

# 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

February 2026

Limerick City and County Council announces Commencement of Construction of Development for 13 Apartments, along with a Retail and Community Unit, at 33 and 34 Thomas Street

Marathon Champion Ava Crean named as Grand Marshal of the 2026 Limerick City St. Patrick's Day Parade

Limerick Gift Card hits Milestone €330,000 in Sales in just 14 Months

Limerick City Centre continues to show Strong Signs of Growth with Opening of Mango on O'Connell Street

Limerick Greenway becomes First Greenway in Ireland to use Virtual Reality (VR) Technology to deliver a Full Immersive Digital Tour

Limerick City and County Council installs "Tidewoven", a New Public Artwork at the People's Park offering a Calm, Reflective Space in The Heart of the City

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## Office of the Mayor

February maintained the momentum established in January, with continuing focus on delivery of key actions while programme definition and activation on all other objectives continues. Housing remained the dominant workstream throughout February and is reflected in the Mayor's focus during the month. Progress on each of the Mayor's chosen 24 focus areas is captured below.

The month was characterised by intensive engagement with key Government Departments, national agencies, and international partners – to drive forward the larger projects to alleviate increasing compression risk in the delivery of the programme.

The SMART Housing Pathfinder programme advanced through early design and mobilisation, with site concepts progressing across pilot and Pathfinder locations ahead of public consultation scheduled for March and April. Work on the Housing Delivery Action Plan deepened, with specialist analytical support for neighbourhood-level assessments close to appointment and a comprehensive socio-economic and housing dataset compiled across the six core city-centre neighbourhoods. Progress was also recorded on the Voids initiative, with a dedicated team and delivery plan now in place. The Mayor also attended the official announcement and photoshoot regarding the redevelopment of 33-34 Thomas Street.

The Mayor undertook a significant programme of national and international engagement during the month. Meetings were held with Government Ministers, senior departmental officials, and strategic consultants including Grant Thornton, who were engaged on a structured review of the Mayoral Programme. High-profile visits to Limerick by the Belgian, Turkish and Chinese Ambassadors, as well as An Tánaiste and the Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health, underscored the growing national and international profile of the directly elected Mayor's office.

### Other notable successes for the month of February were:

- **EIB Funding** It was particularly noteworthy that the European Investment Bank (EIB) has already responded to the Mayoral visit and presentations about Limerick's housing challenges to the EIB HQ in Luxembourg in early February with an offer to assign a team to help the Mayor and officials with identifying new funding sources for housing.
- **Housing Activation Review** The Mayor announced the intent to carry out a review into housing delivery in Limerick from 2014-2025 to understand the reasons for Limerick's underperformance in housing delivery.
- **Theatre Royal** The second All We Have Are Days Festival, significantly funded by a grant of €50,000 from the Mayoral Fund, came to a very successful conclusion with a memorable concert in the Theatre Royal, the first music performance in the venue for several decades.
- **Treaty United** The Mayor met the new Chief Executive Officer of Treaty United to discuss development potential of the Market's Field and how it might be done in tandem with plans for Garryowen Green and other nearby areas.
- **Housing Activation Fund** A submission was made to Government to request funding for ten key projects/sites to activate housing.
- **Ballybrown/Clarina** Post public consultation plans for the redevelopment of the public realm in Ballybrown/Clarina went on public view for a further round of public consultation.
- **Film Success** Locally produced film, "Once Upon a Time in a Cinema" premiered by being chosen as the opening film of the Dublin International Film Festival.

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- The Mayor met with An Tánaiste at the Limerick Civic Trust Dinner, spoke at the IT Summit and MidWest TechFest, and delivered the welcome address at the ITOA West Coast Workshop – each engagement reinforcing Limerick's position as an ambitious, investment-ready city and county.

Civic leadership continued in full throughout the month. The Mayor represented the city and county at a wide range of cultural, sporting, educational and community events, including the Tennis Ireland Davis Cup Play-offs, the Ukrainian community commemorative march, the Limerick Literary Festival, and events marking Bangladeshi Cultural Day and International Women's Day. These engagements reflected the breadth of the civic role alongside the sustained focus on strategic programme delivery.

