



Comhairle Cathrach
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Limerick City
& County Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Limerick City and County Council's Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 17th December 2025 at 2:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Dooradoyle and ONLINE by MS Teams Video Conference.

Members' Present: Cllrs. Teefy (Chair), Butler, Conway, Doyle, Kilcoyne, Gavan, Hartigan, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, E. Ryan, M. Ryan, T. Ruddle, Secas, Teskey, Ward.
Mrs. M. Browne, Mr. F. Flaherty,

Apologies: Mr. D. O'Neill & Mr. David Tobin

Other Invitees: Cllr. S. Hickey-O'Mara, Cllr. O. O'Sullivan

Officials Present: Ms. P. Liddy, (P.L.) Mr. H. McGrath (HMcG), Ms. A. Leahy (A.L.), Mr. C. Neville (C.N.), D. Conway (D.C.), Ms. M. Corrigan (M.C.), Ms. M. Fitzgerald (MF), Ms. T. Flanagan (TF), Ms. P. Fogarty (PF), Ms. S. Kennedy (SK), Mr. R. Gorey (RG), Mr. T. Goodwin (TG), Ms. N. McGarry (NMcG), Mr. S. McGlynn (SMcG), Ms. R. O'Donnell (ROD).

Item 1: Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on the 22nd October were proposed by Cllr. S. Hartigan and seconded by Cllr. T. Ruddle and adopted.

Item 2: Update on progress of Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS 2022) Implementation Plan:
– Mr. Hugh McGrath, S.E.

H.McG delivered an update on the LSMATS implementation plan highlighting the details of progress in Q4 2025 for individual modes of transport.

The Chair welcomed the presentation and opened the floor to questions

Following discussion and queries raised, HMcG clarified the details of progress for individual modes of transport as follows:

- With reference to LSMATS bus stops/Bus Connects is broken into 2 stages
- A meeting with Irish Rail would be required in relation to developing temporary rail platforms on lands acquired at Patrickswell and viewing other areas for development will be accommodated as plan develops.
- Met with Bus Éireann however no start date for 310 bus service yet but will update accordingly.
- Parklets were coming to end-of-life and LCCC will look at future of each on a case by case basis.

- LCCC is having positive discussions currently with vendors regarding car sharing scheme.
- Review of candidate 30km zones will be considered next speed limit review (2026.)
- The Cycle Network is to continue to be developed by Active Travel team.
- Part 8 and section 38 are not suitable models for temporary Park and Ride.
- TUS to Clonmakin Active Travel link is not in the current programme approved for funding.
- The Limerick City Center Transport plan is progressing and now expected to be ready for consultation at the end of January 2026.
- Ryder Cup Park and Ride funding comes from the Department of Tourism.
- The 310 will provide improved service, and TFI & Local Link will need to be contacted in relation to an increased service for the 323.
- The current TFI dockless bike scheme will be replaced by a new E bike & E scooter scheme towards the end of 2026 following procurement by NTA
- The R513 needs additional funding and LCCC are currently looking for additional resources with a view to make incremental improvements.

Item 3: Draft LCCC Accessibility Strategy: – Mr. Toby Goodwin, Behavioral Scientist.

T.G. delivered a presentation on the Draft LCCC Accessibility Strategy highlighting the strategic approach required under statutory obligations to ensure fit-for- purposes access and delivery of services and facilities.

Mrs. Browne welcomed T.G.'s walkability studies and asked what was next. She invited T.G. to the Step Forward group in January 2026.

The members welcomed and supported the strategy. P.L. appreciated the support, adding that it will be a work in progress. It will be critical to co-ordinate all capital projects to adhere to the strategy.

In response to queries raised, T.G. confirmed that it is currently in draft stage and he will link in with rest of the organization. He added that a lot has yet to be resolved with regard to accessible bus stops. He will meet Step Forward in January 2026 and thanked all members for their support.

Item 4: Update on the Integration of Active Travel Programme with Emergency Services: - Diarmuid Conway, A.E.

D.C. delivered a summary of the report on the study of Integration of the Active Travel Programme with Emergency Services; the summary was previously delivered on the 26th

November 2025 to the elected members of the Metropolitan District by the appointed consultants B.J. Barry Transportation Ltd.

D.G. summarised how the report examines how the implementation of Active Travel Infrastructure interacts with and affects the operations of emergency services within the Limerick Metropolitan area and was commissioned by LCCC. The study was undertaken to assess potential implications of emergency response times, accessibility and operational efficiency, while ensuring that the delivery of sustainable transport infrastructure aligns with emergency service requirements.

