

Executive Report

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

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



Director General



Mayor of Limerick

January 2026

New Collaborative Video Showcases Limerick City as the Complete Student Experience

Limerick City and County Council earns multiple 2026 Local Authority Members Association (LAMA) Award shortlistings

Brand New Website to Record Newly Planted Tress launched by Limerick City and County Council

€6.5 million Nicholas Street Fireplace Site Revival moves forward with New Design Team appointed

Office of Public Works (OPW) and Limerick City and County Council advance €12 million Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme

Limerick Feature Film selected to open world-famous Dublin Film Festival

New 2026 Rates Incentive Scheme Unveiled for Vacant Limerick Business Premises

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Office of the Mayor

January marked a structured activation of the Mayor's priorities for 2026. While traditionally a quieter month, January was used to establish delivery goals, confirm governance arrangements, and position key programmes for execution over the year ahead.

The Mayor's focus during the month was on translating the groundwork of 2025 into operational momentum. This included convening the first meeting of the Mayoral Implementation and Advisory Committee for 2026, progressing the work of the Mayoral Programme Board, and ensuring that the Mayor's priority actions were aligned with both organisational capacity and external funding.

A significant proportion of activity in January related to housing delivery and regeneration. Regular engagement took place with the Housing Directorate, Forward Planning teams and external partners to advance social, affordable and transitional housing initiatives, including SMART (Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition) Homes, Buy and Renew acquisitions and Part VIII schemes. This work was complemented by continued progress on regeneration initiatives, including Opera Square, Newcastle West town centre activation and THRIVE-funded (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) projects.

January also saw sustained engagement at national level. The Mayor undertook a series of meetings in Dublin with Government Ministers, agencies and funding bodies, including with Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation Jack Chambers T.D., European Investment Bank, National Development Finance Agency and Land Development Agency, to advocate for Limerick's capital priorities and to position projects as credible, delivery-ready investments. This engagement reinforced the Mayor's continued emphasis on ensuring that ambition is matched by funding certainty and delivery capability.

Civic leadership remained a visible element of the Mayor's role throughout the month. Alongside governance and policy work, the Mayor represented the city and county at educational, cultural, sporting and community events, reinforcing the civic dimension of the office while maintaining a strong focus on strategic delivery.

By the end of January, the emphasis had clearly moved from preparation to execution. The structures are now in place, priorities have been set, and the focus for the months ahead is on measurable delivery against agreed actions.

January – Key Actions

- **Mayoral Programme Governance:** Convened multiple meetings of the Mayoral Programme Board and hosted the first Mayoral Implementation and Advisory Committee meeting of 2026, establishing oversight of the 24 priority actions for the year.
- **Housing Delivery:** Progressed engagement with the Housing Directorate, Forward Planning and external agencies on social, affordable and transitional housing initiatives, including SMART Homes, Buy and Renew acquisitions and Part 8 schemes.
- **National Engagement:** Undertook targeted engagement in Dublin with Government Ministers, AMEY, the National Development Finance Agency, European Investment Bank and Land Development Agency to advance Limerick's capital and infrastructure priorities.
- **Opera Square:** Attended the launch of the commencement of construction of the new Office of Public Works building at Opera Square, marking a key milestone in the next phase of city-centre regeneration.
- **Regeneration and Town Centres:** Advanced town-centre regeneration through the appointment of THRIVE design teams and the launch of the Newcastle West Town Team.

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- **Infrastructure:** Welcomed Government approval of the preliminary business case for the Limerick City Wastewater Treatment Plant, strengthening the city’s capacity to support growth.
- **Climate and Environment:** Launched the [Trees.Limerick.ie](#) website and continued engagement on climate action and greening initiatives, including Georgian Limerick and public park enhancement.
- **Economic and Cultural Development:** Supported major city and county events including the Great Limerick Run launch, University of Limerick (UL) conferring ceremonies, cultural exhibitions and civic receptions.

- **Civic Leadership:** Delivered sustained representation across education, sport, culture and community events, including school visits, international community celebrations and sporting awards.

Mayor’s Strategic Priorities for 2026

The Mayor has outlined 24 priority areas that will be a particular focus for the delivery of the Mayoral Programme throughout 2026. These priorities reflect key ambitions across housing, regeneration, mobility, economic development and the enhancement of Limerick’s urban and rural environments. During January, significant effort went into agreeing milestones for the year ahead. These summary updates are supplemented by details which will continue to be provided within the Directorate sections of this Executive Report.

Priority	Update
1. Housing Plan & Delivery Transparency	The Housing Delivery Action Plan is progressing through a structured sequence of actions, beginning with a place-based neighbourhood/ Electoral Division(ED) casestudy of King’s Island before expansion across all EDs in the City and builtup areas in the County.
2. SMART Homes	The SMART Housing Pathfinder programme is progressing through a set of design steps before public consultations begin following the appointment in December of initial design teams and development of early site concepts.
3. Voids	Assignment to a dedicated official in LCCC took place of the Mayoral Voids Backlog Initiative 2026 aiming to clear the existing backlog of vacant units and deliver over 200 voids back into use this year.
4. Vienna Housing Model (Kilmallock, Abbeyfeale, Hyde Road, AHB Protocol)	There was no tangible progress on this priority in January. The blockage remains resolution with the Department of how to deliver mayoral funding to LTT to advance with the programme including the pilot project in Abbeyfeale. Other suitable properties were identified for inclusion.
5. Core City Centre Plan (3-4 Years)	A Director has been assigned the responsibility to draft a plan by the end of Quarter 1 2026

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Priority	Update
6. Northside Park	Preliminary design work (Phase 1) continues with a presentation on emerging concepts to the Mayor by the appointed Integrated Design Team.
7. Georgian Limerick – Greening	A pilot demonstrator project is being progressed for delivery early in 2026 for Davis St and Baker Place consisting of the surface installation of large tree planters and low-level shrub and flower planters to enhance and “green” the key vista upon arrival into Limerick City from Colbert Train Station during Quarter 1 2026.
8. LDA Sites (Colbert Quarter, Gas Works)	Progress was focused in January on the staffing of the new delivery implementation office in January with appointment by Irish Rail of a representative to be based in Limerick. Work continued on the design of the Colbert Park in advance of the submission for planning approval.
9. Limerick Twenty Thirty (Opera Square, Cleeve’s)	Sisk commenced works on the OPW 14-storey building.
10. City Centre Transport Plan	Work continues on the draft Plan.
11. Rail (Moyross, Adare, Colbert Spur)	The main discussion relates to securing funding for the Moyross Station and the Colbert Spur. Works continue on the Limerick-Foynes line.
12. Active Travel (TUS, South Circular Road)	Tender notice for construction contract for South Circular Road is currently live on e-tenders with a closing date on the 27 February. The TUS to City Centre scheme is on site with expected completion date of Quarter 4 2026. The section of works between TUS and Hassett’s Cross is nearing completion and the contractor started work in January on section between Hassett’s Cross to Johnseys Shop.
13. Roads (University Way, Adare Bypass)	University Way - further work took place to finalise alignment and design options in consultation with TUS/LCETB with a view to further public consultation on options in March. Adare bypass - on schedule.
14. Arthur’s Quay (Tourism Office, Game Cube)	Arthur’s Quay Framework to be reviewed with the Mayor in Quarter 1 2026. Further analysis of proposals on Arthurs Quay car-parking. Preliminary consideration is being given to the scope and composition of the Game Cube proposal.
15. Christmas 2026	A debrief was carried out by the Festival and Events Team to see what worked well and what improvements may be possible next year in advance of meetings in February with the Mayor and councillors to plan for Christmas 2026.

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Priority	Update
16. Upcoming Events (Ryder Cup, EuroPride)	The Council progressed work on road improvements e.g. the Adare Bypass public realm proposals along with applications to government for funding of various projects. Meetings are now being arranged with the Bid Committee for EuroPride 2028 regarding roles and responsibilities. Engagement will also take place with other key stakeholders.
17. Discover Limerick DAC	Facilitated combined Council and Discover Limerick workshop to identify shared goals and synergies.
18. SME Action Plan (Innovate Limerick DAC)	Work has been progressing to finalise the Innovate DAC and Limerick LEO strategic plans, which will be incorporated into Appendices of the SME Action Plan which will then be taken forward to a future Economic and Enterprise SPC meeting for consideration.
19. King's Island Pilot (Flood Protection, Regeneration, Health Equity, Bloomberg/LSE)	Progress continues on the King John's Castle Masterplan. On the King's Island Flood Relief scheme, works are progressing along the Quays with significant archaeological investigations. The King's Island Bloomberg team has had its first meeting focussing on brief definition.
20. Fashion Incubator	The inaugural meeting of the Fashion Incubator Steering Group has been scheduled to take place in February.
21. Kilmallock - Merchant House and Land Purchases	Progress has been made on agreeing the milestones for this objective.
22. Abbeyfeale Plan	Progress Part 8 proposals for the redevelopment of the former Bank of Ireland in Abbeyfeale and explore funding options available. Discussions took place with West Limerick Resources to find a structure to allow hiring of a project manager to manage 2026 delivery of the Abbeyfeale Plan.
23. TransportOriented Development (Patrickswell, Southill)	Final legal aspects of the land transfer were advanced during January.
24. Health Equity Project	On 29 January Mayor Moran, met with the Minister of State at the Department of Health, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD, to discuss healthcare in the region and advancing health equality in Limerick.

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05 January

- Hosted a Mayoral Programme meeting

06 January

- Attended the official switching off at Noonan's Christmas lighting display at Templeglantine

08 January

- Attended the Mayoral Programme Board Meeting
- Launched a new promotional video celebrating Limerick as one of Ireland's leading destinations for students at Gardens International

09 January

- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly meeting

12 January

- Launched the Team Limerick Clean-Up 11 at Colbert Station
- Met with the Deputy Director General
- Attended the "Bloomberg" Team briefing
- Hosted a pre-meeting for the Mayoral Implementation and Advisory Committee

13 January

- Held the first Mayoral Implementation and Advisory Committee meeting of 2026

14 January

- Attended the opening of the new "AMEY" offices in Dublin
- Met with the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Agency
- Met with the National Development Finance Agency
- Met with the European Investment Bank
- Met with the Land Development Agency

15 January

- Interview with Limerick Live 95
- Meeting regarding Bloomberg, Climate Action Application
- Met with the Director of Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
- Held a meeting with Head of Human Resources
- Met with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance

16 January

- Met with the Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
- Met with a Councillor from the Metropolitan District of Limerick regarding the Corporate Policy Group
- Held a meeting with the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm, and Property Services
- Filmed a short promotional video clip for the "All we Have are Days" Festival
- Meeting regarding the Mayor's Ball 2026
- Met with a Councillor from the Metropolitan District of Limerick regarding the Corporate Policy Group

19 January

- Met with the Director of Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup
- Meeting regarding the Greening of Georgian Limerick
- Met with the Director of Housing
- Attended the January Corporate Policy Group meeting
- Held a discussion with regards to Limerick Parks

20 January

- Attended the Limerick Twenty Thirty shareholder meeting
- Launched the new website for Trees.Limerick.ie at The People's Park
- Attended the Athea Road Racing meeting in Newcastle West
- Met with the Great Southern Trail Action Group
- Participated in a Community Awards meeting

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21 January

- Interview with the “Here’s How” podcast
- Hosted the “AMEY” Consulting Team
- Attended the University of Limerick Winter Conferring Ceremonies lunch
- Participated in the photograph for the appointment of the “THRIVE Fireplace” site design team
- Meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of Mid-West Simon Community

22 January

- Meeting with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Hosted a meeting with the Mayoral Programme Board
- Met with Breen Capital
- Visited St. Gabriel’s School, Dooradoyle for Afternoon Tea with the students
- Participated in the January Party Leaders meeting and Protocol Committee meeting
- Officially opened the “Shannon Lights” exhibition at the Limerick Museum
- Delivered a speech at the Adare Tidy Towns 50th year celebration, Adare

23 January

- Met with the Mayoral Ball 2026 Committee
- Met with Community Development Department, Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development Directorate
- Received a presentation on Housing Growth from the Forward Planning and Urban Development Team
- Attended a prep session for the “Enhancing Heritage and Green Spaces in both the Natural and Built Environment” meeting
- Meeting regarding the Mayoral Fund for 2026
- Office briefing regarding 2026 Mayor’s Priorities
- Meeting regarding Bloomberg

25 January

- Launched Cathedral Souvenir Booklet at St. Mary’s Cathedral
- Delivered a speech at the Polish Scouts Grand Finale of the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity
- Spoke at the 22nd Annual Robert Burns Night

