November which consisted of four Feasibility, two Priming and two Business Expansion Grants. The total approved amount was €195,447.00
- The LEO Limerick ran a Farm Income Diversification programme over four days during November, for farmers looking to explore new revenue streams for their farms.
- In November LEO Limerick approved the following supports for Businesses across the City and County:
 - One Digital for Business support
 - Two Green for Business supports
 - Two Energy Efficiency Grants
 - One Grow Digital Grant
 - Mentoring assignments were approved for 14 entrepreneurs/business owners
 - Three LEAN for Business supports

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4. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.11.2025-30.11.2025	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	918
Other Calls	319
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(01 min 20 sec) 80 Seconds
Total No. of calls in November	1,237

5. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Enterprise Infrastructure

- Hub operations and tenant relations at Engine, the Engine Collaboration Centre, The Old Bank Abbeyfeale, and the N21 Enterprise Centre in Rathkeale formed a key part of this month's operational workload.
- Health and Safety audits and reviews performed.
- Across all locations, preventative maintenance was undertaken and presentation quality was upheld throughout the period.
- Liaised with Engineers and The Old Bank Management to ensure access to electricity for street lighting during festive period.
- Digital solutions for office procedures, procurement and accounts were evaluated this month, with the most efficient and cost-effective option chosen, and change management processes were initiated to drive adoption and strengthen compliance and governance.

Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

Enterprise Events

During November, the Engine Collaboration Centre accommodated more than 287 attendees across 25 events and meetings. The programme featured activities focused on startup development, networking, enterprise growth, innovation exchange, and the film sector, creating valuable platforms for engagement and knowledge exchange.

Events Hosted

- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick meetings and workshops (03,04,14,17,18,20 November)
- Skills Collab (03,17 November)
- Treaty Software meetings (04,05,11,25 November)
- Industry Research and Development Group (IRDG) (07, 13,26 November)
- Land Development Agency (12 November)
- Visit of British Ambassador to Engine Building (19 November)
- Pathway to Innovate (26 November)
- National Crew Academy (10,29 November)
- Enterprise Ireland (06 November)
- Maverick AI (14 November)
- Mid West Regional Skillsnet (18 November)
- Technological University of the Shannon (TUS): Midwest (20 November)
- Helium (24 November)
- Limerick City and County Council, Trade and Investment Department (11,27)

Partnership and Collaboration

In November, Innovate Limerick collaborated with government bodies, policy stakeholders and businesses to strengthen the enterprise ecosystem in Limerick.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Your Business

CeADAR, in partnership with the Mid West Regional Skills Forum, hosted the "AI and Your Business" event at the Engine Building in Limerick. The session provided hands-on guidance for local businesses on adopting AI and machine learning technologies and showcased the

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support available through the European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) - for - AI programme. The event enabled regional businesses to engage directly with AI experts and connected companies to skills development and funding opportunities through the Mid West Regional Skills network.

Pathway to Innovate

Innovate Limerick led the Pathway to Innovate Midwest programme this month.

- **Pathway to Innovate – Startups**
The team collaborated with Skillnet Innovation Exchange, IRDG (Industry Research and Development Group) Innovation, and the RDI (Research Development Innovation) Hub to deliver support across all stages of business development for startups in the Midwest region.
- **Pathway to Innovate – Established Businesses**
Workshops and one-to-one support sessions were delivered in partnership with Skillnet Innovation Exchange and IRDG Innovation, helping established businesses in the Mid-West enhance innovation within their operations.

Visit of British Ambassador

Kara Owen, the British Ambassador to Ireland, visited Innovate Limerick on 19 November. The Ambassador opened the “Joining the Dots” event, visited the Engine Collaboration Centre, met with city officials, and met representatives of Innovate Limerick. The visit aimed to strengthen economic and cultural cooperation between Britain and the Mid West region.

Mapping the Mid West Enterprise Ecosystem

AxisBIC Cork recently hosted an event for enterprise stakeholders at the Nexus Innovation Centre, University of Limerick, focusing on gathering feedback for a blueprint for enterprise mapping across the Mid West region. The session aimed to engage regional stakeholders in shaping strategies to support local businesses and identify opportunities for growth. Innovate Limerick contributed to the event, providing input and insights to help refine the enterprise mapping initiative and strengthen regional collaboration.

Treaty Software wins Chamber Award

An Engine Tenant, “Treaty Software” took home the Best Emerging Business Award at the Limerick Chamber Awards.

Faculty of Applied Science and Health: Technological University of the Shannon (TUS): Midwest

Over 50 students attended a workshop on technology and enterprise.

Digital Services

Bin Waiver Scheme

Digital Services worked closely with the Bin Waivers team to update and enable the Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme on [Limerick.ie](https://limerick.ie) and [MyLimerick](https://mylimerick.ie). This digitised service will be available within MyLimerick until the end of January 2026, allowing the public to submit new applications to the scheme as well as apply for renewal of existing bin waivers, all of which will be recorded and processed in the Limerick City and County Council's Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system.



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Transportation and Mobility

1. Travel and Transport Strategy

The new section of dual carriageway from the Tesco Roundabout at Coonagh to the newly constructed roundabout on Cratloe Road is operational. While substantial completion of the full dual carriageway cannot take place until the entire route between Coonagh and Knockalisheen is finished, this development will provide immediate benefits to road users and the local community.

Notice of Confirmation of a Compulsory Purchase Order for lands at Lees Cross was advertised on the 15 November. The advertisement was in the Limerick Leader, on MyPoint and copies of the order can be viewed at Limerick City and County Council offices at Dooradoyle, Merchants Quay, Rathkeale and Newcastle West.

2. Active Travel

Integration of Active Travel Programme with Emergency Services – Integration and Impact Assessment Study

Active Travel Team today facilitated a briefing for Elected Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on a new report concerning the cycling and walking infrastructure. The study was carried out by the independent consultant Egis (formerly JB Barry and Partners) and was commissioned by Limerick City and County Council to understand and address any challenges that the new, segregated cycling and walking schemes might pose to the work of emergency services.

This study is the first of its kind in Ireland and will inform a wider national assessment. Findings have been shared with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to guide future schemes.

The final report is expected to be published in January 2026.

Transport and Mobility Forum Inaugural Meeting

Active Travel Limerick facilitated the inaugural meeting of the Limerick Transport and Mobility Forum (TMF). The event was organised with support from the Cork TMF and brought together a diverse group of stakeholders committed to improving mobility options across Limerick. TMF is a network of organisations with a common goal to promote and enable sustainable and active travel. Its mission is to improve accessibility, influence policy, and promote the modal shift to sustainable travel alternatives.

Master Plan for Walking – Limerick

Active Travel organised a drop-in workshop in the Citizen Innovation Lab to gather personal experiences of walking and wheeling in Limerick. By engaging directly and listening to peoples lived experiences we aim to identify and rectify the pain points and missing links in the network.

79 issues mapped and 70 global issues were raised in the first workshop, with follow-up actions emerging: a thematic analysis of findings followed by scoring and prioritisation of issues will take place next; followed by further direct engagement with disability groups. Adopting an agile approach will ensure the most important issues are the first to be addressed.

We are committed to building an inclusive and accessible walking network in Limerick that is safe, comfortable, inviting and usable for all.

Launch of the Mill Road Active Travel Scheme

The Mill Road Active Travel Scheme was officially launched on 07 November. The event marked the completion of 1.4 kilometres of new infrastructure designed to make travel safer and easier for residents - especially pupils of Scoil Íde and students of St. Munchin's College.

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Corbally Road Safe Routes to School Scheme

The scheme was adopted by Councillors via Part 8 planning application in October 2023. The works commenced in early November.

Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme

The works commenced on Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme on 17 November following Section 38 procedure.

Castletroy Link Road

The Castletroy Link Road has been granted planning permission by An Coimisiún Pleanála. The focus now moves to advancing the project to the next stage, which is subject to the necessary funding allocation being secured.

3. Mid West National Road Design Office (MWNRO)

Foynes To Limerick Road (Including Adare Bypass)

The Adare Bypass Design and Construction Contract continues to maintain steady progress to achieve the June 2027 target completion date, in time for the Ryder Cup. Some key milestones have been achieved since construction commenced in January 2025, most notably, the completion of two rail bridges (RB02 and RB03) and the completion of Croagh Roundabout. Further information is available at www.adarebypass.ie.



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Rural, Community, Culture and Tourism Development

1. Culture

Libraries, Gallery and Museum

City Library at Barrow House

- On 03 November, Minister for European Affairs, Thomas Byrne TD, visited Europe Direct Limerick at the City Library as part of a programme of community outreach across the country to raise awareness of Ireland's upcoming Presidency of the Council of the EU and what it means for Ireland. The Minister met with representatives from the local community to provide them with an opportunity to engage directly with a member of Government who will be centrally involved in delivering on Ireland's objectives for our EU Presidency.
- 04 November brought the launch of the Val the Viking project. This initiative is a collaboration between Limerick City and County Council's Marketing and Communications Department and Limerick Libraries that aims to foster a sense of connection in our younger citizens to their local libraries, reading, and the wonderful world of books, as well as helping them to understand the history of where they live a little better. Val the Viking packs are available for collection at each Limerick branch library while stocks last.
- On 12 November, Limerick City Library and Europe Direct Centre hosted the Limerick regional Europe Direct Soapbox Public Speaking Competition. Entrants were asked to get on their soapbox and talk for three minutes in favour or against this year's motion: "Likes, Lies, and Legal Limits": Is It Time the EU Banned Social Media for Under-16s? The speakers competed in two age categories – a younger age category for those aged 16 years and under and an older category for those aged 17 years and over. The prize for each category winner was an Apple iPad which was kindly sponsored by the European Commission Representation in Ireland. In all, 50 individual speakers gave their opinions on the topic and their talent, intelligence and public speaking skills were highly commended by the judging panel.
- Ellie McCaffrey from Laurel Hill Secondary School Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) was the overall winner of the 17 and over age category and Dylan O'Donnell from Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh was first placed in the 16 and underage group. Both are now due to compete in the National Soapbox final in Dublin at the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland alongside the category winners of the seven other regional Europe Direct Centre competitions.
- On 13 November, the City Library hosted Music Network, Ireland's national music touring and development organisation, for an information session on their music capital and instruments grants scheme in Limerick.
- Limerick Lace invited people to join them for further sessions of "Threads and Tales: A Lacemakers' Gathering" to exchange stories, patterns and advice for beginners and experts alike on 01 and 22 November.
- 26 November saw a series of workshops on Sustainable Living with Sustainability Consultant Aoife Munn who brought the art of eco soap making to three groups across the day followed by a talk on Sustainable Decluttering for those interested in how to make simple lifestyle changes to assist with sustainability and climate action. These workshops are part of the annual Europe Direct programme at Limerick City Library.
- On 27 November, the City Library hosted a talk from local author and chronic pain advocate who is living with Trigeminal Neuralgia (TN), Michele Roys. Michele spoke about her recently published book, "But You Look Just Fine: My Journey to Rediscover Joy Amidst Chronic Pain and Invisible Illness".
- In our children's library, we hosted a series of events as part of the national My Little Library Bag initiative. On 21 November, performer Arran Towers brought his magical trunk of tricks to entertain junior classes from local schools St. Brigid's and St. Patrick's. Then Simone from Storygate visited on 27 November to meet with the junior infant classes from Scoil Íosagáin Christian Brothers School (CBS) and engage them with her tales from many lands.