## February – Key Actions

- **Mayoral Programme Review:** Engaged Grant Thornton across multiple sessions with officials throughout February for finalisation of a review of the Mayoral Programme, informing future delivery. Further work was done to more clearly set out deliverables for 2026 and resource prioritisation across all Programme objectives.
- **Housing Delivery Action Plan:** Analytical work was advanced to support neighbourhood-level housing assessments with a consultant to assist expected to be appointed in March. A comprehensive socio-economic and housing dataset was compiled across the six core city-centre neighbourhoods to inform the integrated housing tracker.
- **SMART Homes:** The SMART Housing Pathfinder programme advanced through design mobilisation across pilot and Pathfinder locations. Preliminary Business Case preparation for approximately 150 homes is on track for a March submission to the Department, and a Housing Infrastructure Invest Fund (HIIF) application was submitted for part of the Mungret pilot site.
- **Voids:** A dedicated team and delivery plan were confirmed for the Mayoral Voids Initiative 2026, targeting the return of over 200 vacant units to use.
- **Vienna Housing Model:** Internal engagement progressed on business case preparation for Kilmallock, Abbeyfeale and Limerick city properties, with a business case due for internal circulation in the first half of March. Contracts were finalised for the acquisitions in Kilmallock.
- **Core City Centre Plan**
- **Northside Plan** Design work funded by the Mayoral Fund continues but awaiting confirmation of further funding from the Mayoral Fund for 2026 work. Initial design ideas to be presented to Mayor in March.
- **Georgian Limerick Greening** Phase 1 of the Pocket Park work on Parnell Street is drawing to a completion with new bulbs coming into flower. Preparation work is ongoing for the placement of new trees on Davis Street during March.
- **LDA Sites:** The Infrastructure Delivery Office has now three of the five staff in place which is beginning to show additional focus. Procurement of the Multi-Disciplinary Consultant Team advanced, alongside planning preparation for the Colbert Quarter SuDS and Park packages. The Project Delivery Workshop had advanced discussions about Colbert Park for the finalisation of planning documents. Progress across Dock Road, Mungret and Carey's Road sites continued on design, site clearance and procurement tracks.
- **Limerick Twenty Thirty – Opera Square and Cleeve's:** Construction commenced on Flaxmill Heritage Works at Cleeve's Riverside Quarter. A Theatre Royal kick-off meeting was held with the Mayor, with scope agreed for 2026 and procurement to follow. After further meetings with Limerick Twenty Thirty, the Mayor and the prospective hotel operator contracts were exchanged on the Opera Square hotel element.
- **City Centre Transport Plan:** The final draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and Options Assessment Report has been finalised for broader management review.

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- **Rail** The Mayor had a high-level meeting with the Chief Executive Officer and senior management of Irish Rail to progress plans for commuter rail in Limerick. A review meeting with the National Transport Authority and consultants is scheduled for mid-March. Funds for key projects at Moyross and Colbert were requested from Government in the Housing Activation Fund application.
- **Active Travel:** The TUS to City Centre scheme progressed on site, with the section between Hassett's Cross and Johnsie's Shop nearing completion and works advancing at St Munchin's Boxing Club and Belfield Court. The South Circular Road tender closing date was extended to 27 March.
- **Roads** Further work took place to finalise alignment and design options in consultation with TUS/Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board with a view to presenting them to councillors in March and to the broader public at the end of March. The Adare bypass remains on schedule.
- **Arthur's Quay** Remaining works of the Phase 1 works on Tourism Office approved in 2025 are being completed.
- **Christmas 2026:** Further meetings were held with staff and the Mayor to develop plans for Christmas 2026 and the years ahead, with the aim of creating a more ambitious vision for Christmas in Limerick. Councillors also met with officials through a Christmas sub-group, where they outlined their priorities for the council-approved budget.
- **Upcoming Events – Ryder Cup and EuroPride:** An announcement of €5.7 million of Government funding for Ryder Cup 2027 cleared the way for the delivery of significant projects in Adare including the refurbishment of public realm and the Adare Village Hall. The Mayor and the Mayor of Claire signed documents related to the upcoming EuroPride 2028.
- **Discover Limerick DAC** A first draft of the shareholder expectation letter for the Discover Limerick DAC was circulated and will be debated by the Shareholder Management Committee in March to include the Game Cube work to be funded by the Mayoral Fund delivered through a related service level agreement. Funding from Government for the Adare Heritage Centre works was secured. New directors now onboard and a board evaluation has been completed.
- **SME Action Plan** The Mayor met officials at Station F in Paris for a visit of the EU's largest start up incubator, before upcoming discussions about the strategic plan for the Innovate Limerick DAC.
- **Kings Island** Flood works continue and have been adjusted to protect newly discovered city walls. Inclement weather has halted works in St Mary's Park but still on track. New King's Island delivery team for broader actions continue to work with Bloomberg/LSE mentors to progress details of a holistic plan. And discussions ongoing with HSE to solve GDPR issues to access data with families with young children.
- **Fashion Incubator:** The inaugural meeting of the Fashion Incubator Steering Group took place on 11 February, with a chair appointed and further meetings scheduled. Plans are in development for collaboration with the Fashion Incubator in Austin, Texas, and participation in Riverfest festivities.
- **Kilmallock Merchant House** Contracts being finalised for acquisition of two nearby homes. Price discussions ongoing for a third house. Design consultant public procurement and appointment being finalised.
- **Abbeyfeale Plan** Works progressing for planning for Bank of Ireland.
- **TOD Contract** signing being prepared in line with a public consultation on Patrickswell lands. Other projects still awaiting government publication of final Limerick TOD projects to enable funding of works.
- **Health Equity Project** A number of meetings were held with the working group to advance the objectives of the Health Equity Project. Particular focus was placed on data gathering, and an audit of chocolate facilities

