



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
to be held on Monday, 19th January 2026.**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council explain why the graveyard gates were not open Christmas Day at Mount St. Oliver Cemetery and what measures they are taking to prevent this happening again.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council engage the services of a security company to open and close the gates at Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery on days when staff are not present. There was delay in opening the gates to Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery on Christmas Day as the security company did not attend as Limerick City and County Council did not explicitly request this service on Christmas Day. On Christmas Day, once staff became aware of the closed gates, attendance on site was arranged to ensure the gates were open.

Upon review with the security company, it has been agreed that requirements for opening and closing over the Christmas period will be explicitly communicated and confirmed in advance each year.

On behalf of the Cemeteries team, I wish to apologise and express our regret at the distress caused to those who wished to visit loved ones on Christmas Day and provide assurances that measures are now in place to prevent a reoccurrence.

Sonja Reidy,
Senior Executive Officer
Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks & Cemeteries

14th January 2026



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a car park space be designated for Click and Collect (30 minutes free parking for shoppers) on both William Street and O'Connell Avenue (across from St. Josephs Church) to support local retailers.

Reply:

Parking regulations in Ireland do not specifically address click and collect parking spaces. The Council relies on the enforcement of double yellow lines within the space to prevent overstaying, in this way vehicles which are actively loading or loading for a few minutes can be accommodated. This method of parking enforcement is not suitable for stays of 30 minutes.

The future provision or retention of dedicated click and collect spaces should be considered within the broader context of the upcoming Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and the Parking Management Plan which is currently under review and will include consideration of charging fees & durations of stay.

This will ensure that any free parking measures or changes implemented align with objectives as set out in LSMATS & the Development Plan as well as the Transport Plan sustainable transport objectives, traffic management priorities and the needs of local businesses and residents.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council:

(a) Request the installation of dog waste bag dispensers and dedicated dog waste bins at key locations throughout the Metropolitan District, with priority given to:

- All existing and planned dog parks
- Park entrances and popular walking routes

(b) Adopt a phased rollout approach, beginning with a 12-month pilot, at 10-15 high-priority locations, with priority given to the below, with regular monitoring and evaluation:

- O'Brien Park
- Caherdavin Dog Park
- Mayorstone Dog Park
- Castletroy Park Dog Park
- Plassey Riverwalk/Canal Bank

(c) Public usage data and costs after the pilot period to inform future expansion across the Metropolitan District.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council promotes responsible pet ownership including the removal of pet waste from public places by owners and advises of our "any bag, any bin" approach. The Council no longer provides pet waste bins or dedicated pet waste bag dispensers following a review of public health concerns, improper use and cost efficiency concerns. Most dog bins have now been removed and replaced with street bins or park bins. "Any bag, any bin" encourages owners to bag and bin pet waste via the street cleaning and park bins. There are multiple street cleaning and park bin locations in the Metropolitan District that are emptied frequently, thereby managing any potential public health issue while avoiding the costly service of dedicated pet waste disposal.

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Senior Executive Officer
Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks & Cemeteries

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council call on the HSE, An Garda Siochana, and relevant homeless service providers to strengthen inter-agency cooperation and implement measurable protocols to combat drug and alcohol misuse in homeless accommodation facilities in Limerick.

REPLY:

There is already significant inter-agency co-operation between services who have responsibility for addressing Homelessness in Limerick through forums such as the Regional Homeless Forum which meets on a quarterly basis and includes all stakeholders. The strengthening of the inter-agency co-operation has also been raised as part of the Mayoral Expert Working Group on Homelessness as an area of focus. This will continue to be explored and developed through the Working Group.

Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
15th January 2026



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E Secas

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the necessary procedures for taking in charge the Curragh Birin road section linking the public Groody Road to the Curragh Birin housing estate which is already taken in charge, are started promptly for safety reasons, and given that it has been maintained by this local authority for the past couple of years.

Reply:

The section of carriageway linking Groody Road to Curragh Birin estate is not in public charge and I'm not aware that it has been maintained by Limerick City and County Council. I confirm that Limerick City and County Council will commence engagement with the registered property owner to initiate the process of taking in charge the said section of public carriageway.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th January 2026.**



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick Council explain why they did not draw down the full allocation from Government for the Tenant in Situ Scheme for 2025.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council submitted claims totalling €12,587,673.75 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage deadline date of the 5th of December 2025 in relation to Second Hand Acquisitions in 2025. A further €1,275,873.17 in claims were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for acquisitions after the 5th of December that closed at the end of 2025.