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- City Library staff joined the Our Lady of Lourdes Parent and Toddler group on 26 November to provide an introductory talk about the library and the benefits of becoming a member.
- There were 11 book club meetings at the City Library across the month with regulars such as the University of the Third Age (U3A), First Thursday, Second Wednesday, Phoenix, Spiral, Health Service Executive (HSE), Kids, Teenage and Young Adult book clubs all holding their November meetings. The Teenage book club, which took place on 18 November, was delighted to welcome an author visit from Gráinne O'Brien, An Post Book Award nominated author of "Solo", who spoke to the members about her wonderful book. Similarly, author Dan Mooney was a special guest at the Phoenix Book Club on 07 November when the book club discussed his novel "The 14th Storm".
- Digital Skills training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices continued weekly on every Tuesday of the month with thanks to volunteers from Age Action Ireland.
- Paul Partnership continued a course of Personal Development classes for migrants and people in direct provision every Monday morning throughout the month.
- Weekly toddler story times continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday morning, and Róisín Meaney joined us for her monthly story telling session on 15 November.
- 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 during the month.
- The City Library continued to welcome groups of English language learners including five individual groups this month, one from Doras and four from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB), all of whom visited the Library to become members and get an introduction to our range of services.

- The Library also welcomed 10 class visits, from junior infants to sixth class, from primary school Scoil Íosagáin CBS. Bohermore National School also visited in November as did a group of students from secondary school Ardscoil Mhuire.

Kilmallock Library

- On 11 November, a talk by Aoibhe Hickey of LCETB on how Artificial Intelligence can impact our lives on a daily basis, exploring tips for using it on your phone as well as how Artificial Intelligence can help with activities like horticulture, crafts, cooking and more. There were 21 attendees.
- On 15 November, three sessions with Animal Magic as part of Science Week 2025, supported by the Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics (STEM) Department at Mary Immaculate College. Across two sessions here in the library, and a special outreach visit to Maria Goretti Nursing Home, participants of all ages had the chance to meet, learn about, and engage with a fascinating range of animals and birds.
- On 20 November, "Book Buddies", Kilmallock Library's book club for children aged nine to 12 years met.
- On 20 November, "Little Readers" joined us for a fun, friendly, inclusive session of storytelling, song, rhymes, books and chat.
- On 25 November, a project results meeting was held following on from the Archaeology of the Irish Revolution in East Limerick community workshops in 2023 and pop-up exhibition in 2024 led by Aidan Harte and Joanna Brück of University College Dublin (UCD). After great assistance from the local community in East Limerick the project combined local knowledge, archaeological fieldwork and archival research to map the sites and landscapes of the revolutionary period, identifying key infrastructure (such as Irish Republican Army (IRA) safehouses and Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) barracks), locating surviving archaeological evidence for actions and engagements, and exploring the impact of such events on civilian life.
- Bridge classes continued each Thursday of the month with an average of 12 participants.

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- Weekly “English Conversation Club” facilitated by Ballyhoura Development continued on each Wednesday for those wishing to improve their spoken English skills.
- “Walk and Talk” group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library on Wednesday mornings with an average of 17 participants.
- 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 and had an average of 17 crafters at each session.

Newcastle West Library

- Ongoing use of Sensory Space during November.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents continued.
- Headway Ireland met in the library every Friday morning 10am to 11am.
- Knitting Club continued every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- Adult Book Club continued on the last Thursday of the month.
- Children’s Book Club continued to meet on the second Thursday of the month.
- Creative Writing Classes with author Lucy O’Callaghan continued every Tuesday at 6pm.
- Children’s Book Festival author visit with Padraig Kenny, for two sessions on 04 November.
- Digital Device classes ran every Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.
- For Science Week, Rosie’s Animal Magic did three sessions for local primary school children on 11 November.

- Little Library event: Arran Towers did two performances for local junior infants’ classes on 14 November.
- An ‘Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life’, one hour information session was held on 25 November.
- Christmas Tree light up event: Students from Monagea National School helped decorate the library tree with their own handmade decorations on 28 November.

Dooradoyle Library

- Dooradoyle Library’s “Close knit friends” knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat.
- The popular “Whodunnit” book club members enjoyed a lively discussion about “How to solve your own murder” by Kristin Perrin over a cup of tea. The last Thursday Book Club discussed “Hamnet” by Maggie O’Farrell and the Popup Book Club discussed “The Turn of the Screw” by Henry James.
- Dooradoyle Library hosted meetings for Midwest Multiple Sclerosis on 07 November, Irish Countrywomen’s Association on 19 November and Irish Kidney Association on 26 November.
- Meditation for adults continued with one session by the Two Hearts meditation group on 13 November and the Himalayan meditation group continued every Friday.
- The Limerick Health Service Executive (HSE) Training Services visited the library throughout the month with 40 visits.
- On 06 November, Southill Family Resource Centre provided a walk in service for members of the public needing advice on accessing services and counselling.
- Also on 06 November, Laura Elms from the National Museum of Ireland held a workshop to promote the Irish Community Archive Network.
- On 07 November, 40 people attended the launch of Hatters Castle Art Class and Studio exhibition. The exhibition included works by past and present students with all funds raised donated to the homeless charity, Novas.

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- St. Gabriel's School visited the library on 07 November. The students and teachers used the visit to join the library and learn about library resources.
- On 14 November, 90 of St Paul's junior and senior infants students enjoyed participating in two interactive circus workshops presented by the Tallest Smallest Theatre. They learned about how they could join the library and collect their free My Little Library bags.
- On 18 November, Dooradoyle Library hosted "Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life", a one-hour information session.
- On Saturdays throughout November, Helium Arts offered free art workshops for children with long term physical health conditions.
- Peter McGarry, the author of "Falling Stars – Lost stories of the Shannon Airport Crashes", gave a talk about the stories and history behind the book on the 27 November in Dooradoyle Library.
- Dooradoyle Library hosted the launch of a new Tusla booklet on 28 November. This booklet was created to assist professionals and carers involved with the treatment of young people with mental health issues.
- On 28 November, Dooradoyle Library hosted the launch of Edition 60 of the "Old Limerick Journal".
- Kilfinny Preschool visited Adare Library on 26 November. The children enjoyed a storytime and colouring session.
- On the same day, Leaving Certificate Applied students from Salesian Secondary College in Pallaskenry visited to explore our collection of local history books.
- On 27 November, Junior and Senior Infants from Our Lady's Abbey National School enjoyed a storytime with Simone Schummelfeder. This event was organised as part of the Little Library Programme.
- The Adare Craft Group officially changed their name to the Library Crafters. During November, they met six times.
- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group continued with their weekly meetings.
- Students from Croom College of Further Education visited four times during November.

Watch House Cross Library

Adare Library

- On 11 November, as part of the Skills for Life Programme, Aoibhe Hickey from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) hosted an "Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life" talk. Members of the 2020 Club, Adare Men's Shed, and Adare Active Retirement Group learned more about what Artificial Intelligence is, awareness and safety, and how to use Artificial Intelligence apps to support everyday needs and hobbies.
- On 20 November, Peter McGarry presented his book "Falling Stars – Lost Stories from the Shannon Airport Crashes". This talk was attended by more than 45 people.
- There were several library outreach visits to primary schools during November to promote the My Little Library Book Bag programme. Following these visits, junior infant classes from Corpus Christi Primary School, Thomond Primary School and Gaelscoil Sairséal were invited to the library to collect their My Little Library Book bags. Events organised as part of this programme included storytelling and puppetry with Simone Schuemmelfeder and 'Scéalta agus Rannta' with Joanne Callinan. A total of 130 children received My Little Library Book Bags and registered for library membership.
- A group of 5th Year students from Thomond Community College visited the library on 07 November as part of their Social Education module. Students were given a tour of the library and an introduction to the range of services.
- Age Action Ireland completed their final digital skills course for this year on 20 November.

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- The library welcomed John Flannery on 18 November for an interesting and informative lecture “January 1850: Auxiliary Workhouse Disasters in Limerick and Killarney”. The event was followed by a question-and-answer session.
- On 25 November Aoibhe Hickey from Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) hosted an information session entitled ‘Artificial Intelligence in Everyday Life’.
- Both adult and junior book clubs held their meetings at the end of the month.
- Regular events such as Story-time Thursday and Crafty Saturdays continued throughout the month.
- The Sensory Room had 52 sessions and 156 visitors in November.

Local Studies

- There were 52 onsite visits to the Local Studies Department in November, comprising research on the newspaper archives, online resources, and materials from the Local Studies and Archive collections, and three family history advice sessions. There were 27 remote queries. The Department also hosted an evening public lecture and an adult education class visit.

Abbeyfeale Library

- On 20 November, Abbeyfeale Library hosted the launch of the Magnificent Mosaic exhibition featuring pieces created by the members of Ara na Féile retirement group. The exhibition will remain in the library until the end of the month, and the project was supported with funding secured from HSE Lottery and SICAP (the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme).

Other Branches

- Limerick Libraries continued to promote the national My Little Library Book Bag initiative throughout November with events taking place in branches throughout the city and county. Glin, Foynes, Cappamore and Roxboro branches welcomed author Roisin Meaney for stories, rhymes and songs. Simone Schuemmelfeder and Storygate visited Rathkeale to entertain local Junior Infants pupils with their interactive storytime.
- **Glin** – Glin Library welcomed the regular meetings of the Book Clubs, Craft Club, Scrabble Group and Community Singing with over 100 people attending throughout the month. After the Bell, a local after school club, continued their weekly visits. The pupils from St. Fergus National School Autism Class visited three times during the month. Throughout the month, the branch hosted a crochet exhibition by local crochet artist and crafter Martyna Martin and hosted a meet and greet with Martyna on 19 November which was well attended.
- **Foynes** – Foynes Library, in collaboration with artist and illustrator Celina Buckley, worked with the pupils from third and fourth class St. Senan’s National School to create a fully illustrated book featuring an original story. The group met four times throughout November in the library. This project was funded by the Creative Limerick team, Limerick City and County Council.

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 opened on 20 November with a good attendance.
- Three separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections, Director’s Cut, and selected works acquired, purchased, and donated to LCGA between 2015-2025, featuring Edward Maguire’s portrait of Michael Hartnett continue to be exhibited throughout November along with a special installation display of the Day of the Dead (Día de (los) Muertos) Altar throughout November.

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- The other selected exhibitions feature a recent donation by Jim Sheehy of 45 prints by international artists to add to Hollander Workshop Prints, New York City sweet or prints within LCGA Collections.
- The visitor numbers for November were very good with over 4,500 visitors for the month.
- Limerick City Gallery of Art continued to liaise and work with local community groups, and with local and national organizations. University of the 3rd Age (U3A) held their weekly meetings throughout November. Limerick Mexican Community held a weekend workshop for the Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos), 02 November. The Wheel held a workshop on 06 November. Helium Arts held a workshop on 22 November.
- The Arts Council/An Chomhairle Ealaíon and Ireland's 31 local authorities marked 40 years of partnership at a special event, **Art in Every Place**, held in LCGA on 20 November, and the reception on 21 November was attended by Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, alongside representatives of the Arts Council, the County and City Management Association (CCMA), and other Local Authority representatives.
- LCGA continues to liaise and make available loans from the Permanent Collections and along with the other Irish Institutions, the National Gallery of Ireland, Hugh Lane Gallery, and the Crawford Art Gallery in Cork continues to progress the loan of the Walter Osborne's portrait of Miss Webb. This work has been on loan for the exhibition "Homecoming: Walter Osborne's Portraits of Dublin, 1880-1900" taking place in the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art in Notre Dame, Indiana in the United States of America.

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- On 06 November, the official opening of "Canticle of Creatures", an exhibition of ceramics by contemporary artist Deborah Watkins took place in Limerick Museum. It was the first ceramics exhibition held in the Museum in many years. Deborah Watkins studied craft design at the National College of Art and Design in Dublin, specialising in ceramics. Last year, she was invited to develop a series of ceramics inspired by an artefact from the Limerick Museum collection.
- On 28 November, the official opening of "Shipibo-Konibo: Portraits of my Blood", an exhibition of photographs by Peruvian photographer David Díaz Gonzáles took place in Limerick Museum. Among the attendance were His Excellency, Mr. Jaime Cacho-Sousa, Ambassador of Peru to Ireland and Hector Vera, head of the Consular Section, Peruvian Embassy. The Shipibo-Konibo are an indigenous people who live in the Amazon rainforest of Peru. In this exhibition, young photographer David Díaz Gonzáles offered a careful immersion into the daily life of the Shipibo community from which he originates. The exhibition was organized by the Inca Garcilaso Cultural Centre of the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Limerick Museum featured in a documentary film "Loughmore to the Front" by Nicholas Ryan Purcell, which was screened in the Omniplex Cinema, Limerick on 17 November.