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## 03 February

- Met with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Met with the SMART (Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition) Homes Design Team
- Met with the Director and Chief Executive Officer of The Hunt Museum
- Engaged with Bloomberg London School of Economics and Political Science Policy Advisor

## 05 February

- Held a Mayoral Programme Board meeting
- Attended a GRID Finance Board meeting

## 08 February

- Attended Tennis Ireland, Davis Cup 2026 World Group II Play-offs hosted in University of Limerick, Sports Arena
- Attended the presentation of Community Awards at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Joined the celebration for Bangladeshi Cultural Day, with members of the Bangladeshi Community in Limerick

## 09 February

- Participated in a meeting with the SMART Housing Team
- Attended the official announcement and photoshoot regarding the redevelopment of 33-34 Thomas Street
- Took part in the photo call to mark the announcement of the contractor for the Flaxmill Heritage Works at Cleeves Riverside Quarter
- Held a meeting regarding the Mayor's Fundraising Dinner 2026

## 10 February

- Meeting with the Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Met with a Fianna Fáil Senator and Councillor regarding city centre advancements
- Held a meeting regarding the Mayor's Fundraising Dinner 2026

- Attended the Management Board Meeting
- Attended a Special Meeting of the Plenary Council regarding Corporate Plan

## 11 February

- Met with an Aontú Councillor in relation to an expert working group for Homelessness and Addiction
- Attended a photoshoot for the launch of a new hotel group at Opera Square
- Engaged in a "Freedom of Information" training session
- Partook in a meeting regarding the Colbert Quarter
- Held a meeting with Director of Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development regarding Treaty United Football Club
- Participated in a Limerick Fashion Incubator Steering Group meeting
- Met with the Deputy Director General regarding the Mayoral Programme priority objectives

## 12 February

- Joined the Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Transport Subgroup meeting
- Partook in the Limerick Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board meeting
- Attended the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee meeting
- Visited the Milford National School, Fundraising Fashion Show in Castletroy Park Hotel

## 13 February

- Held discussions with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Attended the Southern Regional Assembly meeting in Waterford
- Joined the SMART Housing update briefing

## 14 February

- Gave a welcome address at St. Mary's Cathedral Candlelight Concert

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## 15 February

- Unveiled a new mural by artist Rachael Grainger (Athea) in Templeglantine

## 16 February

- Met with the Director for Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
- Met with the Director for Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development
- Joined in a photoshoot with Limerick Chamber of Commerce for the Limerick Gift Card sales milestone
- Hosted a meeting in connection with Croom Medical development
- Met with Fine Gael Senator in relation to Library funding
- Met with the Director of Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
- Attended the Irish World Academy drinks reception for the Honorary Doctorate Awards
- Launched the Torch Players 50th Anniversary production