Therefore, a total of €13,863,546.92 was submitted to the DHLGH for 2025 out of a total allocation of €15m. This is in line with the projection communicated to the Elected Members as part of a Special Workshop on the 20th of November 2025.

The reasons the full complement of €15m was not spent in 2025 are as follows:

- Delays with an acquisition not being approved internally which necessitated the Housing Team to substitute in another property which caused delays and the loss of a unit for 2025.
- A further property was delayed for a number of months in closing as numerous queries had to be responded to prior to final approval internally.
- Delays with vendors sending back contracts due to living abroad. These properties will now close in 2026.

The further allocation of €4.5m issued in September 2025 for second hand acquisitions is now also fully committed with acquisitions to close in the coming months. We have notified the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage that this fund is committed and

have requested a further allocation of funding. Once 2026 funding allocation has been advised we will notify the Elected Members.

Sarah Newell

Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
16th January 2025



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council considers establishing a framework setting out Voids Refurbishment Classifications that identify the various levels of works required to bring each house back into use and a related value, e.g.:

- Light touch works to the value of €10,000
- Replace windows/doors/bathrooms to the value of €15,000
- Invasive works to the value of €25,000
- Extension or significant internal remodelling to the value of €50,000

REPLY:

At present when a property becomes vacant it is inspected to detail works required to return the property to stock. Works are carried out to ensure that it complies with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019.

Properties are classified in accordance with the works required as follows:

- Cat 1 – Minor Works less than €50,000
- Cat 2 - Moderate works greater than €50,000 and less than €100,000
- Cat 3 - Major Works. Value Greater than €100,000

Works are carried out using a mixture of direct labour and contractors.

We currently have frameworks in place for the supply of various goods and services including:

- Small builders' framework
- Windows and doors
- Electrical works and certification
- Plumbing works including gas certification

A Supplygov framework is also used for building works.

In 2025, 129 properties were returned to housing stock.



Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
15th January 2026



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for salt to be placed on footpaths surrounding University Hospital Limerick, St. Camillus' Hospital, University Maternity Hospital Limerick and all primary care centres within the Metropolitan Area with high pedestrian foot traffic.

Reply:

When roads are gritted in the Limerick City and County Council city routes during a salting route the salt spray width is extended to include the cycle lanes and footpaths. This works well along areas where there is no existing parking along the route. Special attention is given to the 3 bridges walk, areas near the Market area on Friday nights and the areas near the Hospitals and schools. Additional attention will be given to these areas during extreme weather events.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th January 2026.**



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Hickey O'Mara

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we agree to tackle speeding and the lack of pedestrian and cyclist safety along Castle Street between the junction of Thomond Bridge and Verdant Place and the roundabout. I propose the following actions:

- A speed survey is carried out at Castle Street/Thomond Bridge
- Improved speed limit signage is put in place to remind motorists of the reduced speed limit including a radar speed sign.
- That a controlled crossing is constructed at the junction of Thomond Bridge and Verdant Place

Reply:

- A speed survey will be arranged at the junction of Thomond bridge and Verdant Place.
- Improved speed limit signage and road markings can be put in place to help reduce speeds. Note the speed survey will indicate the extent of the issue along this road.
- Verdant Place is currently closed for the past 6 months and is likely to remain closed for a further 6 months. This location was examined for a controlled crossing 2 years ago and it was found that there was insufficient pedestrian demand. Buildouts and tactile paving were installed then which had the effect of narrowing the road, reducing traffic speeds and allowing safe crossing at this locus.

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

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I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a Metropolitan Sub-Committee be formed under the new Community Safety Partnership, to facilitate structured regular discussion on city policing matters for all Metropolitan elected members.

REPLY:

Local Community Safety Partnerships are established under the national Community Safety Partnership framework. This sets out a Partnership's statutory structure, membership, and governance. The Partnership includes representation from An Garda Síochána, local authority officials, elected members, community representatives, and relevant statutory agencies. There are seven mandated positions for elected members of Limerick City and County Council on the Limerick Partnership.

The creation of Sub-Committees is a matter of business for the full partnership to decide when it is established. All operational and strategic matters relating to policing and community safety are addressed through the LCSP as a whole.

Anne Rizzo
A/Senior Executive Officer
Community Development

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