26 January

- Met with the Munster Rugby Chief Executive Officer
- Met with the Director of Environment, Climate Action and Fire
- Attended the launch of the Commencement of Construction of the new Office of Public Works building at Opera Square
- Spoke at the launch of the Great Limerick Run, The Strand Hotel
- Attended the January Plenary Council meeting, Dooradoyle

27 January

- Meeting with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Met with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Met with the Forward Planning Team
- Met with the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm
- Held a meeting regarding SMART (Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition) Homes
- Hosted the Management Board Meeting
- Met with Limerick Football Club (FC)

28 January

- Joined the Mayoral Expert Group for Enhancing Heritage and Green Spaces
- Met with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance
- Attended the City Centre Revitalisation Steering Group monthly meeting
- Celebrated Declan Hannon, former Captain of Limerick Senior Hurling Team, achievements at a Civic Reception in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle
- Attended the Burns Night Supper hosted by the Scottish Government in Ireland

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29 January

- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Met with Procurement Team
- Hosted Minister of State, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, and Senator Dee Ryan
- Met with the Regeneration Team
- Met with the Director of Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development
- Launched the Newcastle West Town Team at The Longcourt House Hotel, Newcastle West

30 January

- Part-took in the Association of Irish Local Government Electricity Transmission and Distribution: The Challenges and Opportunities, seminar
- Held a meeting regarding the Mayor's Gala Dinner 2026
- Met with the Deputy Director General
- Spoke at the Limerick District Schoolchildren's League (LDSL), Annual Sports Star Awards



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1. Financial Management

Commercial Rates and Loans

Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2026	
As at 31st January 2026*	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	2,792,765 *
Accruals €	71,012,039 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	-
Writes offs/ Waivers €	-
Total for Collection €	73,804,804
Amount Collected €	502,605
Arrears €	73,302,199 *
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	767,985
% Collected	1%

Debtors Loans	
As at 31st January 2026*	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	213,472 *
Accruals €	- ^
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	213,472
Receipts €	170,118
Arrears €	43,354 *
% Collected	80%

* Subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2025

^ Accruals not updated for loans for January 2026

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** The Date for Making the 2026 Rate was 28 January 2026

Recourse to Overdraft Facility

No. of days in overdraft 0

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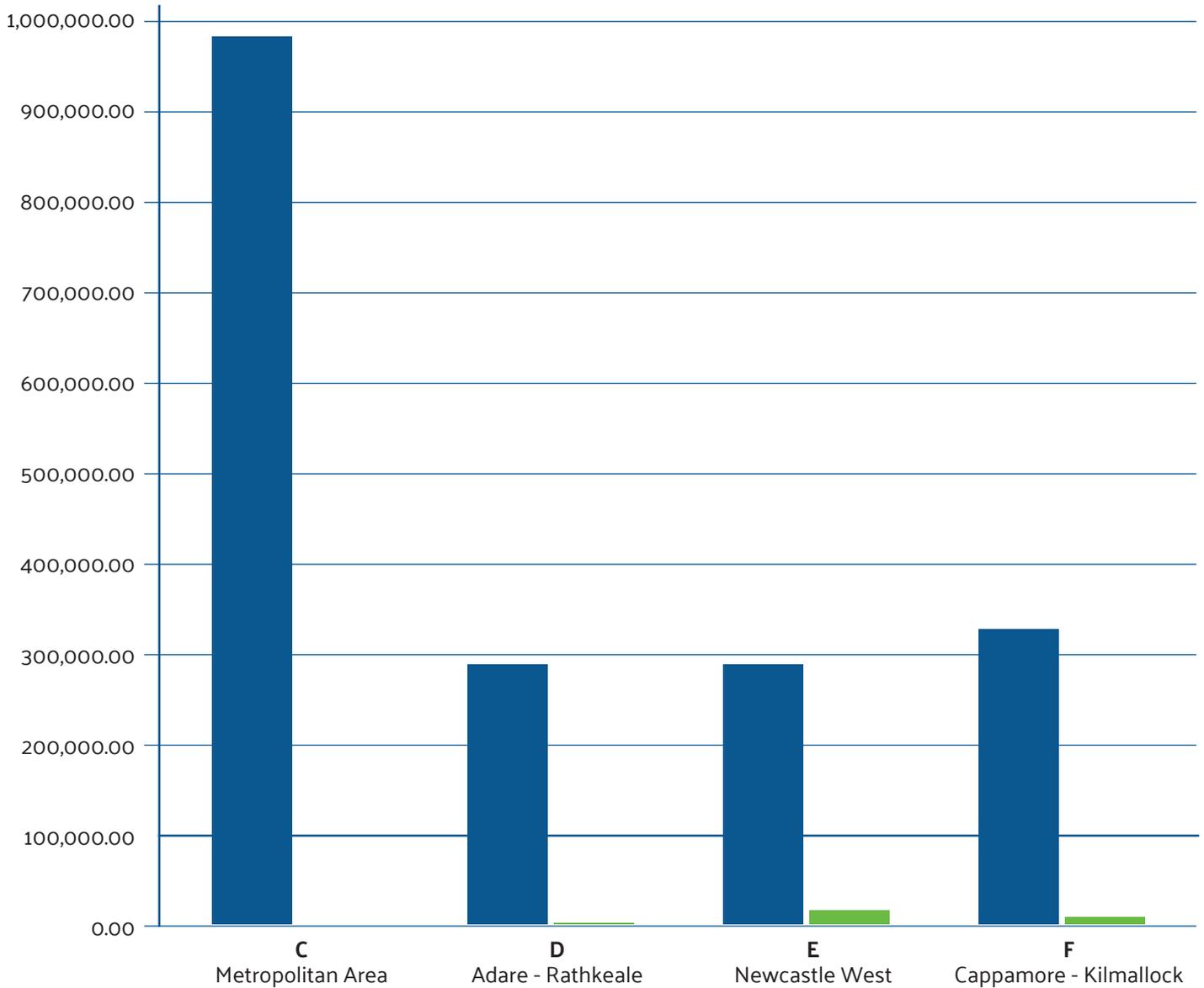


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General Municipal Allocation 2026 Adopted Estimate €1.872 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 31st January 2026



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitan Area	982,800.00	0
D Adare - Rathkeale	280,800.00	1,000
E Newcastle West	280,800.00	10,445
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	327,600.00	8,241
	1,872,000.00	

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

- There were 49,203 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of January.
- A weekly average of 99 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2026.
- The January landlord payment run was €50.4 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of January, was €3.0 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €13.3 million in differential rent to end of January.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of January was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 10,204 HAP debt reminder letters in January.

3. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.01.2026 - 31.01.2026	
No of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	876
Other Calls	311
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(01 min 55 sec) 115 Seconds
Total No. of calls in January	1,187

4. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Enterprise Infrastructure

- Tenant relationship management was actively maintained throughout January across Engine, Engine Collaboration Centre, N21 Rathkeale Enterprise Centre, and The Old Bank Abbeyfeale as part of routine operations.
- Building upkeep and maintenance were proactively managed for all hubs, including interior cleaning, painting, and exterior cleaning to ensure facility standards.
- Digitisation of Reception and Procedures – Streamlining front-of-house and operational processes through digital solutions. Worked with Limerick City and County Council to provide electricity access to light the side street beside the Hub.
- Work commenced to transform the old sheds behind The Old Bank eHub.

Enterprise Collaboration, Networking, and Education

Enterprise Events

During January, the Engine Collaboration Centre brought together over 304 attendees through more than 27 events and meetings. Covering areas from startups and film to business networking and enterprise growth, these events created meaningful opportunities for collaboration, idea sharing, and business expansion.

Notable Events Hosted:

- Treaty Software (06, 12, 15, 19, 27, 29 January)
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick Meetings and workshops (06, 08, 13, 28, 29 January)
- WebDev meet ups (Limerick for IT) (07, 14, 15, 21 January)
- Discover Limerick DAC (08 January)
- Land Development Agency (LDA) (13, 15, 23, 29 January)
- Maverick (13 January)
- Pathway to Innovate (14, 15 January)

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- National Crew Training Academy (20, 21 January)
- Film In Limerick (28 January)
- Limerick College of Art and Design (29 January)
- All we Have are Days Festival – Donal Dineen Launch Event (30 January)

Partnership and Collaboration

Innovate Limerick worked in partnership with government agencies and policymakers to help strengthen and develop Limerick's enterprise ecosystem throughout January.

Examples include:

- **Industry Research and Development Group (IRDG) Capstone Close Out Day of Pathway to Innovate**
Hosted the IRDG Pathway to Innovate, Capstone Close-Out Day, marking the completion of the entrepreneurial leadership programme and showcasing participant outcomes to enterprise development stakeholder such as Enterprise Ireland and Local Enterprise Office Limerick
- **Pathway to Innovate Regional Partner Meet up**
Pathway to Innovate Regional Partner Meet-Up – Innovate Limerick participated in and contributed to regional focus planning for 2026, working collaboratively with key stakeholder hubs including the RDI Hub (Kerry), Platform94 (Galway), The Old Mill (Gorey), Republic of Work (Cork), and Ludgate (Skibbereen).
- **Limerick for IT Summit**
Innovate Limerick hosted weekly WebDev meetings and partnered with the group as a sponsor of the Limerick for IT Summit and the Atlas Competition.
- **Doon Social Enterprise Farm**
Met with Doon Board members to support with the planning and drawdown of the development contribution support received from Limerick City and County council.

- **All we Have are Days – Dance to Remember Premier and Screening**
Innovate Limerick supported Donal Dineen's event at the "All we Have are Days" festival by providing free event space for his curated music session, which engaged audiences with his signature storytelling and eclectic selection of tracks.

- **Croom Enterprise Board Meeting**
Innovate Limerick attended the Board meeting and engaged in discussions on centre operations and enterprise support.

Engine Hubs Network

- Contributed to the Connected Hubs, Shouting About Hubs Research project "Shaping the future of work across Ireland".
- Strategic Meeting with Doon Social Farm and eHub – A meeting was held to explore growth opportunities for the facility and its surrounding community.
- Tenant Relationship Management – Maintaining effective relationships with tenants continues to be a core operational focus, supporting the success and sustainability of the 19 hubs in the Engine Hubs network.

5. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Discover Limerick DAC and Limerick City and County Council Brainstorming Day

On 08 January, Discover Limerick DAC hosted a brainstorming session with members of the Tourism, Festivals and Events, and Ryder Cup teams. The workshop focused on collaboration and working together in 2026. During the session, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Discover Limerick DAC presented the organisation's strategic vision, along with the King John's Castle programme of events for 2026.

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Familiarisation Trip – King John’s Castle

On 17 January, Discover Limerick DAC was delighted to host AC Group/Avanti Destinations for a familiarisation visit to King John’s Castle. Guests enjoyed a guided tour of the historic attraction, gaining valuable insights into one of Limerick’s most iconic visitor experiences. This visit strengthened relationships with key international partners and showcased the unique heritage offering of Limerick City.

Limerick Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) Meeting – King John’s Castle

On 21 January, Discover Limerick DAC hosted the Limerick Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City DEDP Meeting at the recently refurbished Castle Suite at King John’s Castle. Mark O’Connell of Repucon Consulting delivered an overview of the Limerick Tourism Strategy, focussing on the 10 strategic objectives followed by a very successful workshop on some of the key objectives.

The Director of Services for the Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings Directorate, Limerick City and County Council introduced his new role and provided an overview of his experience and connections within the tourism sector.

The Head of Economic and Tourism Development, Limerick City and County Council highlighted the successful Home of Halloween and Christmas campaigns. He outlined the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day theme, “Legends of Limerick”.

The Directors and CEO of Discover Limerick DAC presented an overview of the King John’s Castle 2026 programme of events and The Discover Limerick Strategy and how it aligns with the Limerick City and County Council Tourism Strategy.

The Ryder Cup Coordinator, Limerick City and County Council, presented an update on Ryder Cup 2027.

6. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) Designated Activity Company (DAC)

Opera Square

Progress Update

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

- The tender process is completed with preferred tenderer identified. The contract award is on hold pending confirmation of funding from Limerick City and County Council.

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

- LTT has signed a Development Agreement with the OPW and Limerick City and County Council for the development of the OPW Landmark Building and Limerick City and County Council owned elements of the Granary, Bank Place and Granary Courtyard.
- LTT awarded the contract for Opera Contract D to John Sisk and Sons as the Main Contractor. LTT assisted Limerick City and County Council in finalising the sale of the Parcel 5 (Landmark Building) site to the OPW. The sale was completed in January.