## 17 February

- Took part in the Limerick Person of the Year Awards 2025 Judges meeting
- Met with Director and Deputy Director General
- Hosted Presentation Primary School's Student Council visit to City Hall
- Hosted an interview for Doctoral Research
- Welcomed the Turkish Ambassador to Limerick
- The Irish Examiner interview
- Held a meeting regarding the Mayor's Fundraising Dinner 2026
- Attended a meeting regarding Clarina/Ballybrown proposed public realm enhancement plan
- Spoke at the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland (ACEI) Limerick Event

## 18 February

- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Attended an Audit and Risk Committee meeting
- RTÉ News at One interview
- Met with AMEY Consulting

- Newstalk Radio interview
- Welcomed the Chinese Ambassador to Limerick
- Interview with RTÉ Mid-West Correspondent
- Attended a dinner with AMEY Consulting
- The Irish Examiner interview

## 19 February

- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Attended the Mayoral Programme Board meeting
- Lunched with Limerick Twenty Thirty's Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson
- Attended the Lighthouse Cinema for the Premiere of "Once Upon A Time In A Cinema"

## 20 February

- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Attended the official store opening of the new MANGO branch in Limerick City
- Attended the official opening of the Solace Café by Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Mental Health
- Held a private engagement with the Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Mental Health
- Attended the Limerick Civic Trust Dinner with An Tánaiste
- Held a private engagement with An Tánaiste

## 22 February

- Delivered a speech at the "Ukrainian Community in Limerick" commemorative march, marking four years of war

## 23 February

- Virgin Media interview on Ireland AM
- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Met with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance
- Met with the Director of Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings regarding Christmas 2026

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- Spoke at the Limerick Musical Society press launch of “Michael Collins - A Musical Drama”
- Delivered the welcome address at the Inbound Tourism Operators Association Ireland (ITOA) West Coast Workshop, networking event

## 24 February

- Welcomed the Belgian Ambassador to Limerick
- Met with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Participated in the release of “Tree of Intentions” Wishes with children from St. Mary’s School
- Joined the photo shoot at Colbert Quarter with Irish Rail, members from Limerick City and County Council and the Land Development Agency marking its redevelopment plans
- Attended the Management Board Meeting

## 25 February

- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Joined the Limerick Chamber and Limerick City and County Council Quarter 1 meeting
- Met with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Secretary General

## 26 February

- Attended the Cliona’s Foundation “Resilience and Resolve Networking Breakfast”
- Partook in the Limerick Greenway Virtual Reality Tour Launch at the Dell Technologies Campus
- Spoke at the Limerick IT Summit and MidWest TechFest 2026 Launch with Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment with special responsibility for Trade Promotion
- Launched the International Women’s Day in City Hall, Limerick
- Meeting with the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm
- Attended a Mary Immaculate College special evening with the Health Service Executive (HSE), Chief Executive Officer, Bernard Gloster “Healthcare in Ireland – “Where we have come from and what next”

## 27 February

- Met with Grant Thornton regarding the Mayoral Programme
- Visited Scoil Pól in Kilfinane and joined in the school walk
- Met with Fine Gael Councillor
- Met with the Director of Housing
- Attended the opening event of the Limerick Literary Festival 2026 “The Island of Imagination - A Literary Tour of Ireland”.

## 28 February

- Formally opened the Amazing Lace Symposium hosted by Friends of Lace, Limerick



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## Finance, Investment and Governance

### 1. Financial Management

#### Commercial Rates and Loans

##### Draft Collection Figures

Commercial Rates 2026	
As at 28th February 2026*	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	2,792,765 *
Accruals €	71,013,788 **
Vacant Property Adjustment €	71,617
Writes offs/ Waivers €	243,496
Total for Collection €	73,491,440
Amount Collected €	7,405,413
Arrears €	66,086,027 *
Specific Doubtful Arrears €	717,582
% Collected	10%

Debtors Loans	
As at 28th February 2026*	
Opening Balance - 1 Jan €	213,472 *
Accruals €	168,033 ^
Writes offs €	-
To Collect €	381,373
Receipts €	325,302
Arrears €	56,071 *
% Collected	85%

