

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 16th February 2026.

Question submitted by Councillor C.Slaterry

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many RAS properties have Limerick City and County Council and currently how many NTQ's are there for RAS properties and are the Council acquiring more properties for RAS tenants.

REPLY:

As of 9 February 2026, Limerick City and County Council have 541 private properties under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS).

In relation to Notice to Quits (NTQs):

- 49 RAS NTQs with an expiry date in 2025 were received. 5 of these remain outstanding.
- To date, 47 RAS NTQs with an expiry date in 2026 have been received. 35 of these remain outstanding.

The RAS unit continue to identify properties from the Buy, Build, Lease pipeline and allocate properties for RAS tenants that have received NTQs as per Limerick City and County Council's Allocation Scheme.

The RAS unit has secured additional accommodation as follows:

- 10 new properties in 2025
- 13 new properties in 2026



Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
11th February 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick in relation to long term leasing, can the criteria be changed that if the tenant does not want the furniture supplied that the landlord removes it. At present tenants are told that items in the houses cannot be removed.

REPLY:

All properties leased under the social housing leasing schemes should be furnished with basic furniture and appliances (including white goods) as per Section 7.2 of the terms of the Lease Agreement, which is a template provided by the Housing Agency and cannot be altered. Additionally, the comparable rents used to agree the proposed market rent are usually based on properties that are furnished with basic furniture and appliances.



Sarah Newell
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11th February 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what stronger measures have been implemented as stated in paragraph 17.4 Provisions of Event Management Services in the Statutory Audit Report to the members of Limerick City and County Council for year ended 31st December 2024, and what led to the significantly increased spending in 2023 and 2024 to a single supplier.

Reply:

The provision of Event Management Services for festivals and events are a Mayoral function under legislation.

The following is an outline of the process being followed for tendering:

- Request for Tenders are published on the e-Tenders platform and or on the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union).
- Tenders are assessed by a suitably qualified assessment panel based on the award criteria set of in the Request for Quotation document.
- Outcome documents are prepared followed by a Tender recommendation report.
- The report is reviewed by Senior Executive Officer (SEO), and a recommendation is made to the Director of Service (DoS). If satisfied the DoS endorses the recommendation for Mayoral Review and Sign off.
- A Mayoral order is prepared, sign off by the Mayor.
- A Contract is signed by the appointed contractor, the Mayor of Limerick, and is witnessed by SEO or DOS.
- Signed copies of contracts are saved digitally.

LCCC Civic festivals have audiences ranging from 40,000 to 110,000 people & are primarily held in the public realm. Stakeholder engagement is central to planning and delivery, in particular An Garda Síochana, HSE, Fire Service, Roads, Civil Defence & others.

On occasion unforeseen costs can arise from additional Health & Safety, logistical and/or operational reasons put forward by consultees. New legislation and/or guidelines for large scale public events best practice can bring new requests, in addition adapted or additional programme content may also require consideration.



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No officer delegation is in place to authorise additional contract costs. Where additional costs are approved and signed off by the Mayor a 'Contract Modification' is published on eTenders / OJEU, or a new tender process is carried out if required.

Overspend in 2023 and 2024 refers to contracts issued in November 2022. The events industry was only recovering from covid pandemic in 2022, when these tenders were issued. The industry experienced widespread inflation in 2023 particularly with security, equipment hire, insurance and staff costs. These were largely unavoidable and impacted on budget planning and execution in 2023. Prior to covid, there was a strong culture of volunteering for these festivals in Limerick, that defrayed staff costs (stewarding etc). Following the pandemic, this was greatly reduced and staff had to be hired for roles previously carried out by volunteers. Cost increase examples include additional grandstand, visit of naval ship, and water safety measures .

Given the economic importance of these civic festivals and events to Limerick, there was an emphasis on creative programming and activity that also resulted in increased costs to local authority but brought huge economic benefit to the city (estimated at €10M) and of vital importance to reinvigorating the hospitality and tourism industry and support of creative sector.