Project Media Engagement

- A significant milestone in the Opera Square Development was celebrated on 26 January with the announcement of the start of construction of the new Office of Public Works (OPW) landmark office building. The new OPW building is set to become Limerick’s tallest structure.

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- The media event was attended by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation, Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD, Minister of State at the Department of Health and at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Kieran O'Donnell TD, and senior representatives from the Office of Public Works, Limerick City and County Council, Elected Members, Limerick Twenty Thirty, and John Sisk and Son.
- The occasion signalled the commencement of the construction phase for a project that has been in development for over a decade.
- The installation of the crane on the same day marked the transition from planning to actual project delivery.
- A joint public press release and video content were issued to mark the event.

Cleeves Riverside Quarter

Progress Update

Phase 1 - Stabilisation and Repair of Flaxmill

- Following a public procurement tender process, the Building Contract for the stabilisation and repair works to the Flaxmill was awarded to Sisk and Sons Limited. Physical works onsite commenced the week 26 January.
- Funding for the project is supported by the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF).

Phase 2 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- LTT await decision on the Planning Application including the Environment Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) from An Coimisiún Pleanála.

- The final planning application included for the following quantum of accommodation:

- 234 homes
- 270 Student Beds
- Creche for 34 children
- Commercial unit of 299 meter squared.
- Large public realm spaces

Phase 3 - Technological University of the Shannon City Campus

- A Memorandum of Agreement between Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC and Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) was prepared for the development of a campus on the Cleeves site which would include the Flaxmill Building.

Gardens International

Project Media Engagement

- The Vault Boardroom at Gardens International was used to host several internal meetings and working sessions throughout January.



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1. Transportation, Public Realm and Place-Making

Traffic Calming Measures - Cratloe Road

A Section 38 for Traffic Calming Measures on the L-3102 Cratloe Road, Clonconane, County Limerick was advertised on 23 January. Pending a positive public consultation process, the Traffic Calming Measures will be constructed as part of the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road Scheme.

Bike Week 2026

A successful grant application for funding for Bike Week 2026 was submitted in January to the Department of Transport. Limerick City and County Council received €40,430, an increase of circa €5,000 on previous years. The Travel and Transport Strategy team in conjunction with the Active Travel team are in the process of planning a week of events including evening cycles to show case Limerick's completed Active Travel Infrastructure. The flag ship event will take place this year in the Georgian Quarter, and it is the intention to apply for a rolling road closure to facilitate a cycle through the city.

Adare Public Realm Upgrade Project

Public display period for Adare Public Realm Upgrade Project opened on 26 January.

The proposed development will consist of works to the Public Realm along Main Street and the approaches to Main Street including along the N21 and Station Road, the works will include the following:

- Widening and improving footpaths in the village core and village approach routes.
- Construction of three controlled, two uncontrolled new pedestrian crossings and upgrades to existing crossings to improve pedestrian connectivity and road safety.
- New public lighting scheme on Main Street.

- New landscaping and sustainable drainage systems, including tree pits and rain gardens.
- New street furniture including age friendly seating and new bins.
- Replacement of signage.
- New traffic calming features included Gateway Treatments, reducing the N21 road width and introduction of various landscaping features.

Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection from 26 January up to and including 24 February during public opening hours (excluding bank holidays) at the following locations:

- Customer Services Desk, Limerick City and County Council, Merchant's Quay, Limerick, V94 EH90.
- Planning Department, Limerick City and County Council Offices, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick, V94 WV78.
- Limerick City and County Council Area Office, Áras Seán Finn, New Line Road, Rathkeale, County Limerick.
- Adare Library, Adare.
- Plans and particulars of the proposed development will also be available for inspection online during the above timeframes at <https://mypoint.limerick.ie>

Place-Making

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

58 O'Connell Street

- The roof restoration and exterior repaint are now complete and scaffolding has been removed.

33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Pre-start meeting held with Works Contractor P.B.C. Ltd.

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Croom Former Post Office Town Square Project

- Painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building are set to begin as preferred Tenderer selected. Project approved for Town and Village funding of €50,000.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Egis carried out peer review of Approved Part 8 and working through initial Project Deliverables.
- Project Initiation Meeting and Site Visit took place on 23 January.

Milk Market Food Hub

- Formal notification received on 22 January that Limerick's Milk Market Trustees are procuring three of the Milk Market Units directly.
- No advancement on Food Hub premises location.

Limerick Laneways

- Briefing of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on progress of the concept design for Theatre Lane on 19 January.

Greening Georgian Limerick

- Briefing of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 19 January, to review the Pilot Project implementation, which is being coordinated with the Parks Department, for the last week in February. The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, approved its implementation.
- Road Safety Audit carried out on the Pilot Project Proposed Layout.
- Parks Department setting up trees in planters awaiting topsoil delivery in Nursery.

Transportation

Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan

- Grove Crescent Carpark Link. Tender Assessment complete and successful tenderer identified.
- Design review continued for the Phase 1 - Killarney Road.
- Workshop held on 28 January to review of options regarding public toilet.

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

- Housing Density/Infrastructure Assessment dynamic check on developments in the area.
- Mott MacDonald's worked on preparation of surface water drainage proposal for the Stage 3 LIHAF Road.

2. Active Travel

Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2026 Nomination

Limerick City and County Council's Active Travel Interactive Map has been shortlisted for Best Community Transport Initiative at the LAMA All-Ireland Community and Council Awards 2026. The map is a continuously updated resource that supports journey planning and transparency by showing completed and upcoming projects, Safe Routes to School works, bus shelter upgrades, bike parking locations and air quality monitoring sites.

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Projects on Site

Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) to City Centre

Works progressed along the TUS to City Centre Active Travel corridor, with road resurfacing carried out between Moylish Roundabout and Hassett's Cross, and new footpath installations advanced through Bellefield Gardens towards the Maternity Hospital.

Corbally Road Safe Routes to School

Construction works continued on Corbally Road, where existing footpaths were excavated, new kerbing was installed, and concrete footpaths were poured, with crews working across both the Scoil Íde and Bishop's Field frontages.

The Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme Progress remained on schedule in Garryowen as pedestrian crossings, bus stop works and junction tightening measures advanced between Ballysimon Road and Garryowen Stores.

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Other projects

Transport and Mobility Forum (TMF)

Active Travel facilitated and attended the second meeting of TMF Limerick.

National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel Allocations 2026

The NTA allocated €18.5 million to Limerick City and County Council in 2026 for the design, planning and construction of walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure. More details about the allocation can be found at this link [<https://www.limerick.ie/council/newsroom/news/eu185-million-in-funding-allocated-to-limerick-city-and-county-councils>].

Mary Immaculate College (MIC) to City Centre Active Travel Scheme (South Circular Road)

Active Travel team met with the principals of Laurel Hill Secondary School, Laurel Hill Coláiste and St. Clements College to discuss the project overview and access requirements of schools ahead of the delivery phase.

3. Mid West National Road Design Office

Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)

Adare Bypass Design and Construction Contract - update

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 of note achieved during the first month of 2026 include the completion of the foundation works for the River Maigue Bridge (RVB04) in preparation for beam delivery in late February. The L8025 local Road at Underbridge UB07 has reopened to traffic, having been closed since June 2025. Drainage works are ongoing at various locations across the site with good progress being made considering the poor weather of late – approximately 50% of the overall drainage and ducting is now installed across the scheme. Further information is available at www.adarebypass.ie

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4. Central Services, Traffic and Roads

Roads

- Winter Maintenance:
 - During January, 23 salting runs were undertaken with 1,883 tonnes used.
 - Weekly Tide and Weather Assessments undertaken – no response required during January.
- Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) provided a national briefing on 21 January for the Speed Limit Review Phase Two – 30 Kilometres per hour Urban Core.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works carried out on six bridges.
- Roads team surface dressing start-up meeting undertaken on the third week of January with actions identified.

Traffic

- Preparation for International Band Parade and St. Patrick's Day Parade underway.
- Automatic bollard upgrade Bedford Row/O'Connell St. junction completed.
- Automatic bollard upgrade Bedford Row/Henry St. junction commenced.

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

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (KIFRS)

- Site works progressed across all work areas but primarily along the Quay.
- Monthly Commercial Meeting held on 21 January.

- Monthly Progress Meeting held on 21 January.
- Notice for Tree Removal on George's Quay published on 26 January.
- Quarterly Steering Group Meeting held on 28 January.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group Meeting held on 14 January.
- Stage 3 fee proposal approved by the Office of Public Works (OPW).
- Geotechnical Contract progressing on site.
- Correspondence issued to affected landowners.
- Press Release issued on Planning Decision on 26 January.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 13 January.
- Further Queries on Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application responded to during January.
- Meeting took place with St. Nicholas' School and Church on 23 January to agree final option.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- A Steering Group meeting was held on 15 January.
- Ground Investigation contracts completed on site.
- Consultants instructed to proceed with the Maritime Usage Licence application to Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA).
- Public realm proposals and associated funding options are under review.
- Workshop with OPW on options.

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Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings

1. Tourism, Trade and Enterprise

Economic Development

- The Limerick Gift Card has recorded €330,000 sales after just 13 months in operation.
- Bannon Property Consultants Ltd. have been appointed to carry out High Level Visions and Options Report for the future of Retail in Limerick City 2026-2040.
- Formally launched the Vacant Business Premises Rates Incentive Scheme 2026.
- Met with University of Limerick (UL) to discuss the opportunities for the Limerick Gift Card to attending delegates/competitors in the upcoming “The Association for International Sport for All” (TAFISA) Games in August 2026.
- Met with Limerick and Tipperary Chambers to discuss future collaboration opportunities for both gift cards.
- Members from the Economic Development Team gave a presentation to the City Centre Forum on the new Rates Incentive Scheme and provided an update on the Limerick Gift Card scheme.
- Attended Mastercard Geo-Insights Session at Leopardstown on 29 January.
- Met with promoters of the Obstacle Course World Championships which will take place in Limerick in August 2026.
- Attended the launch of the Great Limerick Run 2026, engaged in discussion with promoters with regards to sponsorship.
- Attended a workshop on the work programme for the Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) on 21 January.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

- The Night Time Economy Advisor has been continuing to consult with and meet stakeholders in the city centre around future events and ideas for Limericks Night Time Economy.
- The advisor also attended the Midwest third level drug and alcohol network and will join the group officially moving forward.
- Twilight Thursday returned on 29 January with over 41 events happening in the city centre.
- The advisor has secured extension of partnerships with Uber and FreeNow to continue to offer 40% discount on taxis for Twilight Thursday dates in 2026.

Tourism Development

Slow Tourism (SLOWTOUR) European Union (EU) Project

- A “Request for Tenders for the provision of services for a community-led design and delivery of a multi-day EU funded food heritage festival under the SLOWTOUR project delivered by Limerick City and County Council” was uploaded by the Tourism Department to the eTenders platform on 26 January. The closing date for submissions is 06 March 2026. The end of the clarification period in relation to this tender is 20 February.
- The Partnership Agreement pertaining to the “Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme” for the SLOWTOUR Project was compiled and issued to the office of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran for review, signing and approval on 26 January.

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

- In January, Limerick City and County Council's Tourism Department continued the implementation of the Action Plan pertaining to Limerick City and County Council's new Tourism Strategy.
- The Tourism Department attended the Wild Atlantic Gateway City Group meeting on 22 January, where the Tourism Plan was presented to the group to discuss the action plan, possible collaboration opportunities and the implementation of the strategy over the next five years.
- This Plan will now be in place until 2030, providing the guiding framework for the future development of tourism, within the remit of Limerick City and County Council and is a roadmap built on creativity, sustainability, and collaboration to shape the future of tourism in Limerick city and county. The Plan introduces "Project 10", a strategic roadmap comprising of ten key focus areas that will guide the development of tourism across the city and county, and these projects will be delivered collaboratively across multiple Limerick City and County Council directorates and with external partners, ensuring that tourism reflects the aspirations of both the local community and the wider industry.

- Furthermore, we were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Ray McAdam, to the Limerick stand during the show, who took the opportunity to experience Limerick through our VR content and enjoyed seeing the city and county from a different perspective. We look forward to welcoming him back to Limerick again in the future!

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 and finalised a virtual VR mapping exercise of the Limerick Greenway.
- 360-degree imagery of the top locations and attractions in Limerick City and County were also captured by Global VAM Ltd. as part of this project.
- Planning for the official launch event at the Limerick I.T. Summit on 26 February 2026 has commenced. All material will be made available on the [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie) website for viewing post-launch.

Discover Limerick Pass

- Training for Tourism Department staff took place with Open Pass on 27 January.
- Content for the website and digital pass was reviewed throughout the month and will be updated accordingly next month.