Limerick Arts Office

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme 2025

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2025 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to support the maximizing of the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. In November, four letters of support were issued. Funding to three applicants were approved at the Full Council Meeting in November. A total award of €15,000 from Limerick City and County Council facilitated the leveraging of €296,121 of Arts Council funding to Limerick creatives and projects.

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Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2026

Limerick City and County Council Culture and Creativity team announced an open call for Limerick based community organisations, groups and creatives to submit applications for the Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2026, as part of Limerick's Creative Ireland Programme to deliver activities taking place in 2026.

Individual Arts Bursary, Theatre Bursary, and Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Awards Schemes 2025

Limerick Arts Office invited applications from professional artists based in or operating substantially within Limerick City and County Council's administrative area who wished to be considered for a Bursary of up to €4,000 for Individual Arts and the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Award, and €5,000 for Theatre, for the development of work/professional skills, in any art form, including Visual Arts, Circus, Dance and Literature, Theatre and Music. The closing date for applications was 26 November. Applications will shortly be assessed by an independent expert panel.

Grants Under the Arts Act 2026

The Grants Under the Arts Act closed for applications on 26 November. These grants are open to artists, community, and voluntary groups to promote the arts and provide access to arts for Limerick. The total grant budget is €20,000, and grants offered on average between €150 - €500, with a maximum of €1,000 being offered in exceptional circumstances. Applications will shortly be assessed by an independent expert panel.

Castleconnell Autumn Concert Series 2025

The Castleconnell concert Autumn Concert series takes place in All Saints Church in Castleconnell and is programmed by Limerick Arts Office, with financial support from the Arts Council and Creative Ireland. The concerts are presented in partnership with Love Castleconnell. The final 2025 concert took place on 25 November, featuring the Solas Quartet, under the National String Quartet Foundation. The concert series was presented by Shirley Keane of RTÉ Lyric FM and Limerick

Opera Workshop. The concerts took place at All Saints Church, Castleconnell and this year's concerts were well attended and received.

Launch of The Stony Thursday Book No. 20

The 50th Anniversary Edition of The Stony Thursday Book was officially launched on 14 November in the Belltable, drawing an audience of almost 200 people to celebrate one of Ireland's longest running literary journals. Founded in 1975, this edition was edited by Limerick poets John Liddy and Jim Burke. The Stony Thursday Book has become a cornerstone of Ireland's literary landscape, providing a vital platform for both emerging and established voices.

Music Capital Scheme Information Session

Limerick Arts Office, in association with the Music Capital Scheme, facilitated a Limerick in-person information session with Music Capital Scheme applicants. The session was designed to help prospective applicants to make the strongest application possible and is aimed at organisations applying for Award 1, and individuals applying for Awards 2 and 3. This Information session took place on 13 November at Limerick City Library.

Celebrating the Life and Work of Ciarán Mac Mathúna

Limerick City and County Council Arts Office and Library Service, hosted a lecture by Peter Browne and presented the inaugural performance of a short piece of Irish traditional style music, newly composed by Michelle Mulcahy to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Ciarán Mac Mathúna, at King John's Castle on 26 November. The event was coordinated in close consultation with the Mac Mathúna family and was well attended on the day.

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Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Site Inspections Completed	187
Department Notices of Inquiry issued	27
Derelict Sites Cases opened	12
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	22
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	19
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	4
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Croí Cónaithe – Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications Approved	12

3. Community Development

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings were held on 04 November.
- The following groups received LEADER funding approved at the Local Action Group (LAG) meeting:

Feohanagh Castlemahon Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)	€58,235.28
M.OB.CC CLG	€148,968.75
Templeglantine Community Development CLG	€22,053.00
Galtee Gaels GAA Club	€168,581.67
Corran-Deel Voluntary Housing Association CLG	€19,934.85
Mulcair Men's Shed	€8,400.00
Haven Hub CLG	€33,694.68
Mountcollins Development Association	€122,347.60
Limerick Scout County	€148,440.96
Tonedale Ltd	€57,645.00
Recalibration Limited t/a LiKe Bikes	€8,821.35
Michael O'Callaghan	€30,027.36
Glin Development Association CLG	€15,064.91
Rachel O'Keeffe	€69,852.37
Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council CLG	€17,125.29
Kilmeedy Community Development Group CLG	€9,935.25
Ballyhoura Glamping Limited	€26,777.90
Kingscape Limited	€21,159.66
Caher Bakery Ltd	€79,350.75
Twomey's Bakery Ltd	€86,437.50

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Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and stands at 283. The membership registration form is on the Limerick PPN website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- PPNL continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.
- During their recent nomination process PPNL received the following nominations for Vacant Seats on Limerick City and County Council Strategic Policy Committees (SPC's), the Local Community Development Committee and the Limerick Local Community Safety Partnership Committee:
 - Two nominations for the Local Community Development Committee
 - One for Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture SPC
 - One for Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning SPC
 - One for Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC
 - Two for the Limerick Local Community Safety Partnership Committee
- PPNL hosted its end of year Plenary Meeting on the 27 November. At this Meeting the Plenary reviewed PPNL activities over the year and adopted PPNL's proposed Workplan and Budget for 2026. The Plenary also Ratified all Nominees to their respective Committees.

Migrant Support Forum

Throughout November, the Limerick Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) actively strengthened connections with migrant communities across the city and county, delivering a diverse range of outreach and inclusion initiatives designed to foster participation and belonging.

Direct Support in Accommodation Centres

LAIT visited migrant accommodation centres 14 times, providing on-the-ground assistance and essential information to residents. In addition to these visits, the team facilitated six group information clinics and conducted numerous one-to-one consultations, offering tailored guidance on services, rights, and opportunities available in Ireland.

Language Support and Social Inclusion

LAIT continues to run a weekly English Conversation Club for residents of the Fernbank Accommodation Centre. This initiative provides newly arrived Ukrainians with a safe, welcoming space to practice English, build confidence, and engage in informal conversation that promotes integration and social connection.

Celebrating Diversity through Culture

In collaboration with the Night-Time Economy initiative, LAIT organised a Multicultural Celebration at Wickham Way as part of Twilight Thursday. The event showcased the rich cultural heritage of Limerick's communities, featuring traditional music performances—as well as cultural stalls, handmade souvenirs, and storytelling. This vibrant evening highlighted the value of diversity and the importance of creating inclusive spaces for all.

Accommodation Centre Visits	14
Group Information Clinics Held	6
Individuals supported	76

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Healthy Limerick

Limerick Food Partnership - Food Finder Survey, Assemblies, Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping and App Development.

- Healthy Limerick has been working with Limerick Food Partnership and the University of Limerick (UL) over the past couple of years to gather data on Limerick's Food Environment via the Food Finder Survey. A small event featuring a preview of the types of data gathered, and preview of the maps and apps being developed in parallel for public use was held on 05 November at the Strand Hotel.
- Five hundred surveys have already been completed to date. This research project aims to investigate the key drivers of food poverty, including economic, social, environmental, and systemic factors.
- The project involves designing maps of where and what kinds of food can be purchased commercially or accessed in the community/voluntary sector. These maps will be informed by combining quantitative data from the mapping process and surveys to qualitative data derived from focus groups to eventually inform the development of a sustainable food strategy in Limerick City and County. An app will also be developed for public use.

Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) a basic food and nutrition programme can now be scaled up in County Limerick as funding has been secured from Safefood. Healthy Food Made Easy continues to be funded by Sláintecare in specific parts of Limerick city and delivered by Sláintecare's Community Food and Nutrition Worker.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- Represented the Local Development Officer team at the Climate in Partnership meeting to ensure community health is considered in local climate planning.
- Met with Mid West Simon and ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services to explore collaboration on green space enhancement and possible funding opportunities through the Climate Fund and Arts Office.

- Re-engaged with Ballyneety Men's Shed to support green space enhancements.
- Acted as a judge representing community health and local government at the European Direct Soapbox Competition in partnership with Limerick Libraries.
- Sat on the Irish Physical Activity Research Collaboration (IPARC) workshop with Limerick Sports Partnership.
- Continue to deliver and coordinate the Sláintecare Healthy Communities and Period Equity Programme, including community engagement, administration, finance and reporting, stakeholder engagement, and project management across multiple sites.

Bin Waivers Scheme

2026 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme (Bin Waiver) was approved on the budget meeting held on 21 November. Simplified renewal process has been implemented for any applicant who received a bin waiver in 2025. Over 3,800 letters were posted to those customers containing renewal application form and free post envelope. Online application system is also open for 2026 applications.

Pride of Place

Limerick community groups triumphed at the prestigious Pride of Place community awards on 07 November at a gala ceremony hosted by Limerick City and County Council in the Strand Hotel.

- Thomondgate Residents Association:
First Place Winner - Urban Neighbourhood under 3,000.
- The Local Hub, Glenbrohane:
Runners Up - Wellbeing Initiative.
- Templeglantine:
Runners Up - Population 1,000-2,000.

In addition, Limerick City and County Council were presented with the best overall Council Community Engagement Award.

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The purpose of the competition is to acknowledge the work being done every day by communities all over the island of Ireland, recognising endeavours of local people to create civic pride and make their communities great places to live. The competition focus is about people coming together to change and improve the daily lives of people in their communities.

Age Friendly

- The Senior Times "50 Plus Show" took place in the Greenhills, Limerick on 12 and 13 November. It had a wide variety of exhibitors and older persons services in attendance.
- On Friday 21 November the 10th Anniversary National Meals on Wheels Network Conference was held in the Strand Hotel, Limerick. The conference was officially opened by the Minister of State at the Department of Health with Responsibility for Older People, Kieran O'Donnell. The conference provided valuable opportunities for learning, networking, and sharing experiences, with attendees exchanging ideas and solutions to common challenges.
- National programme managers meeting held on the 26 November and an Age Friendly Alliance meeting was also held on the 27 November.

Comhairle na nÓg

- On 13 November, we were delighted to host 100 young people in Istabraq Hall for the annual Comhairle na nÓg Youth Conference.

Lifelong Learning

- The Age Friendly programme manager attended the Shared Island Lifelong Learning Conference in Belfast from the 17 to 19 November.

4. Rural Development

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

On 03 November, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced the three successful applications under Measures two and three of the 2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS). Limerick City and County Council was successful in securing a total of €771,455. Two projects were approved for funding under Measure 2, the Bird-Hide development at Lough Gur (€153,518) and the enhancement of Abha Bhán amenity areas and upgrade of access to the river walk in Ballyhahill (€184,595). Under Measure 3 the redevelopment of the Monument Hill Walk in Foynes was approved for €433,342. The approved projects will commence as soon as possible and are to be completed in Q4. 2027

Rathkeale Town Centre First Plan

The Rathkeale Town Centre First Plan was launched in the Rathkeale House Hotel on 19 November by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, who was joined by the Rathkeale Town Team and local stakeholders, community members, and children from the local national schools.

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais)

On 28 November, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht announced the nine successful applications under Measure 1 of the CLÁR programme, which is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in rural areas that have experienced significant levels of de-population. A total of €546,132 was awarded to projects, such as facilities upgrade at Anglesboro Community Centre, community walkway development in Glin and ball wall development and preparatory work for a new astro pitch at Ballylanders GAA.