Contract documents have been revised to produce tighter controlled pricing for these festivals.

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Brendan Troy

Head of Economic and Tourism Development

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that an update be provided on the progress and timeline for the Columbarium wall in Mt. St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Reply:

The Council have prepared a preliminary layout for a Columbarium Garden in Mount Saint Lawrence. The design will allow for multiple Columbarium Walls with access to the garden from the main road and via steps from within the Cemetery. The garden will be wheelchair accessible and will be fully landscaped.

The project is being progressed inhouse with a timeline of May 2026 for lodging a Part 8 planning application. Delivery will be subject to funding.

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

12th February, 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the progress for the Parkway Roundabout following numerous motions on its signalisation and the confirmation that the NTA have no issue with it.

Reply:

At present Active Travel is performing a desk study to review 5–6 potential options. Once this is complete, the options will be presented to the elected members.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
12th February 2026.**

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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Golf Links Road-Ballysimon Road junction improvement scheme by O'Shea's Pub.

Reply:

The detailed design for the Golf Links Road Junction Upgrade Scheme (O'Shea's pub) is being developed. The 2026 funding allocations from the Department of Transport are due in Q1 2026. Limerick City and County Council anticipates a favourable funding allocation to allow the scheme progress through tender stage in Q2/Q3 2026 and subsequent Construction Stage.

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12th February 2026.

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Question submitted by Councillor E.Secas

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Housing Directorate has had any engagement with UL, as a landowner, to develop on-campus student accommodation, further to this local authority's call on landowners to propose land suitable for residential zoning and housing developments.

REPLY:

The Housing Directorate has liaised with the Forward Planning & Urban Development Section who are the lead section on this initiative, and they have had no response from the University of Limerick in relation to the local authority's call on landowners to propose land suitable for residential zoning and housing developments.

However, the Housing Directorate will be progressing a preliminary market consultation to seek operators to consider the development of student and other housing tenures on Council owned land by the end of February 2026.



Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
11th February 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the distributor road linking the Golf Links Road from its Schoolhouse Road junction, with the Groody Road at the southern leg of Kilbane Roundabout.

Reply:

Planning approval for the Castletroy Link Road Scheme was received from An Coimisiún Pleanála under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 on 31st October 2025.

The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) was also received on the same date, and the Confirmation Order was published on 21st January and applications for judicial review may be made to the high court within an 8 week period. Subject to no applications being received, it is intended to progress the land negotiation process by Notice to Treat with affected landowners later this year.

Transportation & Mobility are currently preparing an application for the Castletroy Link Road scheme to the Governments recently launched Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF). This scheme is administered by the new Housing Activation Office (HAO) within the Department of Housing. The outcome of applications is expected to be known later this year.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
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12th February 2026.**

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Question submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the final report/recommendations on the Arthur's Quay Urban Framework Plan will be published.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council has commissioned a Capacity Study and Life Cycle Embodied & Operational Carbon Assessment for Sarsfield House which is due to be completed in March. This Study together with the emerging Transport Plan will inform the Arthur's Quay Framework Plan and will enable us to finalise it in 2026.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
9th February 2026.**

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Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on plans for Bruach na Sionna, Castleconnell. An AHB was agreed to acquire and take on the HAP/RAS tenancies. Is there an update from them on what stage they are at.

REPLY:

Focus Housing Association CLG (Focus) completed the acquisition of 12 no. properties under the Tenant-in-Situ scheme at Bruach na Sionna, Castleconnell on November 28th, 2025. Tenancy agreements have been signed between the tenants and Focus on all 12 properties. In addition, Focus also acquired 5 no. vacant properties in the estate on the same date, bringing the total number of Focus managed properties in the estate to 17. Any additional properties to be considered in the estate will be done so on a case-by-case basis and subject to the terms of the Tenant-in-Situ scheme.