The Holiday World Show 2026

- From 23 January to 25 January, members of the Tourism, Festivals and Events Departments spent three days at the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) in Dublin at the "2026 Holiday World Show", representing and promoting Limerick.
- Over 1,600 people visited Limerick City and County Council's stand to discover Limerick, experience it through Virtual Reality (VR), and hear the stories behind the city and county.
- Conversations over the three days focused on experiences such as the Limerick Greenway, King John's Castle, upcoming events (including the Ryder Cup), as well as accessible and affordable places to stay and eat across Limerick.

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Limerick Greenway - Marketing and Social Media

In January, the Limerick Greenway marketing and promotion campaign centred on strengthening the Greenway's digital presence and sustaining public awareness during the winter season. Activity focused on targeted social media content, and continuous performance monitoring to ensure strong visibility ahead of the 2026 visitor season.

Key Campaign Focus Areas

Strengthening Digital Visibility During the Off-Peak Months

Throughout the month, the Tourism Department prioritised maintaining the Limerick Greenway's online visibility. Performance on Facebook and Instagram was closely tracked, including reach, profile views, and follower growth, helping to keep the Greenway top of mind during a naturally quieter period for outdoor activity.

Driving Traffic to the Limerick Greenway Website

Paid Google Ads and targeted social media posts were used to direct users to the Limerick Greenway website. Link-click statistics were key indicators of success, demonstrating increased interest in trip planning, route details, and upcoming opportunities for visits later in the year.

Building momentum for the 2026 Visitor Season

By sustaining awareness throughout the month, the campaign helped lay the groundwork for strong visitor numbers in spring and summer. This early year activity ensured that the Greenway remained visible, relevant, and well positioned for the expected seasonal uplift.

Business of the Month was back, with a post on 05 January promoting "The Arra Café" which is located minutes from the Limerick Greenway in the heart of Newcastle West - the café has gone from strength to strength with the development of the Limerick Greenway.

The people of Limerick Greenway series returned, with posts on 15 and 27 January, where Anne-Marie White from the Rathkeale House Hotel, and Anne Curtin, owner of The Coffee Pot, spoke about the impact of the Limerick Greenway for the locality and how accessible it is for everyone.

A post on 14 January encouraged local community groups and sports clubs to plan an event on the Limerick Greenway, sharing all the information people would need to host an event along the route.

Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 - 31 January

Facebook

Reach: 844,315
Profile Visits: 862
New Page Followers: 25

Instagram

Reach: 50,424
Profile Visits: 204
New Page Followers: 83

Social Media Ads

Accounts Reached: 427,607
Post Engagements: 16,985
Link Clicks (to Website): 749

Google Ads

Clicks: 3,282
Impressions: 76,066

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Festivals and Events

Christmas in Limerick 2025

- A debrief presentation was provided to the Metropolitan District of Limerick meeting on 19 January.
- A report on the Christmas in Limerick marketing campaign is currently being compiled. All internal statistics and information have been supplied by the marketing team and sent onto the campaign partners Piquant who are putting the final report together. Topline summary: it was a successful campaign, bolstered by a strong depth of programming matched by a healthy appetite from the public who bought into our theme “Together for Christmas in Limerick”. Our digital campaign performed well with 120,000 views on our Limerick.ie/Christmas platform and over 5,000 downloads of our digital guide. The public actively engaged with our digital assets in order to find out more about #ChristmasinLimerick.

Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival 2026

- Throughout January, the Festivals and Events Section were actively progressing preparations for the Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival 2026, taking place from 13 to 17 March, under the theme “Legends of Limerick”. This work included detailed planning and coordination for key festival highlights such as the International Band Championship on 15 March and the Limerick St. Patrick’s Day Parade on 17 March, alongside the development of a wide range of daytime and nighttime animations running across all five days of the festival. January activity focused on programme development, artist and band liaison, event logistics, licensing and safety planning, traffic and site management and creative storytelling elements to ensure the city is transformed into a vibrant celebration of Limerick’s rich heritage and legendary past.

- Work has commenced on our marketing campaign with Request for Quotations gone out for campaign management, photography and videography. Deadlines for these are imminent and contracts will be awarded thereafter with a view to the kick-off campaign management meeting happening as soon as possible, as we work towards a launch date of 23 February.

Riverfest 2026

- The tender for Riverfest 2026 went live on 14 January and was published on both the eTenders platform and the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). This marks a key milestone in the planning process for the festival, inviting suitably qualified and experienced operators to submit proposals for the delivery of Riverfest 2026. The tender process allows adequate time for detailed submissions, with a closing deadline of 13 February 2026, ensuring a transparent and competitive procurement process in line with public procurement requirements.

Stakeholder Engagement

- A presentation on our previous Halloween in Limerick and most recent Christmas in Limerick marketing campaigns was given to the Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City group when they met on 21 January in King John’s Castle. Feedback was positive from stakeholders at the meeting and the sentiment in the room was to keep the positive momentum going, as we start working towards our next marketing campaign – St. Patrick’s Festival.
- A workshop was held between Limerick City and County Council Economic and Tourism Development Department and the Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC) team on 08 January to brainstorm ideas and discuss the multiple opportunities for collaboration together in 2026, looking at it through the lens of tourism, as both teams work on the common goal of promoting Limerick as a key tourism destination in the Mid West region.

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2. Culture

Libraries, Gallery, Museum and Arts Office

City Library at Barrow House

- On 27 January, the City Library was delighted to host a one-off pop-up book club dedicated to the works and influence of Jane Austen. There was full attendance for this one-of-a-kind book club which saw lively discussion and debate from Austen enthusiasts, all eager to mark the recent Jane Austen 250th anniversary.
- On 22 January, the Library hosted a Polish literary event for readers and supporters of the new magazine Portrety Emigracji. Portrety Emigracji is a recent publishing initiative aimed at the Polish community in Ireland and around the world. The magazine features articles on literature, painting, health, volunteering, traditions, and other topics related to the life of the Polish diaspora.
- Also on 22 January, the University of the Third Age (U3A) Philosophy Group met at the Library for the first in a series of talks on the subject.
- Age Action Digital Skills weekly training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices started a new five-week term on 13 January.
- Limerick City Partnership (formerly Paul Partnership) held the last two sessions of their ongoing course of Personal Development classes for migrants and people in direct provision on 12 and 19 January.
- Weekly toddler story times continued to draw a big audience every Wednesday.
- Our monthly story time with author Róisín Meaney was much enjoyed by families and young people when it took place on 17 January.

- There were 11 book club meetings at the City Library across the month with regulars such as the University of the Third Age, Second Wednesday, Phoenix, Spiral, Health Service Executive (HSE), and Kids book clubs all holding their first meetings of 2026.
- The University of the Third Age's Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups rejoined us in 2026 holding their regular meetings at the City Library throughout the month.
- The Library also welcomed five class visits during January. Third, fifth and sixth classes from Scoil Íosagáin Christian Brothers School (CBS) visited during the month to borrow books and third class from Scoil Íde called to see us on the 30 January for a library tour.
- The City Library also welcomed a group of English language learners from Rightword Institute who visited the Library to join and get an introduction to our services and facilities on 15 January.

Kilmallock Library

- On 22 January the Library held a St. Brigid's Cross Making Workshop for adults led by Maria Houlihan of Oisín Óir. Maria demonstrated how to make traditional Brigid's crosses and talked to us about St. Brigid. The workshop was booked to capacity with 27 participants each creating their own St. Brigid's cross.
- "Book Buddies", Kilmallock Library's book club for children aged 9-12 years old met on 22 January.
- "Little Readers", aimed at preschoolers, met on 22 January for a fun-filled interactive session of rhymes, songs, stories and craft with 17 participants.
- 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 for a guided walk followed by refreshments and chats in the Library with an average of 18 participants at each session.

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- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued on each Thursday morning with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving with an average of 22 participants at each session.
- Bridge classes continued each Thursday of the month with an average of nine participants.

Newcastle West Library

- Ongoing use of Sensory Space throughout January.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents continued during the month.
- Headway Ireland met in the Library every Friday morning.
- Knitting Club continued to meet in the Library every Friday morning.
- Adult Book Club met on the last Thursday of the month.
- Children's Book Club continued on the second Thursday of the month.
- On 24 January, a poetry morning with Kathryn Crowley and funded by Poetry Ireland, was held in the Library.

Dooradoyle Library

- Dooradoyle Library's "Close Knit Friends" knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat.
- The Last Thursday book club discussed "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. Dooradoyle book club members from the Last Thursday and Popup book clubs went to the cinema to view the film Hamnet, having previously read and discussed this title.
- The Whodunnit book club held their first meeting for 2026 and had a lively discussion on the merits of Peter Swanson's "Nine Lives" and "Murder in Highbury" by Vanessa Kelly.

- The Limerick Health Service Executive (HSE) Training Services visited the library throughout the month with 40 visits.
- Meditation for adults continued with one session by the Two Hearts Meditation Group on 08 January and the Himalayan Meditation Group continued to offer sessions of calm and healing every Friday.
- On 08 January, Southill Family Resource Centre provided a walk in service for members of the public needing advice on accessing services and counselling.
- On 20 January, a local women's group organised a coffee morning with an informative presentation by Zita Mahmood, a counsellor, on the importance of mental health through self-care. The workshop focused on self-esteem and coping exercises.
- On 22 January, a local retired teachers group met in the Library. They enjoyed a lecture presented by the historian Patricia Byrne about her research and writing methods. She discussed the events and people she featured in "The Preacher and the Prelate" and "The Veiled Woman of Achill".
- On 30 January, sixth class students from St. Paul's National School enjoyed an informative lunchtime talk, "An introduction: The Birds of the Shannon Estuary Map". It was presented by Limerick City and County Council's Biodiversity Officer.

Adare Library

- On 28 January, solicitor Martina Murphy gave a talk on the importance of making a will and Enduring Power of Attorney. This informative and interesting talk was attended by members of the local community group.
- On 30 January, second class pupils from Scoil Naomh Iósaf attended a fun and engaging arts and crafts session. For this event, we recycled old library books and gave them new life.
- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group continued to meet every Thursday morning.

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- Students from Croom College of Further Education visited the library four times during January.
- Library Crafters continued with their Tuesday and Wednesday meetings.

Watch House Cross Library

- School holiday activities included a family movie screening of "Home Alone" on 02 January and a drop-in arts and crafts session on 03 January.
- Adult education classes resumed with the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB). Courses on offer included Literacy Through Computers and Driver Theory Test Support.
- A group of pre-schoolers from Busy Kids Creche visited the library on 14 January for story-time and a tour of the children's library. Each child was gifted a bedtime book to take home.
- Age Action returned on 15 January with free digital literacy classes for over 55s. Learners and volunteers met weekly on Thursday mornings.
- ABC Start Right Limerick began a four-week course of Baby Reflexology classes in the library this month. Classes were co-ordinated by the Incredible Years Parenting Programme and funded by the Tusla Child and Family Agency.
- On 21 January, Red Hill School attended the first in a six-week programme of visits organised for their junior classes. Children enjoyed spending time in the Sensory Room followed by an arts and crafts session.
- Several classes from Corpus Christi Primary School were invited to the library for story-time sessions throughout the month. Older classes were introduced to the Local Studies section, the newspaper collection and range of online resources.
- Regular visits from Little Seeds Childcare and Thomond Primary School took place during the month.
- Both Thursday and Friday morning book clubs met at the end of January. The junior book club held its

monthly meeting on 30th January and welcomed several new members.

- Weekly events including Story-time Thursday and Parent and Toddler Morning continued.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 62 bookings and 243 visitors during January.

Local Studies

- There were 33 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection. There were 37 remote queries. There was one class visit and a number of new acquisitions were added to stock.

Other Branches

- **Glin** - Glin Library welcomed the regular meetings of the Craft Club, Scrabble Group, Book Club and Community Singing with almost 60 people attending throughout the month. After the Bell, a local after-school club, continued their regular visits. And the pupils from St. Fergus National School Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Class visited four times during the month.
- **Foynes** - On 20 January, Foynes Library hosted the launch of "Mouse House", an original picture book created by the pupils from third and fourth class, St. Senan's National School, in collaboration with visual artist, author and educator Celina Buckley. Over the course of a series of workshops which took place in the library branch, the children worked with Celina to imagine, write and illustrate this book, with each child contributing something unique - a line of text, braille writing or a creative idea. A copy of "Mouse House" is in Foynes Library for library users to enjoy and a copy was gifted to the school. The book is also available as an eBook on the library's BorrowBox app. This project was supported by the Creative Communities Creative Ireland programme through Limerick Arts Office.