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5. Ukraine Accommodation Response Team

November Offer a Home (OAH) figures:

Properties	November	To Date
Offered	0	253
Inspected	0	252
Allocated /People Housed	1 / 1	144 / 429
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	0	94
Not yet Ready	0	0
To be matched	0	0

- 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 10 key focus areas that will guide the development of tourism across the city and county.
- 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

- On 10 November, the Tourism Department commenced the Stage 1 payment process to suppliers and service providers involved in the Flavours of Limerick Food Festival.
- Stage 2 payments to suppliers were subsequently issued on 28 November - this will conclude the payment process to suppliers with regard to the Flavours of Limerick Food Festival.
- Furthermore, on 19 November, the Tourism Department's application to the Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme for the SLOWTOUR project was approved. This represents a great opportunity for Limerick City and County Council to collaborate with leading European partners and deliver a project that fully aligns with the Mayoral Programme. Limerick City and County Council will implement a pilot project positioning it as a flagship destination for food tourism through a multi-day festival celebrating Limerick's culinary heritage, promoting sustainable food practices, and engaging citizens through storytelling and co-creation workshops.

6. Tourism

Tourism General

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

- In November, Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Department commenced the implementation of the Action Plan pertaining to Limerick City and County Council's new Tourism Strategy.
- 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.
- This plan is a roadmap built on creativity, sustainability, and collaboration to shape the future of tourism in Limerick city and county.

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Limerick City Walking Tour – “Explore Limerick: Stories, Streets and Heritage”

- On 12 November, Limerick City and County Council's 90-minute walking tour officially concluded for 2025 with an end-of year review meeting held on 11 November between Limerick City and County Council and the Limerick Civic Trust.
- Led by expert guides from the Limerick Civic Trust, this immersive experience 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.
- This initiative provided visitors with a fantastic opportunity to explore the city and uncover its rich history with the tour providing centuries of stories and landmarks, thereby enabling tourists to discover how Limerick's unique quarters have evolved over time.
- The end-of-year review meeting of the walking tour included conducting a comprehensive analysis of the statistics obtained by the Limerick Civic Trust from the tour throughout the summer months and involved creating a plan for the continuation of the tour in 2026.

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 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 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](https://limerick.ie) website for viewing in due course.

Chambers Ireland Excellence Awards 2025

- The Tourism Department in Limerick City and Council is delighted to announce that 'Limerick Greenway – Embrace the Unexpected' was the winner in the 'Supporting Tourism' category of the 2025 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.
- Limerick Greenway – Embrace the Unexpected is the Council's largest outdoor tourism project to date. Following the old Limerick to Kerry railway line, Limerick Greenway links historic towns and scenic landscapes across West Limerick. It offers family-friendly walking and cycling routes, cultural heritage experiences, and nature-based attractions like Tullig Wood and Barnagh.
- The Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards ceremony took place in Dublin on 27 November.

Ireland's Association for Adventure Tourism (IAAT) 2025 Conference

- The Tourism Department attended Ireland's Association for Adventure Tourism Annual Conference held in Knockranny House Hotel, Westport, County Mayo on 27 November.
- This conference featured expert presentations and panel discussions from the Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC), Adventure.ie, The Irish Independent and Tourism Ireland among other notable organisations.

Wild Encounters, Coolyroe, Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick

- The Tourism Department conducted a site visit to the Wild Encounters Mini Zoo on 24 November.
- Wild Encounters Zoo is a licenced animal facility based just outside Newcastle West and it is home to a range of exotic and domestic animals. The Tourism Department conducted a site visit to explore potential tourism partnerships going forward into 2026.

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Discover Limerick Maps

- On 07 November, staff from the Tourism Department delivered Discover Limerick Maps to hotels across Limerick City and County.
- The Discover Limerick Map is a user-friendly guide which lists city and county attractions and activities for visitors to the Limerick region. The map has proven to be very popular with the hospitality sector and hotels have now received an additional supply of the maps for the Christmas period.

Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

Limerick Greenway's marketing campaign continued throughout November and included the following:

- The November 2025 marketing campaign for the Limerick Greenway, led by Limerick City and County Council, focused on positioning the Greenway as a premier tourism and leisure destination while reinforcing its role in supporting local economic development and sustainable communities. The campaign was branded under the theme “Embrace the Unexpected”, which was also highlighted when the project was shortlisted for the 2025 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards in the category Supporting Tourism.
- The main strategic goals of the November campaign were:
 - To Boost Tourism and Visitor Numbers:** The campaign aimed to attract a diverse audience such as families, solo adventurers, cyclists, and fitness enthusiasts, by showcasing the 40km Greenway as a unique outdoor experience in West Limerick.
 - To Enhance Regional Profile and Economic Impact:** By promoting Limerick Greenway as a destination of choice, Limerick City and County Council sought to stimulate local businesses and create a hub of activity in rural communities along the route.

- To Leverage Digital and Experiential Marketing:** The strategy included integrated communications across social media, digital ads, influencer partnerships, and media trips, ensuring strong visibility nationally and internationally.
- To Highlight Sustainability and Nature-Based Experiences:** The campaign emphasised the Greenway's environmental credentials and its role in promoting active travel and well-being, aligning with broader green infrastructure goals.

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

- A post on 03 November highlighting the revised opening hours for the new season. From November until March, Limerick Greenway car parks in Abbeyfeale, Newcastle West, Ardagh and Rathkeale will be open from 7am until 7pm.
- The “People of Limerick Greenway” series was back, with a post on 04 November promoting Olive Sheehan, owner of Barnagh Greenway Hub and Platform 22 Café, speaking about how people travelling with dogs stop off at Limerick Greenway to break up the journey. Furthermore, Eamonn Foley from Locomotion Bike Rentals shared what he has seen an increase in since the Limerick Greenway opened.
- From a derelict 19th-century railway goods shed to a vibrant new visitor hub the story of Rathkeale is one of restoration and renewal. A post on 11 November highlighted the transformation in Rathkeale which is now home to Greenway Café 1709, bike hire and repairs with Like Bikes, The Irish Palatine Museum and toilets, parking, Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers and picnic benches.
- A post on 13 November highlighting where to stop off for a well-earned coffee or treat as part of exploring Limerick Greenway.
- One of the things West Limerick is most famous for is its warm welcome. A post on 20 November highlighted “World Hello Day” which promoted the friendly welcome visitors will be greeted with along Limerick Greenway, whether you are cycling through Rathkeale, walking in Ardagh, or grabbing a coffee in Barnagh.

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- Step into the season on Limerick Greenway! As the lights start to twinkle in West Limerick towns and the air turns crisp, a post on 27 November highlighted that Limerick Greenway is the perfect place to stretch your legs, enjoy a winter cycle, or warm up with a coffee stop along the route. With Christmas just around the corner visitors were encouraged to make time for fresh air, family adventures, and a little sparkle along the way.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 – 30 November

Facebook

Reach: 176.9k

Profile Visits: 745

New Page Followers: 39

Instagram

Reach: 12.1k

Profile Visits: 172

New Page Followers: 88

Social Media Ads

Accounts Reached: 128.4k

Post Engagements: 418

Link Clicks (to Website): 53

Google Ads

Clicks: 710

Impressions: 7,303

Festivals and Events

Christmas 2025

Christmas in Limerick and Marketing Campaign:

- Theme for this year's campaign is "Together for Christmas in Limerick", this is woven into all our content, Press Releases, Digital Guide, Social Media posts and Competitions.
- Initial teaser Public Relations (PR) circulated on 03 November – to give a flavour of what's to come for Christmas in Limerick 2025 campaign.
- Official launch happened on the 18 November with go-live of the press release, online digital guide, social media (six-week) campaign, extended versus previous years to encompass the Christmas to New Year (Twixmas) trading period, important to key stakeholders, hoteliers, restaurants and visitor attractions.
- Follow up PR focussing on family fun days out was circulated on 24 November, calling on people with young families to check out all the family-centric events happening, from Santa options to Limerick on Ice, Toots Train, Fossett's Circus to name just a few reasons to bring the family "Together for Christmas in Limerick".
- Light Up Limerick procession on the 22 November marked the official lighting of the Christmas lights and attracted a crowd of 15,000 people into the city. It was very well received and got extremely positive feedback online via social media reels/footage.
- With over 150 events programmed over the duration of the campaign – both city and county wide, Christmas in Limerick 2025 is bigger and better than previous years. The number of events and experiences available to the public is comprehensive and feedback from a Fáilte Ireland online stakeholder briefing session held on 21 November was very positive.
- The Night-Time Economy element is a new initiative this year also and this has bolstered the depth of programming, especially over the Christmas to New Year period which is an important trading time for many stakeholders around the city.
- A robust social media campaign is in place – underpinned with strong competitions that will help drive online engagement and followers. Coupled with this we plan on utilising Fáilte Ireland funding we have received to boost posts, meaning that we can geo-target specific locations – to attract in visitors from neighbouring counties to come to Limerick over the festive season. This funding has also allowed the Council to incorporate a €500 Limerick Gift Card as part of the prizes. Response to this has been very positive as seen in the online engagement rates – likes, shares, and tags.

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- The team also engaged an Influencer – Emma O’ Leary (Life with Tiny Humans) who has over 80,000 followers on Instagram to come to Limerick and capture content on her socials of a family fun day out in Limerick.
- Tangible branding and collateral in the forms of tent cards and “Christmas in Limerick” flags have also been actioned, leading to greater visibility and brand recognition.
- A strong radio – advertising campaign is planned with media partners Live95 and Spin South West. This will include competitions with Limerick Gift Cards as the prize. These ads have been translated to the Irish version also and will be broadcast as Gaeilge.
- The Festival and Events Team is also running “12 days of Christmas” competition with Clare FM, giving away €100 Limerick Gift Cards over 12 consecutive days.
- Print media adverts will run throughout the campaign to highlight key events. The first advert featured in the Limerick Post on 20 November highlighting the Light Up Limerick procession on 22 November.
- The Festivals and Events Department supported the following festivals and events:

Light Moves Festival

The 2025 Light Moves Festival, the 8th edition of the festival, was held in Limerick from 06 to 08 November, celebrated adventurous dance, film, sound, and new media, featuring artists from around the globe. Events were held across various Limerick venues, including Dance Limerick, the Beltable, and the Avista EHub, with a focus on accessibility. The festival aimed to be inclusive, with all main venues wheelchair accessible and some films featuring subtitles. Curated by Jessie Keenan and Laura Murphy, the festival presented works that explored the moving body across diverse environments, from natural landscapes to city streets. A significant focus of the programme was on themes of resistance and solidarity, particularly with the people of Palestine. Key highlights included events such as a live performance of “SUMUD” and screenings of Phil Collins’s “they shoot horses”, and a simultaneous Palestinian Movement Film Festival. The festival also offered a variety of participatory

experiences, like a sound bath and a “City Listening” workshop, alongside live performances, film screenings, and talks. The event concluded with its award ceremony, honouring the short films; “100 M” for its innovative use of music and sound, and “AETERNA” for its artistic merit. The Light Moves Choreography and/or Performance Award went to “BOLEROS”, directed and choreographed by Mehdi Kerkouche.

From Dickie to Richard: Role of a Lifetime

The Richard Harris exhibition at the Hunt Museum, titled “From ‘Dickie to Richard’ – Richard Harris: Role of a Lifetime”, ran from 04 July to 16 November. The exhibition offered an immersive summary of the legendary Limerick-born actor’s life and career, drawing on the extensive Richard Harris Archive donated to University College Cork (UCC) by his family in 2022. The Festivals and Events department funded a number of events that formed part of this overall exhibition.

7. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Halloween King John’s Castle

Con Mór, one of the key highlights of Halloween in Limerick supported by Limerick City and County Council and Ireland Home of Halloween, came to life on the final two nights of the festival on 01 and 02 November. The spectacle was very well received overall, captivating audiences and adding a dramatic finale to Limerick’s Halloween celebrations.

Industry Event – Limerick Chamber of Commerce Presidents Dinner

On 15 November, CEO Discover Limerick DAC attended the Limerick Chamber of Commerce Presidents Dinner at The Limerick Strand Hotel. Held annually, the event recognizes excellence and innovation and includes an awards ceremony, a dinner, and networking opportunities for over 400 guests, including business leaders, business owners, and stakeholders.

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Industry Event – World Travel Market (WTM)

On 03, 04 and 05 November, the Sales and Business Development Manager represented Discover Limerick DAC on the Tourism Ireland stand at World Travel Market (WTM) London.