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Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Discover Limerick DAC explain their future plans for Castle Lane Tavern which closed in 2000.

I wish to respond as follows:

Along with a Museum function, the Castle Lane Tavern formed part of the Castle Lane building complex constructed in 1998. The Tavern was operated by the Castle's former management as a complimentary Food and Beverage business until it was reconfigured, for commercial reasons, into part of the Castle's Exhibition in June 2013.

Discover Limerick DAC is currently in the process of completing a masterplan for the Castle on behalf of the Council which will explore the development potential of the overall Castle complex including the former Castle Lane Tavern.

While alternative uses for this building are being explored, it is highly unlikely that it will be used as a Tavern.

I will keep the Members informed of developments and will be happy to present on the Masterplan once completed.

Sean Lenihan
Director of Services

Date: 12/2/2026



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the public bin next to the bus stop on the Cratloe Road, across from the junction of Cratloe Road and Mayorstone Upper, will be reinstalled.

Reply:

The public bin next to the bus stop on the Cratloe Road, across from the junction of Cratloe Road and Mayorstone Upper, will be reinstalled no later than Monday 23rd February, 2026.

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

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on what planning and preparation has thus far been carried out by this Council in advance of Limerick hosting EuroPride 2028.

LCCC supported the Europride bid when an international delegation from the Europride festival visited Limerick to assess the suitability of the location in July 2025. The Economic and Tourism Development Team also supported the bid organisers to travel to Spain to make a presentation to the festivals organisers when the bid was shortlisted.

The festival will be jointly hosted by Limerick and Clare. The next steps in the work programme for Q1 2026 is to agree with Clare County Council both Council's role in EuroPride, agree the governance structure for the festival, engage with bid leads, and identify funding avenues from government.

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Brendan Troy

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full update on the development of student housing initiatives to address the student housing shortage in conjunction with other partners such as 3rd level institutions including the establishment of an Expression of Interest process to seek operators to consider developing student and other housing tenures on Council owned land.

REPLY:

LCCC Housing Directorate is currently preparing a Preliminary Market Consultation /Expression of Interest to seek operators to consider developing student housing on Council owned land. This Preliminary Market Consultation will be published on the eTenders platform by the end of February 2026. We had anticipated this would be done before end 2025 but we couldn't progress it.

In addition, there are ongoing talks with the LDA on a city-wide strategy for student accommodation. This strategy will include for a number of workshops and exploratory discussions with the main third level institutions of University of Limerick, Mary Immaculate College and Technological University of the Shannon over the coming months.



Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction
12th February 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor E O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that salt is provided and footpaths in Greenfields, Roundwood and Ballinacurra Gardens are prioritised for salting due to the high number of older persons living in this area.

Reply:

Limerick City & County Council publishes a detailed Winter Maintenance Plan each year to ensure safe travel during cold weather, including frost ice and snow events. The plan outlines road treatment priorities, operational procedures and resource allocation. There are over 4,000 km of roadway in Limerick City and County Council and not every road can be treated. The Council focus on National Roads, Regional roads and Strategic roads within Limerick City which is 15% of the Road Network.

Limerick City and County Council does not have capacity to treat individual estates as part of its Winter Maintenance Plan for normal winter salting operations. In the event of prolonged cold spell with day time sub zero temperatures, the Council may have resources to attend to various locations during day time operations.

**Patricia Liddy, Director,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
13th February 2026.**



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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of tickets given by traffic wardens in 2025 for Springfield Drive, South Circular Road, Ashbourne Avenue and Ashbourne Park.

REPLY:

114 fines issued in 2025 for Springfield Drive
45 fines issued in 2025 for South Circular Road
0 fines issued in 2025 for Ashbourne Avenue
0 fines issued in 2025 for Ashbourne Park

Signed:

**Irene Griffin,
Financial Accountant
Finance Department.**