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- **Rathkeale** – The Library welcomed class visits from St. Anne’s Primary School and Coláiste na Trócaire secondary school with 38 pupils and teachers visiting in total.
- **Cappamore** – The Library welcomed two class visits from the ASD Unit in Scoil Chairtriona.
- **Roxboro** – Roxboro Library welcomed class visits from local primary schools Gaelscoil Sheoirse Clancy and Le Chéile National School during the month, which included two visits by the ASD Class in Le Chéile. In total 37 pupils and 13 teachers visited.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- **SORE SPOT** featuring Helen O’Leary and Eva O’Leary, a two-person exhibition across the ground floor galleries along with the exhibition of LCGA’s 2025 Graduate Award winner from Limerick School of Art and Design, Caoimhe Glennon, continued to the 18 January 2026.
- Three separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections, including the Director’s Cut, an exhibition of selected works acquired, purchased, and donated to LCGA between 2015-2025, featuring artworks acquired through the support of the Mayoral Acquisition fund 2025. Included in the exhibits from the Permanent Collections, the recent donation of a portfolio of prints by Jim Sheehy of 45 prints by international artists to add to the Hollander Workshop Prints portfolio within LCGA Collections. These selections ran until 18 January. LCGA continues to expand the exhibition of artworks from Permanent Collections to showcase around 40% of its collections annually on a rotation basis.
- The visitor numbers for January were very good with over 4,280 visitors.
- LCGA hosted the opening launch on 29 January for the exhibition “Clann Miotlantach / Mythlantics” by artist Alice Rekab, a touring exhibition produced by Sirius Arts Centre and curated by the Director Miguel Amado. The exhibition at LCGA is the culmination of the tour and the biggest installation of Rekab’s work with newly created works and an extended selection of works from the past decade.

- Limerick City Gallery of Art continues to liaise and work with local community groups including University of the 3rd Age (U3A) with weekly meetings throughout the month.

Limerick Museum

- On 22 January, the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran performed the official opening of “Shannon Lights”, an exhibition which showcased the work produced by Mary Conroy, the first artist-in-residence in the history of the Limerick Museum. The theme of her residency was the Shannon Hydro Electric Scheme (1925-29), which had a major impact on Limerick and fisheries on the Shannon. Limerick Museum has a large collection of material relating to the River Shannon, fisheries and leisure, including maps, paintings, photos, objects and fishing equipment. Mary responded to these items, situating them in the context of a tradition whose demise began at the time of the Shannon Scheme. The final work took the form of a set of cards and a cigarette box, which in this exhibition, were juxtapositioned with the objects that inspired them.

The residency was funded under the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport 2025 Commemorative Programme and supported by Limerick Arts Office, Limerick City and County Council.

- On 25 January, the Museum’s long-standing collaboration with the annual Limerick Robert Burns Night continued, when the Curator gave a short talk on the many connections between Limerick and Scotland.

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Arts Grants and Bursaries

Recommendations for grants and bursaries under the following 2026 schemes were prepared in December and approved at the Limerick City and County Council Plenary meeting on 26 January.

- Grants under the Arts Act Scheme (26 grants, total €20,000)
 - Individual Arts Bursary Scheme (eight bursaries, total €25,000)
 - Theatre Bursary Scheme (five bursaries, total €22,500)
 - Dolores O' Riordan Music Bursary Award 2026 (one bursary: €4,000)

Creative Limerick

The Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2026 closed for applications on 14 January. Grants are open to Limerick based community organisations/groups and creatives wishing to develop and deliver creative projects in the city and/or county of Limerick which align with the objectives of the "Limerick Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027". The total grant budget was €55,000. Forty-six applications were received and assessed by an independent panel of assessors on 28 January.

Cruinniú na nÓg

Cruinniú na nÓg is a national day of creativity for children and young people, that celebrates and encourages participation in culture and creativity through performance, theatre, art and music workshops, readings, screenings, special events and much more. Creative Ireland Limerick issued a public call out for quotes for Event Coordination services to support the running of Cruinniú na nÓg 2026. A successful applicant was appointed in January.

The Creative Limerick Expression of Interest for potential partners to collaborate to develop and submit applications to Creative Communities on a Shared Island, or Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community on a Shared Island schemes 2026 – 2028, closed on 12 January. All

submissions were assessed, and potential partners identified.

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2026 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to maximise and support the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture. Four letters of support were issued in January.

Opportunity

The Arts Office in partnership with the Performing Arts Forum (PAF) advertised the offer of two bursaries to arts practitioners, to attend the PAF conference "The Gathering" which will be held in Belfast in May. Applications are being accepted by the Performing Arts Forum, closing date 02 March.

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3. Property Management Services

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

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Derelict Sites and Vacant Homes Inspections Completed	257
Department Notices of Ownership Inquiry issued	9
New Derelict Sites Cases opened	9
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	254
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	16
Properties entered into the Derelict Sites Register	6
Properties proposed for Compulsory Acquisition (Section 15 Notices)	0
Vesting Orders Made for Properties Acquired Compulsorily (Section 17 Notices)	0
Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants Approved	23
Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants Paid	13

4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran five Training Programmes and Business Advice Clinics for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 61 business owners from across the City and County.

- In January the Local Enterprise Office Limerick supported Showcase 2026 at the RDS in Dublin, where three enterprises, supported by LEO Limerick, were in attendance. CAYO, Jane Hogan Artist and Irish Dresden were all exhibiting at the Local Enterprise Showcase, part of Showcase 2026, that saw over 3,300 buyers from 27 countries attend the three-day event in Dublin looking to secure new sales and partners for the year ahead. Upwards of €32 million in business was expected to have been transacted across the three-day event.
- On 21 January, Minister of State for Employment, Small Business and Retail, Alan Dillon, T.D., announced the annual job creation results of the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) for 2025 which showed that Local Enterprise Office Limerick supported companies created the most new jobs of all LEO Offices nationally.

Some of the highlights of the announcement were as follows:

- 531 new jobs created in LEO Limerick supported Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) in 2025
- 31% job increase from 2024
- 12th year of Year-over-Year (YoY) jobs growth for LEO's
- Net employment gain in Limerick of 259 in 2025
- 310 total small businesses employing 2,289 people supported by LEO Limerick.
- In January LEO Limerick approved the following business supports:
 - Two LEAN for Business programmes
 - Six Green for Business
 - Two Energy Efficiency grants
 - Eight Digital for Business
 - Two Grow Digital
 - 30 Mentoring Supports



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Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development

1. Regeneration and Sports Infrastructure

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund

On 13 January, the Directorate of Regeneration, Community, Sport, and Rural Development received written approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage for the allocation of €1,449,280 to 100 projects from 53 organisations under the 2026 Economic and Social Intervention Fund.

Community Activities

King's Island

- The King's Island Community Centre hosted the Nollaig na mBan event on 06 January, with 25 women celebrating as the festive period came to a close.

Moyross

- The Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the delivery of a wide-ranging suite of activities within the Moyross area. These included Good2Go, Ageless Strength and Cool Movers. The recent addition of Cool Movers is an inclusive programme for children with disabilities to learn fundamental skills through games and activities.
- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) once again hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 20 January.

Southill

- Southill Hub hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 14 January.
- The 2026 programmes in Southill Hub commenced, with the Youth Clubs returning on 19 January, while the Thursday Teen Café nights returned on Thursday evenings.

Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) welcomed a new Health, Wellbeing and Fitness Coach to the centre.
- OLOL hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 06 January.
- Community Companions at OLOL CSG have kicked off their Community Cooking classes with the café chef, which are proving popular with strong attendance.
- Lunch Club has organically grown into a Wednesday afternoon of bingo and light exercise with the Health, Wellbeing and Fitness Coach, following dinner. This is a combination of connection, fun and gentle movement.
- The Early Years Service team at OLOL are linking in closely with the café and the Family Support Worker around healthier food choices, keeping that message consistent across the service and into the wider community.
- Family sessions commenced late in January, with strong engagement and a positive feeling within the setting.

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Economic Regeneration

- The QQI Level 5 Public Sector Administration Traineeship commenced in January. This initiative is a collaboration between Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) and Limerick City and County Council. The programme includes a 12-week work placement, supporting pathways into the public sector.
- Transitions year students from Thomond Community College commenced a taster programme of Pathways to Construction at Moyross Youth Academy, providing practical insight into construction-related careers.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Works progressed on the remaining 16 infill units in Carew Park in January.

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 January.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park / Moyross) commenced on site with the contractor.

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

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

Lot 4b Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4b Tender Pack 2 (five houses) - the remaining house in Lot 4b are progressing towards completion.

Minor Refurbishments

- Works continued on the following properties and now occupied by tenants during January:
 - 56 Delmege Park, Moyross
 - 6 Crecora Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston
 - 2 Galtee View, O'Malley Park, Southill
- Works continued on the following properties during January:
 - 108 and 110 Cliona Park, Moyross
 - 43 Whitecross Gardens, Moyross
- Department Approval applied for on the following properties during January:
 - 14 Donoughmore Crescent, Carew Park
 - 445 Sunny Heights, O'Malley Park
- Tendering and Scoping continued on six properties during the month:
 - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 3 Columcille Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 29 Lilac Court, O'Malley Park
 - 15 Markievicz Park, Keyes Park
 - 220 Valley View, O'Malley Park
 - 221 Valley View, O'Malley Park

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Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

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

Moyross Avenue

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

Thomond Rugby Football Club (RFC) Extension

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

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP commenced its 2026 programme of events which are offered at various locations across the city and county.
- 17 January saw the commencement of Inclusion Swim Classes, at Bawnmore Pool. This is a six-week programme for children aged 5-17 who have additional needs, sensory needs or a disability.
- The NextGen Teen Fitness Programmes commenced during January. This is a suite of programmes, with BoxFit for Teens among the discounted activities that started during the month.
- The MoveWell programme, which is aimed at those with Chronic Pain and Arthritis, started on 15 January. This is a five-week offering, with St. Gabriel's Hydrotherapy Pool hosting.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan

- The draft Local Sports Plan was presented to the Steering Group, Senior Forum, and Management Team in January. A consultant was appointed to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the draft Local Sports Plan.

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub welcomed back groups for the start of 2026, with training for West Limerick Athletics Club (A.C) and St. Mary's A.C. taking place. Several other groups also availed of the floodlit tack and amenity.
- A total of 63 new members signed up for the online booking system.
- The floodlit walking track surrounding the athletics track proved popular with the Public.

Rathbane Golf Course

- The course was granted a "Green for E-Business Energy" Grant from Limerick's Local Enterprise Office. This will allow a consultant to evaluate the clubhouse's energy and examine grant aid which may be drawn down in the future.
- Two new officers were elected to help govern the Junior section of the Club. They have a role with handicapping and games management for the Junior members and will continue to target increased participation in golf related activities.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

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

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- Eight local schools utilised the swimming pool for swim classes as part of their Physical Education programme.
- Five swim clubs from Limerick undertook their training and swimming activities within the complex during the month.

Sports Capital Projects

- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Preparation of tender documents continued, including completion of site investigation works.

Askeaton Pool and Leisure Ltd.

- The first fully operational month since reopening saw Askeaton Pool and Leisure welcome new members and pay-as-you-go users.
- There are now seven days of activity in the pool, with Parent and Toddler classes, Aqua Aerobics, Fit for Life Lane Swimming and School Lessons, all part of a busy January in the water.
- In the gymnasium, there was a wide range of classes. These include Bootcamp, Lifty 50, FitHIIT and other fitness classes during January. These are offered on a Pay as You Go and a Membership basis.

2. Community, Regeneration and Sports Policy

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings were held on 13 January.
- The following groups received LEADER funding approved at the LAG meeting:

Dromcollogher Community Council Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)	€65,109.47
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Local Enhancement Programme 2026

- Limerick has received an allocation of €278,643.81 for projects under the 2026 Local Enhancement Programme to assist community groups across the county, supporting groups particularly in disadvantaged areas, to carry out necessary repairs and small capital works/improvements to their facilities, and/or the purchase of equipment for community use, such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, cleaning machinery/equipment, canopies and training equipment and so forth. The closing date for submission of applications is on 27 February, which can be completed online through MyPoint.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and stands at 287. The membership registration form is on the PPNL website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- The PPNL Secretariat continues to fulfil its functions with a Secretariat Meeting held on the 27 January.
- PPNL continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and bi-monthly Newsletter distributed to members.