He added that the findings could inform a wider national assessment by the NTA and may guide future Active Travel Schemes. He confirmed the public launch is planned for January 2026

The members thanked D.C. for the presentation.

Item 5: Update on Revised Guidelines for Strategic Policy Committees

P.L. advised that a workshop has been organised by Corporate Services for all members for all SPC's on 14th January 2026. Each SPC is encouraged to attend the workshops and develop their own work programme.

Item 6: Item for discussion – Update on approach to governance and operations of signalised pedestrian crossings in Limerick City and County:
submitted by Mr. Farron Flaherty, Community/Voluntary PPN

Mr. Flaherty queried the approach to governance and operations of signalised pedestrian crossings and asked what local policies the Council uses to determine the configuration of pedestrian crossing technologies.

Following discussion by the members, HMcG clarified the following: -

- There is priority for pedestrians on the Dock Road / O' Curry Street junction
- There is also definite priority on Clare Street crossing Broad Street.
- City centre and the environs will not be completed with the same level of priority, it takes funding and will be done on a stage-by-stage basis.
- Prudence is also required in the event of a potential schemes in an area which would take precedence.
- The executive is currently working on a protocol on how junction upgrades are prioritised with pedestrian facilities.

- Specialised consultants have been appointed to meet all the various schemes for all public realm, Active Travel and strategy.

HMcG added that the next step is to draft a document which will address some of the queries raised. It is educational awareness for the council of what's out there. He welcomed the item being raised for discussion and he is sure Mr. Flaherty would be supportive of a written protocol being put in place which can be referenced if any concerns raised.

The Chair thanked Mr. Mc Grath for the response.

Item 7: Item for discussion - Request for update on University Avenue Project:
submitted by Mr. David Tobin, Limerick Pedestrian Network.

In Mr. Tobin's absence, Mr. Flaherty proposed the item for discussion and requested an update on the Potential University Avenue project including Pedestrian link, cycle link between Moyross and TUS and if planning was approved for the Moyross Train Station. No update since consultation a couple of years ago

Cllr. D Butler raised concerns on why the item was on the agenda for discussion, as it is operational and not strategic policy. Cllr E. Ryan concurred and asked where members can raise issues if they cannot raise them at the SPC, as cannot be raised at the full

council meeting. In response Mr. McGrath confirmed that this item was assessed and it is a strategic project.

H.McG clarified that Moyross Train Station is at pre planning stage and part of the business case is connected to the university, and it is between the university and the residential area around Moyross i.e. travel infrastructure around the university. Regeneration advises that there is going to be further engagement with residents and statutory bodies and the next phase will take place in Q1 2026 to advance the Moyross educational mobility corridor project and then to submit for part 8. The view is this is a project for priority for Regeneration and is an important strategic project for LCCC.

A.O.B. - Glyphosate Cllr. S. Hickey O'Mara

Cllr. S. Hickey-O'Mara raised the issue of using glyphosate and requested that the Council do the following when using glyphosate or other herbicides in a community as follows:

1. Inform the community in advance via a letter drop indicating the precise location that it will be used in.
2. Erect warning signs or notices at the precise location before and after the use of glyphosate or other toxic herbicides
3. Use any viable alternative to glyphosate or other toxic herbicides in their work
4. Agree to end use of glyphosate and other toxic herbicides.

In response P.L. advised the following: –

- As part of the public realm and roadway maintenance, the Cleansing and Roads Section spray on hard surfaces on public roads and footpaths and is used in a targeted and controlled manner.
- It is applied at the appropriate rate under the correct conditions by professional users registered with the Dept of Agriculture, Foods and marine and is in accordance with the requirements of their Risk Assessments and the European commission did approve its use
- LCCC will review one policy that works for all, examine all elements and will revert to the next SPC Meeting with an update.

Following a discussion, the members wished to add their support on the matter.

Cllr. O'Mara added that the item was originally brought to his attention by concerned residents who have children and pets in a residential area. There was no warning of when spraying was going to take place or details of a location. The issue has been supported by every member present, and it has been going back and forth for well over a month. He thanked the executive and members for the time given to the topic.

The chair wished to remind members that this is not a Motion, it is an item for discussion

M.C. advised members that the matter will go forward as a recommendation to the CPG. On their approval, it will then go forward to the full council meeting.

The Chair welcomed C.N. who recently joined the team following John Cregan's resignation.

Recommendation from Travel and Transportation SPC:

That the Council will research and prepare a draft policy regarding the use of glyphosate and other herbicides and alternatives.

This concluded the business of the meeting.