WTM is one of the largest and most influential global events for the travel and tourism industry and marks the start of Ireland's international promotional drive for 2026. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase Limerick's wonderful attractions, King John's Castle, Adare Heritage Centre, and Lough Gur Visitor Centre, while connecting with international tour operators eager to bring visitors to the region. The highlight of the event was dinner at Embassy of Ireland, Great Britain kindly hosted by The Ambassador of Ireland, His Excellency Mr. Martin Fraser with guest, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Peter Burke TD.

Familiarisation Trip – King John's Castle

On 24 November, Discover Limerick DAC was delighted to host Abbey Ireland and UK for a familiarisation visit to King John's Castle. Abbey Ireland and UK is an award-winning Destination Management Company (DMC) that specializes in creating and providing travel services for the travel industry in Ireland and the UK. The team enjoyed a guided tour of the historic attraction, gaining valuable insights into one of Limerick's most iconic visitor experiences. This visit strengthened our relationship with the team.

Dolans Live at The Castle

In November, Dolans, Live at the Caste announced four more shows for next year. Limerick favourites Hermitage Green will celebrate a major milestone in 2026, marking their 15th anniversary with a special hometown performance, joined on the night by special guest Jamie McIntyre. Also added to the lineup are The Coronas, widely regarded as one of the country's best live acts, along with the ever-popular Bell X1 and The Stunning, one of Ireland's most enduring and beloved rock bands. These additions bring the total number of concerts confirmed for 2026 to nine.

Christmas Tales by the Limerick Fireside - King John's Castle

On 29 November, storyteller and musician Daithí Collopy hosted Christmas Tales by the Limerick Fireside, supported by Limerick City and County Council. He shared enchanting stories of Christmas traditions from years past, including the Hunting of the Wren, the Christmas Star of Limerick, the Bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, and many more favourites.

Children enjoyed a wonderfully festive afternoon, adding to the warmth and magic of the Christmas season.

Limerick City and County Council Ryder Cup Steering Group

On 10 November, a representative of Discover Limerick DAC attended the Limerick City and County Council Ryder Cup Steering Group meeting. The meeting was well attended, with participants from various areas involved in coordinating the Ryder Cup event under the obligations of Limerick City and County Council present.

Celebrating the Life and Work of Ciarán Mac Mathúna

King John's Castle hosted a celebration of the life and work of Ciarán Mac Mathúna in the Castle Suite, organised by Ella Daly and Limerick City and County Councils Arts Officer. The event was attended by approximately 80 guests and featured presentations and live musical performances.



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Regeneration, Sports and Recreation

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Economic Regeneration

- The Northside Skills Fair was shortlisted for the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards in the Promoting Economic Development Category at an event held in Dublin on 27 November.
- Initiatives under the Outreach to Employment Programme continued in November with the Public Sector Business Administration Traineeship open for applications.
- The Outreach to Employment Co-Ordinator facilitated a site visit to Moyross Youth Academy with a group of Leaving Certificate Applied students from Ardscoil Mhuire to explore the facilities on site and the world of precision engineering.
- A meeting of the Outreach to Employment Steering Group was held, and the activities held throughout the year were reviewed. Work also commenced on the three-year Outreach to Employment Strategy.

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund

The five Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Group (LSAMG) subcommittees have completed their assessments of the applications received for the Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) 2026. Applications were reviewed by the subcommittees with responsibility to each of the ESIF themes: Community; Education and Learning; Health, Wellbeing and Ageing Well; Families and Youth at Risk; and Employability and Work.

A meeting of the Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Group (LSAMG) was held on 24 November. At this meeting a recommendation report on the funding applications was

considered and agreed. It was sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for final approval.

Community Activities

Moyross

- The Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the delivery of weekly physical activity programmes in the Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC), Moyross Youth Academy and the Corpus Christi Primary School hall.
- These included MoyFit, Good2Go, Line Dancing and Steps to Success. These were assisted by the Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP).
- MCEC took part in National Youth Night on 21 November.
- The role of Community Employment Supervisor within MCEC was filled and this person commenced in early November.
- The launch of 'Project Believe' in Moyross Community Enterprise Centre took place on 28 November.

Southill

- Southill Hub hosted weekly clinics for the Regeneration Office and for the Department of Social Protection, allowing engagement within the local community.
- A Youth Night event was held for young men in the Southill area, with inspiring stories from local people who have had successes in recent times.
- Santa's Grotto was well attended by young and old in the community as the festive season began. This was held in the sports hall in the Southill Hub on the 29 November.

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Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) joined in for the Limerick Twilight Run, showing their support of other initiatives in Limerick.
- On 14 November, OLOL CSG received the award for best Not-for-Profit at the Limerick Chamber Awards.
- The Weekly Club continues to be popular, with great food enhancing bingo, singing and dancing from members of the Ballinacurra Weston community each Wednesday.
- OLOL CSG launched their Celebration of Community Arts on 21 November as part of National Youth Night.
- The Youth Service at OLOL CSG launched their summer arts projects as part of Oíche na hÓige. The creative exploits from this group were on display for all of the community to appreciate.

King's Island

- On 21 November, the Limerick Youth Service's Nicholas St. Youth Space hosted a National Youth Night celebration including beat making with Music Generation, local rapper Hazey Haze was back to teach the kids a few beats.
- On 19 November Limerick Island Community Partners (LICP) and Limerick City Partnership hosted an event for international Men's Day. A dietician from the University of Limerick (UL) was on hand to provide nutritional information and complimentary therapies were provided by 'The Body Tree'.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Works progressed on 26 units as part of an infill housing scheme at Carew Park and Delmege Park/Hartigan Villas in Moyross.
- Letters of offer were issued for the units in Moyross.
- Snagging of Blocks 3 and 5 at Churchfield (Phase 2) concluded and letters of offer issued.
- Tender documents issued for the procurement of an integrated design team for a new 93-unit scheme at College Avenue, Moyross.

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 November.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract 127 formally closed.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Revised Stage 3 for Thermal Upgrade No. 130 progressed.
- Contractor appointed for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross).
- Contractor appointment progressed for Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131A (29 houses in Southill / Ballinacurra Weston).

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House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4a Scheme 2 and 3 (six houses) - two houses achieved Substantial Completion in November, 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 an additional seven properties prepared for Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) submission.

Minor Refurbishments

- Works complete on the following properties:
 - 6 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston was completed and handed over.
- Works continued on the following properties:
 - 56 Delmege Park
 - 108 and 110 Cliona Park, Moyross
 - 2 Galtee View, O'Malley Park, Southill
- Scoping continued on various properties:
 - 445 Sunny Heights, O'Malley Park
 - 14 Donoughmore Crescent, Carew Park
 - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 3 Columcille Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 116 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 3 St. Bridget's Avenue, St. Mary's Park

Regeneration Community Projects

King's Island

- The King's Island Community Centre received Stage 2 Approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The project will now progress to submission of a Part 8.

Southill

- An Architect Led Integrated Design Team has been appointed for the Integrated Youth and Educational Campus, Kilmallock Rd, Limerick.

Infrastructure Projects

Relocation of Barnardos

- Stage 2 application progressed in relation to relocation of Barnardos from Bishop St. to St. Mary's Park.

Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme between Pineview Gardens and Corpus Christi Church, Moyross.

Moyross Avenue

- Consultants continued with detailed design of the scheme.

Thomond Rugby Football Club (RFC) Extension

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

Other Community Facilities

- Request for funding for various community facilities within all four Regeneration areas submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

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Mayoral Programme

Northside Park and Green Edge Project

An Architect-led Integrated Design Team has been appointed to progress the Northside Park and Green Edge Project Masterplan.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP team accepted the Global Active Cities Certification for the City of Limerick at a conference in Rotterdam, Netherlands. This was as a result of the Active Cities programme which has been active in Limerick since 2021.
- The LSP hosted its suite of activities across Limerick during November, which is aimed at different cohorts of people, with varying levels of fitness and ability.
- These included, but were not limited to, Move Steady (held in Southill), Meet and Train 10km programme (held in University of Limerick) and Hot Flash Splash (held in Bawnmore Swimming Pool).
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan

- Draft action plan with Local Sports Plan priorities considered by Steering group and feedback returned to the Consultant for review.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub welcomed over 120 individual users during the month.
- A total of 53 new users signed up to the online booking system.
- There was a continuation of group training during the month, with West Limerick Athletics Club (AC), St. Mary's AC, Feohanagh Castlemahon Ladies Gaelic

Football Club (LGFC), St. Ita's Football Club and Coláiste Iósaef, Kilmallock, all using the facility.

- The 16 November saw West Limerick AC host their "Club Day of 5ks 2025" for their members.
- Irish athlete, Sarah Lavin, visited the "Desk to 5k" training session on the 11 November.

Rathbane Golf Course

- A total of 916 rounds of golf were played in November.
- Due to the poor, extremely wet weather during the month, the course was closed for ten days. There were also six delays to the start of play due to frost, while heavy rainfall saw play suspended on a further three days.
- Junior Golf participation levels continue to stay high, with the weekends proving popular. There were approximately 100 green fee rounds during the month, with the school mid-term enabling further participation.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

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

Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Park Soccer Playing Pitch – Tenders continued to be assessed.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents continued.

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2. Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- The appointed operator, Swim Ireland, continued their preparations for the full re-opening of the facility to the public.
- A site inspection of the completed works was undertaken by officials from the Office of Public Works (OPW) on 28 November.
- Several local schools have commenced swimming lesson programmes, and the swimming club has undertaken training sessions in recent weeks.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	2,705
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	514

Closed Housing Applications

	November	Year to Date
Closed Applications	50	801

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 November	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	3	40
Newcastle West	11	37
Metropolitan District	65	255
Cappamore-Kilmallock	2	39
Total	81	371

Refusals

	No. of Units November	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	1
Newcastle West	2	6
Metropolitan District	2	35
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	9
Total	4	51

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2025 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
274	171	60	43

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Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	563
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)/RAS Tenancies	650
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	3

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,734 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	9
No. of Amendments	259
No. of Cessations	23

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€8,650,397	€24,553,482	€33,203,879	€21,327,653	€11,876,226	65%

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Home Improvement Schemes

November 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	6	0	6
	MAG Expenditure	€2,400.00	€8,000.00	€34,980.00	€5,150.79	€50,530.79
	No. Paid	1	1	7	3	12
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	5	7	10	2	24
	HAG Expenditure	€78,079.00	€200,425.00	€248,111.00	€8,000.00	€534,615.00
	No. Paid	7	11	25	1	44
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	22	17	21	1	61
	HOP Expenditure	€3,390.00	€74,900.67	€162,054.58	€57,525.00	€297,870.25
	No. Paid	2	14	26	7	49
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€51,296.63	€102,558.60	€0.00	€153,855.23
	No. Paid	0	5	7	0	12

Total No. Approved	91
Total Monies Paid	€1,036,871.27
Total No. Paid	117

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Home Improvement Schemes - Year to Date

Jan-Nov 2025		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	8	6	62	5	81
	MAG Expenditure	€41,035.75	€22,194.11	€229,074.94	€30,000.79	€322,305.59
	No. Paid	10	5	47	9	71
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	38	73	125	28	264
	HAG Expenditure	€330,849.99	€538,540.73	€1,597,036.51	€241,571.30	€2,707,998.53
	No. Paid	35	55	167	32	289
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	77	121	142	48	388
	HOP Expenditure	€425,186.25	€694,353.89	€1,127,405.98	€543,364.13	€2,790,310.25
	No. Paid	86	122	262	91	561
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€16,558.52	€60,807.18	€438,642.70	€66,713.00	€582,721.40
	No. Paid	2	6	26	6	40

YTD Total No. Approved	733
YTD Total Monies Paid	€6,403,335.77
YTD Total No. Paid	961

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	November	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	29	304

House Visits

	November	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	185	2,004

Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	November	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	333	333
Cases closed during month	44	531

Repossession

	November	Year to Date
Repossession of Council properties	16	113

Garda Checks

	November	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	74	1,052

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

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

Date: 06.11.25		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	31
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	69
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	7
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	88
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	9
Total		241