Integration Supports

Accommodation Centre Visits	5
Group Information Clinics Held	2
Individual Information Clinics Delivered	43

- Throughout January, the Limerick Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) continued its proactive engagement with migrant communities across Limerick City and County.
- LAIT conducted five visits to accommodation centres, providing residents with direct access to information, guidance, and practical assistance.

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- The team facilitated two group information clinics, offering structured sessions on life in Ireland, available supports, and community engagement opportunities.
- LAIT also delivered 44 individual information clinics, providing tailored one-to-one consultations. These sessions addressed a wide variety of needs, including documentation queries, integration challenges, employment pathways, and onward referrals to specialist agencies.
- LAIT, in collaboration with DORAS, also hosted three immigration procedures advice clinics, offering residents clear, reliable information on immigration processes, status updates, and rights and responsibilities under Irish Immigration Law.
- Two English Conversation Clubs were held at the Fernbank accommodation centre, providing residents with a safe, friendly, and supportive environment to practice spoken English.

Ukraine Response Team

January Offer a Home (OAH) figures:

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

Healthy Limerick

- Throughout January, Healthy Ireland and the Limerick Food Partnership continue to progress plans for the upcoming half day conference to take place in Limerick on 17 April 2026.
- Engagement continued through meetings of the Mirant Integration Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee and the National Healthy Cities and Counties Network. Participation in planning for the European Sport for All Games ensured alignment between Active Cities, the Limerick Sports Partnership, and local participation pathways.
- Engagement took place with Ballyneety Men’s Shed and community partners to support greenspace development and inclusion activity.
- The Lait Coordinator hosted a visit to The Tait Kitchen to the support workers of the LAIT team from Galway City and County Council.
- Healthy Ireland continue to plan on development work for 2026 and finalise reporting to Pobal for 2025.
- The Migration Integration Steering sub-group on Health and Wellbeing took place in Limerick City and County Council.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- In January, programme delivery and coordination continued across Sláintecare Healthy Communities with a focus on physical activity for health, health equity and literacy, and community engagement in priority areas. Delivery of Move Well and Sing Strong continued at St. John’s Pavilion, Moyross Community Centre, Southill Hub, and King’s Island Community Centre, providing ongoing support for adults experiencing chronic health conditions. The Period Equity programme remained active across partner sites, sustaining access to menstrual products alongside education and signposting. Distribution was supported by youth, community, and frontline organisations to ensure continuity of this work.

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- Predevelopment work with schools progressed following a meeting with the Principal and Student Council in Saint Mary's Boys National School. Two projects were developed: the Positive Posters Initiative, which will promote student led wellbeing messages throughout the school, and Play Pack equipment for school yards. These actions will be delivered through the Health and Wellbeing team in Limerick City and County Council.
- Work to strengthen migrant women's health and wellbeing moved forward with an information request issued to Muslim Sisters of Éire (Limerick), Limerick Social Service Centre, Doras, and West Limerick Resources. This request sought updates on emerging needs, venue accessibility, financial and facilitator requirements, and opportunities for collaboration. Suggested options include the Solace Café as an accessible community venue, and partnership opportunities with Limerick Food Partnership and Limerick Growing Communities.
- Limerick City Partnership; Move Well Phase Two with the Limerick Sports Partnership; the Healthy Relationships programme with Children and Young People's Services and Southill Hub; and the Healthy Families programme with the Local Development Officer is also supporting the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Health Research Board in preparing a participatory Community Health Needs Assessment pilot for Limerick City. This will include a Community Advisory Group and a series of community workshops as part of a national model for community informed health planning.
- Project management progressed across the full Sláintecare Healthy Communities portfolio. This included coordination of Sing Strong with Limerick Sports Partnership. Support continued for the Shelbourne Park Active Cities Project and the Men's Wellbeing Project with Mid West Simon Community. The ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services Garden Room and the Mid West Simon Community Kitchen continue to be fully activated and in use for programme delivery. The Island Gardens Community Empowerment Project is developing its spring programme of work. These programmes collectively advance Sláintecare priorities through community based, inclusive, and health focused activity.

Age Friendly

- Worked on surveys to be circulated as part of making the University of Limerick an Age Friendly University under the World Health Organisation (WHO).
- Commenced arranging an Age friendly Regional Sports Day. Provisional date 25 September 2026.
- Regional Work plan for Age Friendly Ireland completed.
- Amendments to the Age Friendly Work plan 2026 for Limerick City and County Council.

Lifelong Learning

- Strategic planning subgroup worked with Consultant Anne Clarke on following up on submissions and comments from Workshop Day in December. After online meetings and comments taken on board, we are now at version six which has been circulated to the wider Lifelong Learning steering committee.

Bin Waivers Scheme

- The Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme closed to applications on 31 January.
- Out of 3,579 applications received, 3,327 have been processed during the schemes open period with a number of applications still in progress.



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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	3,260
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	511

Applications Received

	January	Year to Date
Housing Applications	173	173

Transfer Forms Received

	January	Year to Date
Transfer Forms	11	11

HMD1 (Housing Medical/Disability Form 1) Forms Received

	January	Year to Date
HMD1 Forms	40	40

Permission to Reside (PTR) Forms Received

	January	Year to Date
PTR Forms	7	7

Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Applications Received

	January	Year to Date
MTR Applications	2	2

Appeals Received

	January	Year to Date
Appeals Received	8	8

Closed Housing Applications

	January	Year to Date
Closed Applications	78	78

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

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Allocations

	No. of Units January	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	3	3
Metropolitan District	30	30
Cappamore-Kilmallock	7	7
Total	40	40

Refusals

	No. of Units January	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	4	4
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
Total	4	4

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2026 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
25	5	19	1

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	550
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)/RAS Tenancies	651
Part V	0
New Private Tenancies	0
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	2

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,691 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	15
No. of Amendments	196
No. of Cessations	49

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€12,290,61	€2,040,081	€14,330,699	€2,087,489	€12,243,210	15%

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Home Improvement Schemes

January 2026		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	1	0	16	0	17
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€6,000.00	€74,729.00	€4,426.00	€85,155.00
	No. Paid	0	1	13	1	15
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	9	5	16	1	31
	HAG Expenditure	€0.00	€41,600.00	€45,636.00	€0.00	€87,236.00
	No. Paid	0	6	6	0	12
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	14	9	14	3	40
	HOP Expenditure	€8,000.00	€37,820.00	€41,126.35	€0.00	€86,946.35
	No. Paid	1	8	10	0	19
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€58,276.58	€0.00	€58,276.58
	No. Paid	0	0	4	0	4

Total No. Approved	88
Total Monies Paid	€317,613.93
Total No. Paid	50

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	January	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	36	36

House Visits

	January	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	108	108

Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	January	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	317	317
Cases closed during month	42	42

Repossessions

	January	Year to Date
Repossession of Council Properties	21	21

Garda Checks

	January	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	72	72

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

Date: 13.01.26		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	38
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	73
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	22
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	8
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	99
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	14
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	7
Total		261

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	209	206	130
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	11	19	10
Totals		Adults	Children	Families
		226	235	146

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	January	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Received	1	1
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Approved	2	2
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. Received	6	6
Loan Applications: No. Approved	0	0
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	10	10
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	5	5
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	1	1
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent Applications	4	4
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	7	7
Title Rectifications Received	0	0
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	756	756

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	4
Ombudsman Query Cases	1
Data Access Requests	2

2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered January	3
Year to Date	3

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

Traveller Community Sustainment	January	Year to Date
Number of Inspections	40	40
Number of Tenancy Inductions	1	1
Number of active cases at end of month	42	42
Cases Closed	13	13

Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits January	21
Year to Date	21

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3. Local Authority (LA) Housing Construction and Maintenance

Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns January	
Total	13

House Returns January By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0
Newcastle West	3
Metropolitan District	9
Total	13

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in January	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	13	9
Major Refurbishments	2	69
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	11	61
Major Refurbishments	1	16
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	29
Major Refurbishments	0	8
Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)		
Minor Refurbishments	0	3
Major Refurbishments	0	1
Total	27	196
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	1	12

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Project Updates

- Stage 4 approval received from the Department of Housing for construction of four units at Radharc an Ghleanna, Mountcollins.
- Contractor currently on site for construction of 11 units in Cluain Dara, Broadford.
- Contractor currently on site for construction of 10 units in O'Connor Park, Ardagh.
- Contractors currently working on six refurbishment projects in the City and County.
- Planning permission granted for six units at New Road, Thomondgate.
- Stage 4 approval received from the Department of Housing for construction of six units at Mulcair Drive, Annacotty.

Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €108,373 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €1,057,573 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during January

Housing Maintenance Cases - January	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 31.01.2026
Metropolitan District of Limerick	1,042	914	1,338
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	121	98	423
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	184	104	443
Municipal District of Newcastle West	141	165	510
TOTAL	1,488	1,281	2,714

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Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	5	0	1	6
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	18	0	6	25
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	17	0	9	26
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	1	6	2	6	15
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	2	46	2	22	72

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	1	0	0	1
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	3	9
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	14	0	1	15
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	1	1
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	21	0	5	26

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	0	0	0	0
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	6	0	4	10
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	10	0	3	13
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	0	16	0	7	23

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	1	5	0	2	8
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	8	0	4	12
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	16	0	6	22
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	2	0	0	2
Total Inspections by Inspection Type	1	31	0	12	44

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House Inspection Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - January - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – Minor Repairs needed	3
Cat 2 – Moderate Repairs needed	2
Cat 3 – Substantial Repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – Major Repairs needed	0
TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT	5
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	13

Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects

- Maintenance Works to Watergate Apartments
- Fire Remedial Works in Oak Lodge (Simon Community)
- New lifts in Oak Lodge and Phoenix Lodge
- Cleaning and gutter repair works in Sarsfield Park, Lord Edward Street

Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered January	3
RFI (Request Further Information) Applications January	5
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	1
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	0
Remediation Option Grant Approved	3
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
Total Applications Registered – Year to Date	3

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4. Strategy and Non-Local Authority Housing Construction

SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2026

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.01.2026 is as follows:

As at 31.01.2026 (01.01.2026 – 31.01.2026)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	2026 Delivery Target
Build	0	326	326	To be confirmed
Buy *	1	113	114	To be confirmed
Lease	0	10	10	To be confirmed
TOTAL	1	449	450	

*Majority under the 'Buy' stream are Notice of Termination properties.

Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in January	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)	11	104
Proposals being reviewed	0	0
Sale Agreed	0	2
Purchase Completed	0	174
Withdrawn - e.g., Main reasons - vendor not accepting offer based on independent valuation or presence of deleterious material in property (e.g., pyrite) or Fire Safety issues	5	653
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into Limerick City and County Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	1	68
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	0	69
Grand Total	17	1,070

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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in January
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	31 (Phase 1)	Part 8 planning live for public consultation throughout January. Packs available for viewing online and in person in Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Design optioneering paused -Public Private Partnership Programme under review by Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage team with a view on determining the Public Private Partnership programme's value for money. Finance and procurement strategy ongoing.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Work progressing on design to planning and coordination with adjacent park design.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Site Specific Flood Risk assessment tender completed. Design brief for design team progressed.
Sonny's Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Work continued on planning pack for Part 10 submission, 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. The Fosse next phases were submitted to the Local Authorities Waters Nature Based System for 2026 funding.
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Part 10 planning consultant tender was conducted throughout January. Part 10 planning pack was advanced through January.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in January
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 January. Contractor has been appointed.
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during January. 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 January. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during January.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	3D model of scheme and design was progressed. Design brief for design team was progressed throughout January.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	Asbestos report dictated new tender required for cleaning and making structurally secure. This was retendered in January. 3D model of scheme and design was progressed. Design brief for design team was progressed throughout January.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in January
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Ballykeeffe	145	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during January.
	Municipal District of Adare/Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Srutháin, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during January.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications commenced for Phase 2 of this scheme.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout January for Carraig Desmond.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Killmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock, County Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during January.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 1	10	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer continued throughout January.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 2	6	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during January

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in January
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 8	SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	<p>Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing.</p> <p>Initial module and site layout designs being developed by Integrated Design Team.</p> <p>Quantity Surveyor for pilot feasibility study tender awarded.</p> <p>Work on the provision of procurement and financial advice to deliver the programme continued during January.</p> <p>MMC design expert tender was awarded in January and work ongoing.</p>

Finance (All Funding Streams)

- Claims totaling €3,613,397.34 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €3,573,317.09 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Conferences and Workshops

- Staff from Housing Maintenance attended the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) - Energy Efficiency Obligated Scheme for LA Workshop in Tullamore on 28 January.