\* Subject to finalisation of year end accounts for 2025

^ Accruals not updated for loans for February 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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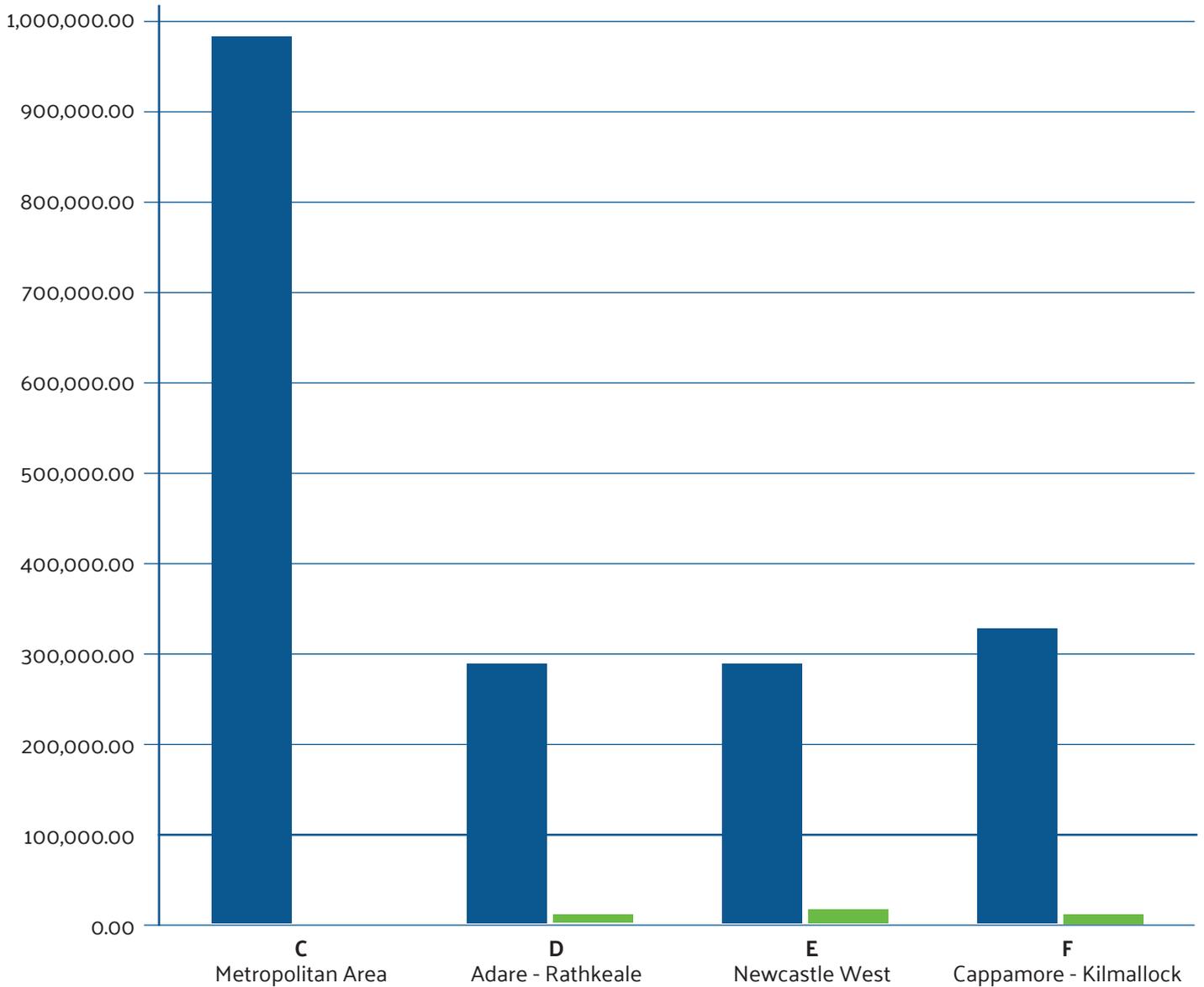


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## General Municipal Allocation 2026 Adopted Estimate €1.872 Million

Graph outlining adopted budget and draft committed expenditure up to 28th February 2026