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimehneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	204	213	132
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	19	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		221	242	148

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	November	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Received	2	28
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Approved	0	10
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. Received	4	74
Loan Applications: No. Approved	2	23
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	20	165
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	8	36
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	3	21
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent Applications	8	54
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	10	167
Title Rectifications Received	0	7
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	185	3,017

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	5
Ombudsman Query Cases	5
Data Access Requests	1

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered November	5
Year to Date	31

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	November	Year to Date
Number of Inspections	92	483
Number of Tenancy Inductions	-	11
Number of active cases at end of month	39	137
Cases Closed	20	68

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits November	18
Year to Date	190

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3. Local Authority (LA) Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns November	
Total	13

House Returns November By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	2
Cappamore-Kilmallock	1
Newcastle West	3
Metropolitan District	7
Total	13

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in November	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	14	17
Major Refurbishments	1	66
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	56
Major Refurbishments	4	14
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	30
Major Refurbishments	1	6
Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)		
Minor Refurbishments	0	4
Major Refurbishments	0	1
Total	20	194
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	12

- In November, works on four properties were completed by the Local Authority Housing Construction Team, works on 15 properties were completed by the Local Authority Maintenance Team, works on one property were completed by the Regeneration Team, and works on zero properties were completed by the Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU) Team.
- There are four teams in Limerick City and County Council assigned to refurbish properties. As of November, the Local Authority Construction Team is in the process of completing works on 83 properties, Local Authority Maintenance are working on 70 properties, and the Regeneration Team are working on 36 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

- Final stages taking place for construction of 10 units in Kilfinane.
- Final stages taking place for construction of seven units on Clare Street.
- Stage 4 application being put together for construction of four Units in Mountcollins.
- Consultant appointed for geotechnical investigations for development of units at St. Patricks Road.
- Contractor appointed for construction of 18 units at Brugh Na Deise, Bruff.
- Framework established for provision of design and build projects with values between €5 million to €12 million.
- Contractor appointed for site investigation works at Scanlon Park, Castleconnell.
- Contractor appointed for cleanout works at property on Rosbrien Road.
- Structural Engineers appointed for inspection works at property at Nicholas Street.
- Contractors currently on site for construction of 11 units in Broadford.
- Contractors currently working on six refurbishment projects in Limerick city and county.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €4,890,024 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €1,080,317 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during November

Housing Maintenance Cases – November	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 30.11.2025
Metropolitan District of Limerick	979	819	1,197
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	102	86	402
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	182	146	335
Municipal District of Newcastle West	138	153	517
TOTAL	1,401	1,204	2,451

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Grants Inspections

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

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	9	10
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	21	0	17	39
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	14	0	13	27
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	3	2	7
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	1	38	3	41	83

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

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	2	0	6	8
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	11	0	15	26
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	2	3
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	14	0	24	38

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

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	8	12
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	9	0	9	18
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	1	0	2	3
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	14	0	20	34

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	0	3
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	2	6
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	2	3
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	8	0	4	12

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House Inspections Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - November- Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – Minor Repairs needed	4
Cat 2 – Moderate Repairs needed	1
Cat 3 – Substantial Repairs needed	1
Cat 4 – Major Repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	6
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	11

Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered November	4
RFI (Request Further Information) Applications November	10
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	5
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	1
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	30

Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects – November

1	Currently Seeking tenders for a new lift to be installed in the Simon Community, Oak Lodge Building, Clare Street, Limerick, and one for Phoenix Lodge, Lord Edward Street.
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4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2025

Buy/Build/Lease as of 30.11.2025 is as follows:

As at 30.11.2025 (01.01.2025 – 30.11.2025)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	“Housing for All” 2025 Delivery Target
Build	73	185	258	551
Buy *	27	3	30	€15m (Funding allocation)
Lease	18	11	29	10
TOTAL	118	199	317	

*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 November and Cumulative to Date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in November	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)	13	78
Proposals being reviewed	0	0
Sale Agreed	1	3
Purchase Completed	16	173
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	27	637
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into the Council - however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	10	66
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	0	69
Grand Total	67	1,026

Social Housing/Affordable Housing - Project Submissions and Approvals

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

Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Mortgage to Rent Scheme	Approval for one unit at Ballyallinan, Newcastle West, Co Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West.
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Delegated Sanction approval for the acquisition of one unit at Castletroy, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Revised Stage 4 approval for the construction of five units at Henry Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	AHB CALF Turnkey approval for 28 units at Newtown Manor, Castletroy - CLUID Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility	AHB CALF Turnkey approval for 36 units at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy - CLUID Housing Association	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Submission for the acquisition of one unit at Castletroy, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Affordable Housing Fund	Submission for AHF funding for 11 Units at Glenfield, Kilmallock	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in November
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	28 (Phase 1)	Design Team commenced updating planning pack following feedback from Affordable Housing Team, finalised planning pack due to be re-issued to Affordable Housing Team. Aiming for Part 8 public display before Christmas.
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/ Carey's Road	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Councillor workshop held on 19 November. Land Development Agency (LDA) will commence detailed design to Planning submission - expected in nine months time.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Tender for Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment was issued in November, but no fee proposals received. Tender to be re-issued.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Part 10 planning consultant appointed, and service started. 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 November
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment updates completed and forwarded to consultant Ecologist for opinion regarding the need, if any, for Appropriate Assessment and Natura Impact Statement. Part 10 planning consultant to be appointed.
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 November. Contractor has been appointed – groundworks underway.
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 November. 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 November. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Clúid every month. Contractor appointment process underway.
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare/Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November with viability testing being carried out. Feasibility study has been undertaken on options.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November. Conditions survey tender was advanced.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in November
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Ballykeeffe	145	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during November.
	Municipal District of Adare/Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Srutháin, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during November.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout November for Phase 1 (seven houses) of Castle Place, Newcastle West. Work commenced on preparing for launch of Phase 2 for seven x three bed units.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout November for Carraig Desmond.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock Co. Limerick	14	Affordable Housing Fund application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the 13 November.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	10	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer continued throughout November.
	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 progressed during November. Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued during November. Councillor briefing on SMART Housing programme was held on 25 November.

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Finance (All funding streams)

- Claims totaling €15,945,838 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €6,936,563 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Conferences and Workshops

- Affordable Housing staff members attended the Land Development Agency online seminar on Cost Rental on 24 November.



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Planning and Place-Making

1. Forward Planning and Public Realm

Forward Planning

- Issued Strategic Environmental Assessment Notification to Environmental Authorities for Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 in relation to substandard rural road policy.
- Call for Expressions of Interest for lands suitable for zoning for residential purposes that would contribute to accelerated housing delivery was published on the 20 November.
- Presentation given to the Construction Industry Federation Mid West Construction Conference 2025 held in Castletroy Park on the 21 November.
- THRIVE project team members attended the European Urban Initiative event “Reimagining Places: Sustainable Conservation of Ireland’s Beautiful Heritage – A European Urban Initiative Capacity Building Event under THRIVE and beyond”.
- The “More for Moyross” Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) Design Review was placed on public display with submission invited from interested members of the public.

Public Realm

- Tender Assessment complete for Thrive Fireplace site Nicholas Street and apparent successful and unsuccessful letters issued.
- Nicholas Street Public Realm Plan Part 8 was approved by the Elected Members at the Metropolitan District of Limerick meeting on 17 November.
- Ballybrown/Clarina MyPoint consultation closed, and submissions were consolidated for the Ballybrown/Clarina Public Realm enhancement plan.

Heritage

- Inaugural meeting of the Irish Community Archive Network in Limerick was held on the 06 November. This initiative marks the cooperation of the first four Limerick community groups with the National Museum in terms of recording elements of Limerick oral history, folklore and heritage which will be recorded and presented on the National Museum website.
- Recoupment of County Heritage Plan monies completed. This was done in cooperation with the Biodiversity Officer in the Environment Section. The total recouped was €23,760 which supported a number of projects such as the Shopfront Design Guidelines and specialist surveys investigating the distribution of varied bat species in West Limerick.

Conservation

- 13 Section 57s complete.
- With the support of Mayoral funding works to Sarsfield Monument on Cathedral Place were completed.
- Drawdown of Annual Conservation Grants complete and sent to Department for reimbursement, covering:
 - Built Heritage Investment Scheme – 31 recipients
 - Built Heritage Invest Scheme for Thatch - six recipients
- Historic Structure Fund – one recipient from 2024 deferred to this 2025.

Archaeology

- Kilmallock-Derry-Bradford: Connecting Irish Walled Towns and UK Cities of Culture launched in November. This public presentation showcased research outputs from an 18-month project that combined digital heritage capture of the Irish walled towns of Derry and Kilmallock.

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2. Development Management and Place-Making

Development Management

Planning Applications

A total of 122 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	0
Housing Developments	6
Domestic Developments	86
Agricultural Developments	8
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	12
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	4
Other Developments	6

The current applications include proposals for:

- Permission for a Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) comprising of the construction of 169 residential units, creche and all associated development works at Dromdarrig, Mungret, County Limerick. Access to the site will be via two new vehicle access points from the existing Mungret Park Road. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the planning application.
- Permission for the demolition of 38, 39, 40 and 41 Catherine Street, refurbishment of 35 and 37 Catherine Street which are Protected Structures and the construction of an apartment building over six floors with 76 apartments, the construction of a new semi-basement level with 11 car-parking spaces at 34 - 41 Catherine Street, Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted with the planning application.

- Construction of a three storey extension to the Maternity Emergency Unit (MEU), gross floor area of 1,042 square metres to include refurbishment of existing medical areas on the Ground Floor Level and First Floor Level within the existing Maternity Hospital building to form part of the Maternity Emergency Unit (MEU) extension, provision of 54 replacement car parking spaces and all associated landscaping and site development works at University Maternity Hospital Limerick, Ennis Road, Limerick.

Place-Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street

- Roof repairs and full exterior repaint successfully concluded.

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.

Croom Post Office Village Square Project

- Preferred Tenderer selected for painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Integrated Design Team Consultant appointed to manage Stages 2(b) to 5 of the Project - kick off meeting took place on 19 November.

Milk Market Food Hub

- Procurement process for the purchase of three Milk Market units continued.
- Proposed Food Hub schematic design developed for one property.

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City Centre Streets and Laneways

- The Limerick Laneways Toolkit and Guidance document was published on Limerick City and County Council's website on 24 November.
- Workshop was held with Elected Members on the identification of specific laneways to be put on a list for a multi criteria analysis to aid identifying a priority list of laneways for works to be implemented on, over the coming years.
- Meeting took place with key stakeholders of Theatre Lane on 11 November to identify the key design drivers. Preliminary design commenced on public realm enhancements for the lane.

Greening Georgian Limerick

- Preferred Tenderer identified for the provision of low-level planters.

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

CFRAMS Staff attended the Engineers Ireland Flood Risk Management Seminar (online) on 25 November. The Seminar focused on planning guidelines, flood modelling, and case studies from across Europe, including studies on nature conservation, flash flood breakers, and river projects.

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (KIFRS)

- Site works are progressing across all work areas. In November, the primary focus has been along the Quays and near the Absolute Hotel. Embankment construction has been limited due to weather-related constraints.
- Monthly Commercial Meeting held on 05 November.
- Monthly Progress Meeting held on 19 November.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group Meeting held on 05 November.
- Planning approval received from An Coimisiún Pleanála on 03 November.
- Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation being finalised and landowner agreements progressing in parallel.
- Geotechnical Contractor scheduled to commence on site.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 17 November.
- Approval on Options awaited from Office of Public Works (OPW).

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 10 November.
- Technical Review of Options with Clare County Council CFRAMs Team on 09 November.
- Internal and OPW Review Workshops held on the final draft Multi Criteria Analysis.
- Public Realm Update drawings received and under review.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Managing OPW Queries on Options and Cost Benefit.

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4. 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.
- The main Contractor is undertaking minor snag works currently which is due for completion in 2026.