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

- Rightsizing scheme at Radharc Cillín, Kilfinane was launched on 21 January. There are two x one bed apartments available under this scheme. This scheme is open to private homeowners, over the age of 55, who currently live in a property that is too big for their needs. This scheme is located in the heart of Kilfinane, close to local amenities. The scheme closes to applications on 11 February.



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Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup

1. Development Management

Planning Applications

A total of 88 new planning applications were received as follows:

Type	Amount
Part 8	1
Housing Developments	3
Domestic Developments	59
Agricultural Developments	5
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	9
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	3
Other Developments	8

The current applications include proposals for:

- Large-Scale Residential Development (LRD) comprising 150 residential units comprising 41 dwellings and 109 apartments accommodated in three four-storey buildings with 121 allocated and visitor car parking spaces, a childcare facility and a temporary wastewater treatment facility at Killeline, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
- Large Scale Residential Development (LRD) for 95 apartments across four separate blocks, 22 houses and a Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) scheme comprising 309 student bedspaces across four separate blocks at Groody Road and Caisleán Na hAbhann, Kilbane, Castletroy, Limerick.

2. Forward Planning, Urban Development and Heritage

Forward Planning

- Continued work on text and zoning changes for Variation No. 3 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 in relation to lands suitable for zoning for residential purposes that would contribute to accelerated housing delivery.
- Statutory Strategic Environmental Assessment screening for Draft City Public Realm Plan issued to Environmental Authorities.
- Following an e-Tenders process, consultants were appointed to undertake environmental (Strategic Environmental Assessment, Appropriate Assessment, Strategic Flood Risk Assessment) assessments and Housing Strategy assessment for proposed Variation No. 3 in relation to zoning additional lands in the City and Environs.
- Publication of Residential Zoned Land Tax Annual Final Maps for 2026 and annual Draft Map for 2027.
- Presented Draft Mayors report on the Section 28: National Planning Framework Implementation Housing Growth Requirements at January Council meeting and Mayors Board Meeting.
- Issued Mayors report on Section 28: National Planning Framework Implementation Housing Growth Requirements to Elected Members, the Office of the Planning Regulator and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.
- Commenced public consultation for the Proposed Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 regarding access to substandard roads.
- Attended training for the Planning and Development Act 2024 in Cork.

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Urban Development

- First project meeting with dhb architects, the appointed multidisciplinary design team appointed for the revival of the historic Nicholas Street Fireplace Site for THRIVE Fireplace site. The project is funded through THRIVE - the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme which allocated more than €6.5 million in funding in September 2025 to transform this historic site on Nicholas Street. THRIVE is a national regeneration programme led by the Government of Ireland and co-funded by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).
- Submission of THRIVE Communications Plan to the Southern Regional Assembly for Fireplace Site.
- Evaluation and appointment notified on eTenders.
- Internal consultations for Ballybrown Clarina Proposed Public Realm Enhancement Plan.
- Reviewed and issued Statutory Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment screening for the Draft City Public Realm Plan to Environmental Authorities.

Conservation

- Met with International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) regarding potential UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) designation for Limerick City, which identifies and protects sites, practices, or areas of Outstanding Universal Value for their cultural, natural, or scientific significance to humanity.
- Planning file and Section 57's are up to date.
- The Heritage Structure Fund 2026 deadline was the 16 January, Limerick City and County Council received 11 applications, two public and nine private and these were assessed.

- The Department announced the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and Historic Thatch Building Grants for 2026. 31 applications have received a combined total of €309,807.00 for the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. Five applications have received a combined total €45,081.55 for the Historic Thatch Building Grants. Letters of correspondence have been sent to all successful and unsuccessful applicants.
- The Conservation Officer and Assistant attended the World Heritage seminar in Dublin on the 27 January.

Heritage

- Irish Community Archives Network Logo selection under way with five logos currently being considered. This will appear on the Limerick Irish Community Archives Network section of the National Museum website when finalised. Four Limerick groups lodged successful applications to the Irish Community Archives fund for recording equipment, cameras and scanners to help them in recording local and oral history.
- Assisted Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC), the Limerick Museum, the Limerick Clare Education Training Board (LCETB) and the Limerick Civic Trust in their Heritage Stewardship applications and provided letters of support.

Archaeology

- Closing date for Community Monument Fund 2026 which supports conservation, maintenance, protection, and promotion of archaeological monuments in Limerick.
- Planning Referrals/Compliance/Further Information on 18 Files.
- Lecture to Thomond Archaeological and Historical Society on "Aspects of Limerick's Archaeology".
- Two Graveyard site visits.
- Contributed to, attended, or carried out work on a range of projects including THRIVE, Kilmallock Town Centre First, Merchant's House Kilmallock Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, Adare Public Realm, Market Quarter Cruises Street Public Realm, and Limerick City Public Realm.

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3. Ryder Cup Project Management

Ryder Cup Project Management

- Collaboration workshop between Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC) and Tourism Department with a focus on the 2027 Ryder Cup event.
- Transport planning meetings with key stakeholders.
- Junior Ryder Cup Working Group meeting with key stakeholders.
- Meeting with Kerry County Council Economic Development and Tourism Sections regarding collaboration.
- Community and business engagement meetings regarding potential activations with Ballyhoura Development Company, West Limerick Resources, Kilmallock Town Centre First, Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City Network, Chamber of Commerce, Regeneration Team, Action Programme for City Centre Forum, City Centre Revitalisation Steering Group.
- Event planning meetings with Ryder Cup Europe.



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Environment, Climate Action and Fire

1. Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

- Submitted an application to participate in the Bloomberg sponsored “Youth for Climate Action Programme”.
- Submitted Climate Action Key Performance Indicators (KPI) data for 2025 to the Local Government Management Agency.
- Presented at the Staff Induction Day on 14 January.
- Attended the “Lunch and Learn” session hosted by the Environment, Climate Action and Fire Directorate on 21 January.
- Participated in the Junior Achievers Programme in St. Mary’s National School Croom on 26 January.
- The initial meeting with the District Heating Feasibility Study Team was held on 28 January.
- Attended a meeting with the Transport Section to advance an Electric Vehicle Car Club for staff in Limerick City and County Council.
- Commenced the assessment of applications submitted to the Community Climate Action Programme.

This month in the Citizen Innovation Lab we hosted:

- Active Travel held a Transport and Mobility Forum meeting on the 21 January.

Horse and Dog Control

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	21
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	5
Number of horses seized	5

Domestic Waste and Litter

Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received	274
Inspections undertaken	601
Warnings issued	2
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	5
Statutory notices issued	10
Prosecutions initiated	3
Fines issued	49

Clean Ups

The following clean-ups were done during the month:

- River Garden Apartments, Killarney Road, Abbeyfeale West, Abbeyfeale, County Limerick.

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Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL)

In January, Limerick recorded significant improvements in the Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) results, with Limerick City Centre rising from 38th to 33rd place and now rated Moderately Littered, while Galvone achieved its best-ever performance, moving up 11 places to 26th and earning a Clean to European Norms rating. Targeted investment through the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) and Mayoral Programme has supported these gains, enabling major clean-ups, preventative actions, and structural upgrades such as bin storage enhancements and laneway resurfacing.

Sites that received notable praise in January’s report include:

Roxboro Bring Bank

Major clean-up supported by enforcement and community engagement under ADI.

Galvone Industrial Estate

Upgraded from a D rating to B+, though it requires ongoing monitoring and cleaning.

Steps at King John’s Castle

Cleaned and railings removed, funded through the Mayoral Programme.

31/32 Cecil Street

Enforcement actions under Waste and Litter Acts, including fines and a Litter Notice issued to developers.

Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	46
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	56
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	0
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	8
Directions of Authorised Officer issued (MS Dynamics)	4
Statutory notices issued (MS Dynamics)	0
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	1
Prosecutions initiated (MS Dynamics)	3
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	0
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	5
Planning reports	93

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	6	Farm Inspections
Closing Letters	3	Compliant letters from Inspection
Advisory Letters	8	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Warning Letters	7	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) – Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/complaints	7	Water Pollution Complaints
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	0	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	27	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Planning Files	5	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	2	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations

Limerick City and County Council has launched a new website [Trees.limerick.ie](https://trees.limerick.ie) to record any new trees planted across Limerick City and County.

Limerick City and County Council promotes tree planting and invites any individual, community or business to register new trees on [Trees.limerick.ie](https://trees.limerick.ie).

This initiative will assist to track progress and support climate action, biodiversity protection and sustainable development.

Tree planting is a key measure to build environmental sustainability, this initiative supports wider local and national policy objectives including Ireland's Climate and biodiversity strategies as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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Environmental Awareness

Circular Cups for Communities

Limerick City and County Council issued its press release to launch [Circular Cups for Community Events in the Southern Region - My Waste](#). This is a first of its kind initiative in Ireland and supports the waste prevention efforts of communities arranging not for profit events at community level at which beverages are served. Cups are available in half pint and pint sizes together with cups for hot drinks with or without lids.

Food Waste Prevention

The Environmental Awareness Officer attended the Savour Food Seminar in Cork which was organized by the Clean Technology Centre. This seminar outlined food waste prevention measures which can be undertaken within the business community and included a visit to [Food Cloud Little Island](#).

Green Business Hub - Adare

The Environmental Awareness Officer presented progress to date at the National update meeting held on 27 January. Promotion of the suite of the FREE toolkit on [Manage waste in your workplace - My Waste](#) continues and includes Bin signage, Posters, Training animations and Testimonials (videos). Relevant workplaces include all members of the business community (including public bodies), schools, and sports clubs.

Biodiversity

Birds of the Shannon Estuary Story Map

The Birds of the Shannon Estuary Online Digital Story Map is available at: [interactive story map](#)

The Story Map encourages people to explore and value the estuary's biodiversity and protected habitats, while promoting responsible behaviour that supports conservation. The project aligns with the Strategic Integrated Framework Plan for the Shannon Estuary, which promotes sustainable economic development underpinned by strong environmental protection. The initiative has been developed through the work of the

Biodiversity Officers in Limerick, Clare and Kerry, and is funded through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund and the three local authorities. The Biodiversity Officer Programme is delivered in partnership with the Heritage Council. The digital map was published in collaboration with Wetland Surveys Ireland.

Limerick Biodiversity Forum

- Limerick's Biodiversity Forum met on 22 January. The Biodiversity Forum consists of a wide range of organisations and provides the opportunity to network, share knowledge and challenges in relation to Limerick's Natural Heritage. The work of the Limerick Biodiversity Forum is supported by the Heritage Council of Ireland.
- The forum received presentations from:
 - Owen Murphy, Senior Manager of the [National Breeding Waders European Innovation Partnership](#). This project is expanding its reach in 2026, and a new project officer is in place for the Munster Area.
 - Limerick City and County Council's Executive Parks and Landscape Officer and Tree Officer.
 - Limerick City and County Council's Biodiversity Officer.

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Hare's Corner in Limerick 2026

- A total of 105 applications were received for the Hare's Corner initiative in Limerick for 2026 which will result in a total of 217 possible actions to support nature in 2026. These actions will include 54 Heritage mini-Orchards; 33 Mini Woodlands; 54 Plans for Nature, 50 Wildlife Hedges and 31 Wildlife Ponds.

Return to Nature Faith Communities Initiative

- Supported by the Heritage Council and Limerick City and County Council the Limerick Diocese took delivery of 250 tree whips (Hawthorn and Rowan) for planting on Church lands in 2026.

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)	€69,024.03	3
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€0	0
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€39,224.08	11 Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€9,937.25	2 Households

The first Rural Water Monitoring Meeting of 2026 was held on the 30 January. This was the first consultative meeting held by the new section and a good discussion was held on the new testing regime required as well as progress reporting on the Rural Water Investment Programme. Three further meetings will be held in 2026.

2. Fire and Emergency

Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/01/26 – 31/01/26	71	89	160
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	82%	68%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	16%	28%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	2%	4%	

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	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications January	21	28	1	19	
Disability Access Certificate Applications January	13	10	1	11	
Licensing Applications January	12	9			
Commencement Notice January	30	25	4		30
Completion Certificate January	7	7			7
Planning Referrals January	21				15

Fire and Emergency Training Events

- 17 Firefighters completed Snorkel Refresher Training, delivered over five two-day sessions.
- 59 Firefighters undertook Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Refresher Training across seven one-day sessions.
- 15 staff members participated in a three-day Peer Supporter Training Course.
- 17 staff members attended a one-day Peer Supporter Refresher Training Course.
- One Retained Firefighter successfully completed the Breathing Apparatus Initial Wearers Course in Sligo.
- Two Senior Officers commenced the Leadership for Performance and Change Programme at South East Technological University (SETU).
- A number of Confined Space Instructors took part in a dedicated training day at Cappamore Fire Station.
- A group of student paramedics from the University of Limerick completed a one-day Fire Service Awareness Programme.