Municip (Code) + (Text)	Value Adopted Estimate (€)	Value Committed (€)
C Metropolitan Area	982,800.00	0
D Adare - Rathkeale	280,800.00	4,000
E Newcastle West	280,800.00	6,100
F Cappamore - Kilmallock	327,600.00	5,151
	<b>1,872,000.00</b>	

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

- There were 48,854 active HAP tenancies nationally, managed by the HAP SSC at the end of February.
- A weekly average of 107 HAP tenancies have been set-up during 2026.
- The February landlord payment run was €50.15 million.
- The weekly tenant charge at the end of February, was €2.99 million.
- The Debt Management Unit of the HAP SSC collected a total of €25.79 million in differential rent to end of February.
- The HAP tenant rent collection rate at the end of February was 99%.
- The Debt Management Unit issued 8,200 HAP debt reminder letters in February.

## 3. National Mobilisation and Communication System (NMACS)

### Munster Regional Communications Centre (MRCC)

No. of callouts 01.02.2026 - 28.02.2026	
No. of Calls mobilised to an emergency incident by MRCC	709
Other Calls	254
Average call processing time in minutes and seconds	(01 min:50 sec) 110 Seconds
<b>Total No. of calls in February</b>	<b>963</b>

## 4. Digital Services and ICT

### Digital Services

#### Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Migration

The RAS CRM (Rental Accommodation Scheme Customer Relationship Management) migration project was undertaken by the Digital Services Department to replace a legacy, unsupported Customer Relationship Management platform (SugarCRM) with a modern Customer Relationship Management system.

The new Rental Accommodation Scheme Customer Relationship Management has been implemented as a separate and standalone Dynamics 365 instance, distinct from the organisation’s existing Dynamics Customer Relationship Management platform, which has been in place since 2024, to ensure clear system boundaries, data governance, and operational independence.

The project focused on migrating core Rental Accommodation Scheme data, documents, and business processes covering landlords, tenants, properties, tenancies, inspections, and amendments from SugarCRM to Dynamics 365. A clearly defined scope was agreed, including data migration, SharePoint-based document management, iHouse integration, and process automation.

Delivery followed a structured approach incorporating environment setup, data extraction and validation, user acceptance testing, and a controlled cutover. Strong governance and collaboration between the Digital Services Department, the Rental Accommodation Scheme team, and external partners supported timely decision-making and risk management.

The migration was completed successfully with minimal disruption to operational services. As a result, Rental Accommodation Scheme now operates on a secure, scalable, and future-ready Customer Relationship Management platform that improves data governance, automation, and integration across the Microsoft ecosystem.

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## 5. Innovate Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### Enterprise Infrastructure Development

#### Enterprise Hubs Performance and Impact

- Innovate Limerick managed the **Engine, Engine Collaboration Centre, The Old Bank Abbeyfeale** and **N21 Rathkeale Enterprise Centre** to maintain tenant occupancy across all enterprise hub spaces.
- Planned maintenance and upkeep works were delivered across facilities, ensuring agreed standards were upheld and supporting safe, well-presented public assets.
- Front of house and administrative digitisation initiatives advanced through research, suitability testing, and engagement with the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Digitisation for Business programme.
- 15+ businesses directly supported through hub facilities, including startups, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), and scale-ups.
- 130+ jobs sustained in Limerick City via Engine and Engine Collaboration centre.
- 110 jobs sustained in West Limerick via N21 Enterprise Centre, Rathkeale and The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale.

### Enterprise Partnership and Collaboration

In February, Innovate Limerick collaborated with government agencies and policymakers to advance Limerick's enterprise ecosystem, including:

- Identifying key growth opportunities for local businesses.
- Developing initiatives to support enterprise innovation.
- Facilitating policy discussions to improve the business environment.

### Key Initiatives and Achievements

#### Pathway to Innovate Regional Partner Planning

Innovate Limerick is a key stakeholder in the Pathway to Innovate programme, which coordinates regional enterprise development initiatives. The programme brings together a network of partners, including:

- Skillnet Innovation Exchange – the national innovation network coordinating the programme.
- IRDG (Industry Research and Development Group) Innovation Skillnet – enhancing innovation capability and hosting workshops and clinics.
- Regional Innovation Hubs – including Engine, Ludgate Hub, Platform 94, RDI Hub, AIM Centre, Republic of Work, and other local partners providing support on the ground.
- The Head of Innovate Limerick, attended the Regional Partner Planning meetings on 05, 13 and 23 February to support regional coordination efforts.