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 as of late November is still 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

- LTT are engaging with the Design Team and the preferred bidder with a view to mobilising and commencing construction works in line with the Development Agreement.
- Tri-party OPW Limerick City and County Council LTT Heads of Terms for the sale of the Landmark Building site and transfer of carparking rights from Limerick City and County Council to the OPW and subsequent

development of the building by LTT has been signed by all parties and all parties are currently working through legal documentation. Significant progress was made on progression of Legal Documentation with the majority now in agreed form.

Events One Opera Square

- One Opera Square hosted the launch of the Limerick Gift Card by Limerick City and County Council as part of the night-time economies, Twilight Thursday events within the city. The event was attended by over 150 members of the public.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Progress Update

Phase 1 - Stabilisation and Repair of Flaxmill

- The Final Business Case for the Phase 1 was approved on 17 November. This allows the Contractor to be appointed and commence the works.
- Notification letters were issued to tenderers on 20 November with evidence of tax compliance, insurances and performance bond sought from the successful tenderer.
- 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 on 11 November.
- The final planning application included for the following quantum of accommodation:
 - 234 homes
 - 270 Student Beds
 - Creche for 34 children
 - Commercial unit of 299m²
 - Large public realm spaces

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- 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.

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.

Gardens International

International Men's Mental Health Day

- An event was held on 19 November in Gardens International with the Building Tenants to mark International Men's Mental Health Day, fostering awareness and support for mental well-being.

Garryowen Football Club

- Garryowen Football Club held a large-scale Leadership Lunch in the Foyer, seating over 180 guests, on the afternoon of 07 November. The event was a fundraiser for Garryowen Football Club.

Openchip

- Openchip moved into the 4th Floor Gardens Central on a 10-year lease for 11,000sqft of Office accommodation. The new Tenant will formally be announced at an Industrial Investment Authority (IDA) Launch Event in Gardens on 04 December.

Project Media Engagement

Festive Lighting at Cleeves Riverside Quarter

- The chimney was illuminated with festive snowflakes on 22 November, and will remain lit for the holiday season.

Shoebox Appeal

- Wrapped up at Cleeves Riverside Quarter on 20 November. Shoeboxes collected from schools and communities around Limerick were collated and sent on their final journey to Africa. The Limerick Twenty Thirty team, volunteers, and the army assisted in loading the truck.

Other Activity

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vacancy

- A strong, multi-channel campaign promoted the Chief Executive Officer vacancy across national and international platforms, including national and local newspapers, specialist recruitment sites, social media, LinkedIn Jobs, and [PublicJobs.ie](https://publicjobs.ie). Lansdowne Executive Search are leading the recruitment. Details of the role were reshared across social media platforms.



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Environment, Climate Action and Shared Services

1. Housing Assistance Payment Shared Services Centre (HAP SSC)

- There were 50,007 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of November.
- A weekly average of 128 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2025.
- The November landlord payment run was €50.883 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of November, was €3.03 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €143.3 million in differential rent to end of November.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of November was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 7,483 HAP debt reminder letters in November.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/11/25 – 30/11/25	65	80	145
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	82%	57%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	18%	39%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	0%	4%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications November	11	11	0	22	
Disability Access Certificate Applications November	7	5	0	19	
Licensing Applications November	8	7			
Commencement Notice November	30	24	4		28
Completion Certificate November	31	21	0		21
Planning Referrals November	26	25			
Dynamics November	3 received				

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Fire and Emergency Training Events

Limerick City Firefighter Recruits completed training in the following disciplines:

- Swiftwater Rescue
- Boat Operator
- Compartment Fire Behaviour Training
- Road Traffic Collision
- Hazardous Materials
- Working at Heights

The following courses were delivered:

- Three Retained Firefighters completed Compartment Fire Behaviour Training
- Two Firefighters and a Senior Officer completed the Breathing Apparatus (BA) Refresher Course
- A Senior Officer completed the Boat Operator Training
- A number of Swiftwater Rescue Technicians completed the instructor update training
- Firefighters completed the HIAB and Winch Refresher training
- Two firefighters completed the Bronto Operator Initial Training

Civil Defence attendance at Events and Activities

Training

- Two volunteer members attended the Personal Safety Techniques and Casualty Handling Course held on the 02 and 03 November.
- Civil Defence Officers Association Conference was held in Salthill, Galway on the 04-06 November.
- Search Responder Course was held on the 07 November.
- Missing Persons Seminar held in Civil Defence College in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary on the 15 November.
- Avian Influenza Workshop was held in Mallow, County Cork on the 17 November.
- Weekly Training is held every Tuesday.

Events/Duties

- The Certificate Presentation Night 2025 was held on the 18 November.
- The Coolcappa Lights Up 2025 was held in Coolcappa, Co. Limerick on the 23 November.

Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - October	November	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	16	1	17
Municipal Districts	9	1	10

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - October	November	Total 2025
Metropolitan District	60	2	62
Municipal Districts	43	3	46

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3. Environment and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

- The Community Climate Action Officer attended the launch of the Mapping Our Environment Event held in the Strand Hotel on 05 November.
- The Climate Action Coordinator attended a Life Funding information Session hosted by the Department of Climate Energy and the Environment in Tullamore on 05 November.
- The Climate Action Officer attended the Climate Change Advisory Council Research and Publications webinar hosted by Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) on 07 November.
- The Climate Action Team's Energy Management was audited by the National Standards Authority of Ireland to retain its ISO50001 accreditation on 10 and 11 November.
- The Climate Champions (staff) visited Limerick Youth Service to learn about their environmental programmes/projects and Community Climate Action Programme project.

The Climate Action Team hosted several Climate Action Implementation team meetings over the month:

- **10 November:** Built Environment and Energy Group
- **11 November:** Community and Partnership Group
- **12 November:** Natural Environment Group
- **20 November:** Library Service Group
- **20 November:** Travel and Mobility Group
- **24 November:** Governance and Leadership Group
- In partnership with The Travel and Transportation Directorate a shared Electric Vehicle Survey was sent to all staff on 14-28 November to seek the opinion of staff

on the development of an electric vehicle car share option, to support our climate action targets.

- The Community Climate Action Officer held three online webinars giving guidance on how to complete the application form for the Community Climate Action Programme. The Community Climate Action Officer continued to meet with community groups, organisations and businesses interested in undertaking climate action projects.
- The Climate Action Team attended the final meeting of the Biodiversity and Greenplace Local Urbact Group in City Hall on 25 November.
- The Climate Action Team hosted the quarterly meeting of the Energy Management Team on 27 November.

The following events were held in the Citizen Innovation Lab:

- **13 November:** The Active Travel Department is in the process of developing a Master Plan for Walking, this plan will guide decisions on how we make walking and wheeling easier, safer, more accessible, and more inclusive across Limerick. As part of this process, the Active Travel Team hosted a drop-in session to hear directly about people's experiences, to create a more usable and more accessible network for everyone.
- **24 November:** Hosted the first meeting of the Limerick Transport and Mobility Forum.

Veterinary Services

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	13
Number of Dog Control fines issued	5
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	5
Number of horses seized	15

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Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	38
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	45
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	4
Inspections – Annual Return Validations	0
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	6
Directions of Authorised Officer issued (MS Dynamics)	9
Statutory notices issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	8
Prosecutions initiated (MS Dynamics)	0
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	3
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	7
Planning reports	123
Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received	92
Inspections undertaken	353
Warnings issued	1
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	5
Statutory notices issued	3
Prosecutions initiated	2
Fines issued	18

Parks and Green Spaces

Projects progressed in November

Project	Description
Cappamore Playground upgrade	Works are now completed and include an inclusive roundabout, an inclusive trampoline, a new swing frame with inclusive seat, new sensory play panels and a new junior unit.
Askeaton Playground	Works are now completed and include an inclusive roundabout, an inclusive trampoline and new sensory play panels.
Kilmallock Playground upgrade	The contractor is on site and is progressing development of an inclusive trampoline area, inclusive swing seats, an inclusive roundabout and new sensory play panels.
Cricket Crease development in Mungret Park	The contractor is on site and works have commenced.
Mungret Park	Two new disability car parking spaces have been installed in the upper car park.
Pocket Park, Parnell Street	Civil works have now been completed.

Tree Works

During November dead trees have been removed from several locations throughout the City and County. Trees which were identified as a potential safety concern were reduced at Thomas Street, Catherine Street, Shannon Street, Howley's Quay and Bedford Row in Limerick City.

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An Taisce Green Flags Awarded

Limerick City and County Council continues to demonstrate its commitment to excellence in public green spaces, with multiple local parks recognised in the prestigious 2025 Green Flag Awards, announced by An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland.

This year marks a special milestone for Mungret Park, which has received its first ever Green Flag Award. This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of the Parks Department at Limerick City and County Council, whose efforts ensure that our green spaces remain vibrant, accessible, and environmentally responsible.

In addition to Mungret Park, Adare Town Park retained the Green Flag status it first achieved in 2024, and The People’s Park continues to uphold its standard of excellence, maintaining its Green Flag.

Limerick also celebrates success in the Green Heritage Site Accreditation, with Lough Gur Lakeshore Park and Visitor Centre recognised for its unique historical and cultural significance.

Cemeteries

Projects progressed in November

Project	Description
Columbarium Wall Garden in Kilmurry Cemetery	The monumental sculptor is continuing to progress works on site with the civil works and paving now being substantially complete.
Adare and Castlemungret Cemeteries Columbarium Walls	A monumental sculptor has now been appointed to install columbarium walls at each of these cemeteries.

Mount St. Lawrence	12
Mount St. Oliver	19
Castlemungret	17
Kilmurry	2

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	40	Farm Inspections of Farms in the Deel_070 and Sheep_10 catchments
Farm Re-Inspections	5	Re-Assessment of farms previously inspected to ensure compliance
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Letters sent	58	Notification of Inspection and/or further information required
Closing Letters	34	Compliant letters from Inspection
Warning Letters	4	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) – Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/ complaints	1	Water Pollution Complaints
Dynamics CRM – non-routine farm inspections e.g. on foot of pollution or complaint	2	Complaints associated with Agricultural issue
Dynamics CRM – Number of Active Cases	3	Open cases in Dynamics CRM- Good Agriculture Practice and Non-Good Agriculture Practice cases
Dynamics CRM – Number of cases open longer than 30 days	2	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	17	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Planning Files	13	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
External Meetings	2	Local Authority Waters Programme South West Liaison and Regional Operational Committee meetings
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	1	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations
Poultry Books	2	Poultry Books sent out
Poultry Dockets	150	Dockets received and uploaded

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Environmental Awareness

Southern Waste Region – Environmental Awareness Officer network

- The Environmental Awareness Officers of the Southern Waste Region attended a site visit at Irish Cement to view at first hand their waste recovery process which is licenced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Outreach visits

- Practical guidance on household and workplace recycling, waste reduction strategies and promotion of www.mywaste.ie, together with general Environment and Climate Action (e.g. Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems, Litter).
- Wyeth Nutritionals, Askeaton – Staff event
- Teach Ladies Group, Cloverfield (Kilteely-Dromkeen)

Launch of Circular Cups for Community

The launch of this Southern Regional Waste project was held in Integrated Rural Development (IRD) Duhallow, Newmarket, County Cork on 20 November. This waste prevention project will facilitate the organisers of not-for-profit events and festivals gatherings to avail of delivery and washing of both hot and cold cups for events from mid-January 2026. It is envisaged that this initiative will substantially reduce the use of single use plastics at festivals and events.

[Circular Cups for Community Events in the Southern Region - My Waste](#)

Limerick City Fairtrade

Limerick City Fairtrade celebrated their 20th birthday at Istabraq Hall with the schools Christmas Card Fairtrade competition. [Limerick City Fairtrade 20th Birthday Celebrated in Style at Istabraq Hall, City Hall | Limerick.ie](#). This event was also the Limerick pilot for [Circular Cups for Community Events in the Southern Region - My Waste](#).