Civil Defence Attendance at Events and Activities

Duties for January

- Show and Tell for 25th Limerick Scout Group in Corbally.

Training for January

- Emergency First Responder Course.
- Cardiac First Responder Advanced Course.
- Boat Training.
- Advanced Weather Off-Road Driving (AWORD) Instructor Training.
- Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Training.

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Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January	Total 2026
Metropolitan District	0	0
Municipal Districts	0	0

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January	Total 2026
Metropolitan District	6	6
Municipal Districts	3	3

3. Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries

Parks

Mayoral Expert Group for Heritage and Green Spaces

The Mayoral Expert Group for Heritage and Green Spaces held their fifth meeting in January. The Expert Group has now developed a list of ideas at a high level for projects for each of the four Municipal districts – the Metropolitan District of Limerick, the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale, the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock and the Municipal District of Newcastle West. These ideas for projects will be progressed further in 2026. The meeting in January focussed on the Metropolitan area with a review and presentation on the Blue Green Infrastructure Strategy, followed by a separate analysis of each of six transformational spaces and how to connect them up to each other to create a chain of amenity spaces in the city.

The six projects were:

1. New Northside Park
2. King’s Island
3. Arthur’s Quay
4. Greening Georgian Limerick
5. Colbert Quarter Park
6. Garryowen Green

Patrickswell Community Sports Campus

A number of meetings were held in relation to the Patrickswell Community Sports Campus to progress completion of the Part 8 documentation for the project.

Castleconnell Playground Extension

Preliminary layout and scope of project identified with available budget.

Caherdavin Playground

The playground layout and design options for Caherdavin playground were finalised.

Newcastle West Playground

A number of design layout options were prepared for the Demesne playground area in Newcastle West to maximise for recreational use.

Parks Works

- Maintenance works carried out at The Demesne, Newcastle West.
- Tree pruning maintenance works in the Metropolitan District of Limerick area.
- Castletroy Park natural play area maintenance works.
- Removing ivy and overgrowth for new Mungret Sensory Garden Entrance.

Tree maintenance

Tree maintenance works continued in housing estates throughout the city and county.

Cemeteries

Castlemungret and Adare Cemeteries

Columbarium Walls were installed in Castlemungret and Adare cemeteries. The project involved the installation of a 20 niche Columbarium Wall and a paved landscaped area to both cemeteries. Each niche can hold two urns.

Abbeyfeale Burial Ground

A new burial ground is being progressed for Abbeyfeale with meetings held and details finalised to progress Part 8 documentation to be lodged.

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Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in January 2026

Mount St. Lawrence	17
Mount St. Oliver	11
Castlemungret	17
Kilmurry	1

City Centre Response Team

- 98 corrective measures undertaken by the City Centre Response crew - pavement repairs across city centre.
- Washed 16 Wayfinder signs as requested by Public Realm Team.
- Contractor repair of Clancy Strand Boardwalk and St. Munchin’s Church Railing.
- Four Insurance Walks completed by the team.



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Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development

1. Corporate and Customer Services

Schedule of Council Meetings for January

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
Full Council Bi-Monthly Meeting of Limerick City and County Council	26/01/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
Municipal District of		
Adare-Rathkeale Monthly Meeting	13/01/2026	Rathkeale and Online
Newcastle West Monthly Meeting	14/01/2026	Newcastle West and Online
Cappamore-Kilmallock Monthly Meeting	15/01/2026	Kilmallock and Online
Metropolitan District of Limerick Monthly Meeting	19/01/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online
Strategic Policy Committee Meetings Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning	21/01/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting	13/01/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting	13/01/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
Corporate Policy Group Meeting	19/01/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online
Party Leaders' Meeting	22/01/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online
Protocol Committee Meeting	22/01/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online
Rural Water Monitoring Committee Meeting	30/01/2026	Dooradoyle

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Requisitions Oversight Unit

The Requisitions Oversight Unit staff validate all requisitions raised across the entire Limerick City and County Council.

The following statistics applied for January:

- Approved requisitions account for 82% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions account for 18% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
January	1,465	314	1,779

The top six requisition rejection reasons for January were identified as follows:

Rejection Reason	January
Memo Requisition not raised in advance - Omitted/Insufficient detail	75
Documentation attached Omitted/Incorrect	74
Procurement Reference Omitted/Incorrect	52
Request for Quotes - Omitted	23
CAPA (Corrective Action, Preventative Action form) - Omitted/Not Signed/Insufficiently Completed	22
Signature Required - Omitted/Incorrect	22

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	49
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/agreement	78

Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	81
Deletions from Electoral Register	676
Modifications to the Electoral Register	182
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	939

Health and Safety Training

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

Course Name	Numbers Trained
Drivers CPCs (Certificates of Professional Competence)	8
First Aid	7
Manual Handling	48
Safe Pass	11
Mobile Elevated Work Platform (MEWP)	8
Working at Heights	12
Sharps Removal and Biohazards Training	31
Total Staff Trained	125

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Access to Information

	January	2026 January
Total Freedom of Information Requests	20	20
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	3	3
Information Commissioner Appeals	0	0
Total Ombudsman Requests	1	1
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	1	1
AIE Internal Appeals	0	0

behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 64% of the cases created.

- 3,558 cases were closed, with 835 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the MyLimerick portal continued, with a total of 158 cases being logged. Of these, 139 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 92% 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 134 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 115 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 80 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 3,001 customers at both our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

Customer Services

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

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

- Customer Services Call Centre answered 10,042 calls. This represents an average of 478 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 713 on one particular day. 85% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,909 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.
- 3,972 cases were created, with 951 of these logged on

2. Marketing and Communications

Marketing

Limerick Student City

- Facilitated the launch of a new promotional video asset to encourage potential students to consider Limerick as their destination of choice for college. The video marked a collaboration with our Tertiary Education partners at University of Limerick (UL), Mary Immaculate College (MIC), Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB). The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, Príomh Chomhairleoir Catherine Slattery, education partners from each institution and media were present at the video launch in Gardens International in early January.

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- Limerick City and County Council's collaboration with our Tertiary Education Institutes allows us to promote a unified vision of Limerick and fortifies the credibility of the Limerick Student City brand.
- The promotional video asset, which sees students from each partner institution move through their respective campuses and enjoy the city centre, was used as the hero promotional asset in our Central Applications Office (CAO) Deadline Campaign.
- The campaign which ran until the CAO Deadline date, 01 February, was designed to put Limerick at the forefront of potential students' minds, their guardians and guidance counsellors. The campaign ran across our [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie) social channels with links directing back to our Limerick Student City hub on [Limerick.ie/Study](https://www.limerick.ie/study).
- The Marketing team promoted the campaign to a busy and highly engaged audience at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Limerick.
- Distribution of Limerick on Foot brochures and Maps across the City and County totalled almost 100 display points.

Other Marketing Activity

- Submitted an article on Limerick Student City to the Irish American News publication.
- Provided collateral to our Tourism Department by way of merchandise, displays and Limerick on Foot guides for the Holiday World Show Dublin in the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) on 23-25 January.
- Provided support to our colleagues in Festivals Marketing in advance of the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2026.
- Planned social media content calendar for Q1 social, including themed content around events and activities in Limerick.
- Content is being prepared for the Brand Limerick Marketing Strategy.
- Content is being prepared for our Limerick golf tourism offering.
- Attended the Tourism Ireland 2026 International Markets Strategy session in Dublin.
- Attended the Social Media Dublin Conference in Croke Park.
- Managed a multi-platform campaign to encourage locals and visitors to Limerick to experience Limerick's tracks and trails, with a special (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) supported) 2026 spotlight on three rural County Limerick trails: Kilmallock Looped Walk, Killeedy Eco Park and Adare Village Walking Trail.
- The campaign was promoted across social, digital, Public Relations (PR), print and at an in-person event at the Crescent Shopping Centre, Limerick.
- These included updates to a comprehensive "Walk it, Run it, Love it" route map and guide, updated Limerick City Loop Walk, Three Bridges Loop Walk and Activity Sheets for kids. For 2026, brand new Kilmallock Loop Walk, Killeedy Eco Park and Adare Village Trail Maps were produced in print and digital versions.
- All activity was underpinned with dedicated social content and an enhanced hub on [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie).
- The campaign also engaged high-profile social media influencers to further reach and engagement; including: Éadaoin Fitzmaurice, Elizabeth Nicolas and Sinead O'Brien.

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Social Media

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

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

Limerick.ie Facebook: 40,784

Limerick.ie X: 20,786

Limerick.ie Instagram: 45,185

Limerick.ie TikTok: 4,730

Limerick City and County Council X: 18,698

Limerick City and County Council Instagram: 6,789

Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn: 16,860

Limerick City and County Council TikTok: 1,367

Mayoral Accounts:

Mayor of Limerick Instagram: 1,952

Mayor of Limerick Twitter: 274

Limerick.ie

In January, there were 178,997* unique site visits to Limerick.ie, a 6% increase on the same period in 2025. (*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on Limerick.ie were:

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

Content Report: 102 articles, 414 events, six photo galleries, seven amenities and eight new Limerick City and County Council services and were added to Limerick.ie in January.

Communications

- Issued 26 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote two news releases for the Office of the Mayor.
- All media releases from Limerick City and County Council were also shared internally on the staff portal.
- Researched and wrote eight speeches for the Office of the Mayor and two for the Office of the Príomh Chomhairleoir.
- Posted 272 times across the three Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 43,714. Our posts earned 617,208 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- 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.

Social media posts were created and shared for the following:

- Irish Term of the month.
- Reminders for Environment Department to recycle your Christmas trees.
- Expression of Interest (EOI) notice for Twilight Thursday events.
- Launch of new video for Limerick Student City campaign with LinkedIn advertisement.
- Two LinkedIn advertisements for Recruitment: Senior Executive Technician and Technician Grade I.
- Additional social posts for further career opportunities.
- Travel Warning posts for adverse weather.
- Week long social campaign for the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) "Housing Focus" national campaign.

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- Promo for Team Limerick Clean-Up (TLC) call-out for registrations.
- 11th Rightsizing Housing Scheme for Kilfinane.
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) call-out for Community Representatives for the Limerick Local Community Safety Partnerships.
- Video for Office of Public Works (OPW) building contract award.
- Video for Active Travel 2025 year in review.
- Video and social content for Declan Hannon's Civic Reception.
- Series of water notices for Uisce Éireann.
- Series of weather updates for Met Éireann.
- Series of road notices, public notices and news updates

3. Business Improvement

- A total of 922 active users are now live on the Council Connect Employee App.
- Services on Service Catalogue = 682
- The second "Lunch and Learn" with the Director of Service for the Environment, Climate Action and Fire Directorate and its Senior Team was held in the Council Chamber in Merchants Quay, as well as online.

4. Municipal Districts

Metropolitan District of Limerick

Meeting

The January Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 19 January.

Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing on King's Island Youth and Community Centre Part VIII.
- Briefing in relation to the Apartment Development, Ballycummin Road, Raheen.

Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale was held on 13 January in Áras Seán 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:

- 122 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 143 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Road Maintenance

- Road repairs and pothole filling
- Inlet opening on roadways
- Culvert opening and cleaning
- Debris removal from road drainage systems
- Minor drainage projects
- Emergency response to storm/flooding events

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Winter Maintenance

- Road salting/de-icing
- Tree removal/road clearance
- Inlet opening on roadways
- Culvert opening and cleaning
- Debris removal from Road Drainage Systems
- Minor drainage projects
- Emergency response to storm events.

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 15 January in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Briefing on a Proposed Walkway Development from Holycross to Grange church took place on 15 January in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Briefing on Policing Matters took place on 15 January in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Workshop on a proposed Municipal District Reception took place on 15 January in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned Through Microsoft Dynamics

- 166 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 119 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Municipal District of Newcastle West

Meetings and Briefings

- 14 January - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.
- 28 January - Workshop for the Elected Members on the Provision of a Public Convenience in Abbeyfeale.
- 28 January - Workshop for the Elected Members to discuss Christmas Festivities 2026.
- 28 January - Workshop for the Elected Members to discuss General Municipal Allocation for 2026.
- 28 January - Workshop for the Elected Members to Review the 2023 Draft Public Realm and Tourism Plan for Dromcollogher.
- 28 January - Workshop for the Members to review Concept Development for the sites at 112, 113 and 114 Maiden Street, Newcastle West.

Housing Maintenance

- 141 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

Transportation and Mobility

- 153 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,255 transactions.