#### National Digital Research Centre (NDRC) Startup Sprint at Engine

On 07 February, Innovate Limerick hosted the NDRC Startup Sprint at Engine, a high-energy, one day innovation event. The Sprint brought together over 60 aspiring founders, technologists, and innovators for an intensive day of idea development, prototyping, mentoring and pitching. Participants received practical coaching and insights from experienced mentors and industry experts, including sessions on building prototypes, shaping business concepts and preparing pitch presentations, all aimed at advancing early stage ventures.

The Head of Innovate Limerick, served on the final judging panel to determine the overall winners of the Sprint, further strengthening Innovate Limerick's engagement with the national innovation ecosystem. The overall winner was IDV Exchange, a startup developing an Application Programming Interface (API) to verify users across 27 European Union (EU) member states with a single integration.

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## Limerick IT Summit

Innovate Limerick was a sponsor of the Limerick IT Summit, held on 26 February at the Dell Technologies campus in Raheen. The Summit brought together over 450 attendees from Ireland's business and technology sectors. The programme featured keynote speakers, expert panels, and discussions on topics including Artificial Intelligence (AI) transformation, scaling technology in SMEs, and practical digital strategies for business leaders. Local and national policymakers, industry leaders, and ecosystem partners contributed insights on innovation, enterprise supports, and strategic direction for tech-led growth.

Innovate Limerick hosted a stand in the exhibition area, and invited Innovation Exchange to promote Pathway to Innovate courses at the stand also. The Head of Innovate Limerick participated as a panel speaker on "Turning AI Ideas into Action: Supports for SMEs".

Innovate Limerick's involvement at the Summit was closely linked to the Startup ATLAS competition, a new initiative supporting pre-founders and early-stage entrepreneurs with visibility, practical supports, and connections to the wider innovation ecosystem. The winners of the competition, announced on the day of the Summit, were a chess-based tech business associated with Mary Immaculate College (MIC). Innovate Limerick was the sponsor of the Winners prize of the ATLAS Start-up Entrepreneurial Competition announced on the day of the Limerick IT Summit, which included one year at the Engine Collaboration Centre, a dedicated desk, four hours a month meeting room access and access to all campus facilities.

## Mid-West Business Mentoring

Innovate Limerick provided event space for multiple sessions of Mid-West Business Mentoring in February supporting regional technology engagement, networking, and innovation initiatives.

## Pathway to Innovate Programme

Planning sessions for Pathway to Innovate Programme are ongoing with stakeholders with clinic date set for 19 April. The Pathway to Innovate programme is a national initiative supporting SMEs and early-stage innovators to build innovation capacity, access practical supports, and connect with the broader enterprise ecosystem.

Innovate Limerick is a key regional partner, working with government agencies, Skillnet Ireland, IRDG Innovation Skillnet, and local innovation hubs to coordinate and deliver activities across the Midwest.

## Republic of Work, Cork Site Visit

The Innovate Limerick team visited Republic of Work in Cork to connect with their team, share insights, and explore opportunities for collaboration, strengthening links across regional innovation ecosystems.

## WebDev Meeting

Innovate Limerick hosted weekly WebDev meetings and partnered with the group as a sponsor of the Limerick IT Summit and the Atlas Competition.

## Croom Enterprise Board Meeting

Innovate Limerick attended the Board meeting and engaged in discussions on centre development and enterprise support.

## In-house Events

During February, Innovate Limerick hosted over 24 in-house events across Engine, Engine Collaboration Centre, and The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale, with a total of 272 attendees, supporting enterprise engagement, networking, and innovation development across the Limerick region.

## Events Hosted:

- Mid-West Regional Skillnet, Retailers Event (03 February)
- NDRC Sprint (07 February)
- Treaty Software (11, 18, 25 February)
- Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick Meetings and Workshops (03, 24 February)
- WebDev meet ups (11, 25 February)
- Discover Limerick DAC (10 February)
- Land Development Agency (LDA) (10, 11, 24 February)
- Maverick (10 February)
- Pathway to Innovate (14, 15 February)
- National Crew Training Academy (06, 08 February)
- Doras Luimní (09, 12 February)
- Digital For Business (12, 26 February)
- Fresh Film Festival (17 February)
- Narrative 4 (N4) (20 February)

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## Engine Hubs Network

### Support for Doon Social Farm and E-Hub

Innovate Limerick is working with Doon Social Farm to access funding through the Development Contribution Fund, providing guidance on appropriate governance and funding sourcing to support the farm's ongoing development and sustainability.