Biodiversity

Limerick's return to nature Faith Communities Project saw Limerick City and County Council distribute spring pollinator-friendly bulbs to participating parishes as part of the Limerick Faith Communities Biodiversity Project. Supported by the Heritage Council, the project involves 10 church grounds in Limerick parishes actively promoting pollinator-friendly practices and enhancing biodiversity.

Limerick Wildlife Walls: Island Road in Limerick is now home to the latest additions to the Limerick Wildlife Walls project. The two striking murals by Draw Outs Artist in residence Louise Keely are the Lesser Horseshoe Bat (Crú-ialtóg bheag) and the Green Hairstreak Butterfly (Stiallach Uaine). These artworks join a growing trail of biodiversity murals, including Grove Island's dragonflies, the fox on Athlunkard Street transforming the cityscape into a celebration of nature. 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)	€18,970.38	1
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€2,614	One Group Water Schemes
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€23,874.04	Six Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€0	0

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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Corporate, Governance and Customer Services

Schedule of Council Meetings for November

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council		
Adjourned Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to the Mayoral Fund	06/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to submission regarding SID Windfarm	13/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Statutory Budget 2026 Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	21/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	24/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council in relation to submission regarding SID Windfarm	27/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Operational Briefings		
Limerick City East	04/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City North	04/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick City West	05/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Municipal District of Newcastle West		
Monthly Meeting	05/11/2025	Newcastle West and Online
Adare-Rathkeale		
Monthly Meeting	11/11/2025	Rathkeale and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock		
Monthly Meeting	20/11/2025	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick		
Monthly Meeting	17/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	03/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	04/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	04/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	05/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	12/11/2025	Engine – Cecil Street
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	17/11/2025	Dooradoyle and Online
Party Leader's Meeting	18/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Protocol Committee Meeting	18/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Discover Limerick DAC Meeting	25/11/2025	Engine – Cecil Street
Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	26/11/2025	Merchant's Quay and Online
Limerick Women's Caucus Committee Meeting	26/11/2025	Dooradoyle

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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	41
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 November:

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
November	1,605	389	1,994

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

Rejection Reason	November
Memo Requisition not raised in advance – Omitted/Insufficient detail	82
Documentation attached Omitted/ Incorrect	64
Procurement Reference Omitted/ Incorrect	55
Request for Quotes - Omitted	44
Quotes – Omitted/Incorrect copy provided	44

Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	244
Deletions from Electoral Register	221
Modifications to the Electoral Register	640
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	1,105

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Hydrauliska Industri AB (HIAB)	8
HIAB – Refresher	2
First Aid Response	7
First Aid Response – Refresher	6
Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) Driver Module 1	7
CPC Driver Module 2	3
Safe Pass	13
Manual Handling	74
Winter Service Operator – New Entrant	8
Winter Service Operator - Refresher	9
Total Staff Trained	137

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Access to Information

	November	2025 (January to November)
Total Freedom of Information Requests	28	281
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	2	15
Information Commissioner Appeals	2	7
Total Ombudsman Requests	3	39
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	0	33
AIE Internal Appeals	0	3

Customer Services

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

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 9,237 calls. This represents an average of 462 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 768 on one particular day. 87% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,819 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.
- 3,694 cases were created, with 2,496 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 68% of the cases created.
- 3,199 cases were closed, with 892 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 162 cases being logged. Of these, 154 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 98% 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 123 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 86 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 53 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,578 customers at both our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

2. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Val the Viking

- The Val the Viking project was launched on 04 November. The Val the Viking project, born from Brand Limerick and rooted in community engagement and a spirit of inclusion, is an initiative that fosters a sense of connection to our Limerick Libraries, reading and the wonderful world of books amongst our younger readers, as well as helping them to understand where they live a little better. Val the Viking packs have been made available to all local Limerick school children from each Limerick library branch.

Limerick Student City

- Finalised collaborative promotional video asset with University of Limerick (UL), Mary Immaculate College Limerick (MIC), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB), ready to launch in 2026 and will be rolled out as part of a Central Applications Office (CAO) Deadline campaign to attract prospective students to Limerick.

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Limerick on Foot

- Photography and Videography services engaged in the production of assets to promote Limerick's tracks and trails, including three rural trails under Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) Measure 1 funding.
- Work continues on asset creation and collation ahead of our Limerick on Foot campaign launch in 2026.

Other Activity

- Provided backdrops and merchandise and attended the "Join the Dots" collaborative programme that builds UK-Ireland regional partnerships in areas including innovation, regeneration and economic development at the Strand Hotel. The head of the Marketing and Communications sat on a panel discussing legacy events and regional development at event.
- Work continued on the Brand Limerick Audit, with the Brand Audit Touchpoint Matrix complete.
- Collaborated with content creator, Eadaoin Fitzmaurice to promote County Limerick, including Lough Gur, Old Irish Ways Museum, Grange Stone Circle and a number of Limerick based food and drink outlets.
- Entered two Marketing projects into the Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) 2026 Awards.
- Provided assistance in terms of brand guidance, marketing support, merch and displays to colleagues in Planning, Festivals, the Arts Office and Active Travel.

Social Media

Management of 14 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: 39,325

Limerick.ie X: 20,975

Limerick.ie Instagram: 43,668

Limerick.ie TikTok: 4,538

Limerick City and County Council X: 18,878

Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 6,225

Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 16,580

Limerick City and County Council TikTok: 1,281

Mayoral Accounts:

Mayor of Limerick Instagram: 1,858

Mayor of Limerick Twitter: 266

Limerick.ie

In November, there were 186,257* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 1% increase on the same period in 2024. (*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

1. www.limerick.ie/christmas
2. www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning
3. www.limerick.ie/council/your-council/jobs
4. www.limerick.ie/council
5. www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse

Content Report: 106 articles, 346 events and five new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in November.

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Communications

- Issued 23 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and three from the Office of the Mayor.
- Researched and prepared 30 speeches for the Office of the Mayor and four speeches for the Príomh Chomhairleoir.
- Handled all media queries, which come into communications@limerick.ie and continued to offer Communication support to all Directorates of Limerick City and County Council.
- Posted 346 times across the four Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 42,964. Our posts earned 730,137 impressions/views (number of times users saw our post).

Social media posts were created and shared for the following:

- Promotion of November Twilight Thursday and gallery for October Twilight Thursday.
- Val the Viking Marketing initiative Launch.
- Continuous Road Updates and Public Notices.
- Series of posts for Active Travel section.
- 'Leave a Light On' Call Out for Night time economy.
- Several posts highlighting extensive cleansing and upgrades in the City Centre
- Advertisement of job vacancies for Human Resources Department.
- Limerick Footballers Civic Reception posts and video.
- Ongoing promotion of the Limerick Gift Card with series of weekly videos and social advertisements.

- Limerick City and County Council Takes Top Honour as Local Groups Celebrated at Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place Awards 2025.
- Showcase of Wildlife Walls and where to find them with weekly videos.
- Promotion of Focus Group on Master Plan for Limerick.
- Soundwaves Podcasting and Music Summit – live posting.
- Promotion of new Exhibitions at Limerick Museum.
- Series of initiatives promoted for Environment Department.
- Work on Galbally Church funded by the Monuments Fund 2025.
- "Join the Dots" Conference live posting.
- Promotion of Public Consultation Seeking Lands Suitable for Zoning for Residential Purposes.
- Promotion of Local Community Safety Partnership Townhall Event.
- Annual Certificate Presentation and Long Service Medals Awards Ceremony for Limerick Civil Defence.
- "Can You See Me Now?" Garda Campaign.
- Promoting all Press Releases issued throughout the month.

3. Business Improvement

- A total of 916 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 681
- Limerick City and County Council won the "Supporting Tourism" award for "Limerick Greenway – Embrace the Unexpected" at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.

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4. Municipal District Offices

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

The November Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 17 November.

Briefings/Workshops

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

- Workshop to discuss Limerick Laneways
- Workshop to receive an update from the National Transport Authority (NTA) on Bus Connects and transport matters.
- Briefing on City Centre Temporary Parklets
- Briefing on Bus Route 303, O'Malley Park
- Briefing with the Land Development Agency (LDA) on Carey's Road Development
- Briefing on the report of the emergency services integration with Active Travel Schemes study

Operational Area Briefings

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

Road Related Upgrade/Refurbishment Works

Description of Project: Sanville Cross LCSS

Location: Sanville Cross

Cost of Project: €50,000

Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering

Description of Project: Newtown Road Traffic Calming Scheme

Location: Newtown Road

Cost of Project: €34,000

Contractor: Lynkeo Civil Engineering

Description of Project: Clarina Footpath Improvements

Location: Clarina

Cost of Project: €50,000

Contractor: Peter Ryan Ltd.

Description of Project: Clarina N69 Road Repairs

Location: Clarina

Cost of Project: €16,000

Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Ltd.

Description of Project: Parnell Street/Bishop Street/O'Connell Street Road Repairs

Location: Parnell Street/Bishop Street/O'Connell Street

Cost of Project: €32,000

Contractor: Tallybrooke Civil Engineering Ltd.

Description of Project: Jail Boreen Road Resurfacing

Location: Jail Boreen Road

Cost of Project: €75,000

Contractor: Roadstone Ltd.

Description of Project: Upper William Street/Mulgrave Street Road Resurfacing

Location: Upper William Street/Mulgrave Street

Cost of Project: €100,000

Contractor: Roadstone Ltd.

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale was held on 11 November 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:

- 100 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 107 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Mayoral Paint Scheme 2025

Two commercial businesses in both Rathkeale and Ballingarry availed of the Mayoral Paint Scheme in November totalling €1,535.

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Road Maintenance

- Inlet opening
- Debris removal from Road Drainage Systems
- Opening and cleaning of road culvert works undertaken in Askeaton and Adare
- Minor Drainage Projects

Emergency Severe Weather Works carried out during Storm Claudia

- Tree removal
- Road clearance
- Flood Barrier installation
- Sandbag distribution to residents of Askeaton town

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 20 November in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Briefing for the Elected Members on the Elected Representations Online System was held on 20 November in Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick and online.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned through Microsoft Dynamics

- 186 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 189 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Shop Front Minor Repair and Paint Grant Scheme

Grant funding totalling €9,268.15 was paid under this scheme to 11 businesses across the Municipal District.

Roads Maintenance/Improvement Works

Description of project: Installation of Vehicle Restraint System on R513
Grant: Low-Cost Safety Scheme Funding
Location: R513 Rathjordan Herbertstown
Cost of project: €50,000
Contractor: Lagan Operations and Maintenance

Description of project: Kilfinane National School and Secondary School Public Lighting
Grant: GMA 2025
Location: L1511 Kilfinane
Cost of project: €22,000
Contractor: Electric Skyline and Kilmallock Roads Crew

Description of project: Climate Adaption and Resilience Scheme Works
Grant: Climate Adaption and Resilience Funding
Location: L1525 Angelsboro
Cost of project: €80,000
Contractor: Lagan Operation and Maintenance, English Tar and Kilmallock Roads

Description of project: Kiltelly to GAA Field NTA Active Travel Scheme Works
Grant: National Transport Authority Active Travel Scheme Works
Location: L5055 and L1156 Kiltelly
Cost of project: €345,000
Contractor: Des Renehan t/a DR Construction, English Tar, Electric Skyline, FRS Fencing Systems and Kilmallock Roads

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Description of project: Drainage and Surfacing Works
Kilballyowen, Bruff

Grant: Community Involvement
Scheme Funding

Location: L8506 Kilballyowen

Cost of project: €8,000

Contractor: English Tar

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.

Mayoral Fund - Minor Shop Repair and Paint Scheme 2025

- 12 businesses received grants with a total of €10,245 being paid under the scheme.

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- 05 November - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- 14 November - Private Briefing for the Elected Members of the Municipal District of Newcastle West on the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan.

Housing Maintenance

- 140 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 129 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed routine 1,029 transactions generating an income of €159,326.

Road Reconstruction

General Maintenance

- Opening inlets and gully cleaning.
- Upgrade of road signage.
- Patching of potholes.
- Upgrade of road markings.