### Tenant and Workspace Engagement

Maintaining effective relationships with tenants and partner workspaces remains a core operational focus, supporting the success and sustainability of the 19 hubs in the Engine Hubs network. This included collaborative meetings with The Yard workspace in Newcastle West and engagement with The Old Bank, Abbeyfeale, focusing on office and operational support and sharing best practices in digitisation.

### The Yard Workspace, Newcastle West

The Innovate Limerick team held a collaborative meeting with The Yard workspace to explore office and operational support, share best practices in digitisation, and identify opportunities to enhance enterprise development initiatives.

## 6. Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### King John's Castle Celebrates St. Brigid's Day

King John's Castle hosted a St. Brigid's Cross and Brídeóg Doll workshop, welcoming both adults and children to participate in traditional Irish craft-making. The workshop provided attendees with the opportunity to create these symbolic pieces while learning about the history, folklore, and cultural significance associated with St. Brigid's Day.

### Lough Gur Celebrates St. Brigid's Day

On 01 February, Lough Gur delivered two St. Brigid's Day workshops. Each session featured a St. Brigid's Cross weaving workshop followed by an interpretative talk exploring Celtic goddesses and Christian saints.

The discussion examined the historical and folkloric significance of Brigid and Áine, offering visitors both hands-on engagement and cultural insight.

### Lough Gur Biodiversity Camp

On 20 February, Lough Gur hosted its first two biodiversity workshops of the year for children aged 7–12. The sessions incorporated a range of interactive activities and games focused on biodiversity, nature awareness, and environmental responsibility. Activities included pond dipping, seed planting, and "Leave No Trace" principles, encouraging environmental stewardship from an early age.

### King John's Castle Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO Workshops

On 19 and 20 February, King John's Castle hosted Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO workshops as part of the February mid-term programme. Across four sessions over two days, more than 150 children aged 5–12 created medieval-themed LEGO builds inspired by the castle's heritage. The workshops contributed significantly to mid-term visitor numbers and enhanced family engagement.

### Adare Heritage Centre Redevelopment

On 12 February it was announced that €1.2 million has been allocated to the Adare Heritage Centre as part of legacy projects to follow the hosting of Ryder Cup 2027. This represents an investment in upgrading facilities and enhancing the overall experience, supporting long-term tourism growth in the region.

### Twilight Thursday at King John's Castle

On 26 February, King John's Castle participated in Twilight Thursday for the first time, delivering a bookbinding workshop in the Siege Café. Led by graduates of the Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD), participants crafted their own journals and engaged with traditional bookbinding techniques. The event broadened the castle's evening programming and attracted an adult creative audience.

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## US Trade Mission

The Sales and Business Development Manager, Discover Limerick DAC, participated in the “Best of Ireland” Sales Mission, a major four-city sales blitz visiting key US cities, Houston, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle.

Partnering with Tourism Ireland, the delegation included 14 tourism companies from the island of Ireland, alongside four leading American tour operators. The busy programme featured dedicated Business-to-Business (B2B) networking events in each city, as well as interactive presentations that brought Limerick and Ireland to life for hundreds of US travel agents, a key highlight was Ryder Cup 2027.

The “Best of Ireland” sales mission provides a valuable platform to showcase Limerick’s unique tourism offering to key US travel professionals. It is an important opportunity to inform and inspire travel agents in these strategic markets, highlighting what makes Limerick and Ireland special and encouraging them to feature the destination in future programmes and recommend it to their clients.

## 7. Limerick Twenty Thirty (LTT) Designated Activity Company (DAC)

### Opera Square

#### Progress Update

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

- The preferred tenderer has been selected, however the contract award is delayed pending Limerick City and County Council funding confirmation.

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

- John Sisk and Sons completed mobilisation to site for Opera Square – Contract D Project.

- Superstructure works to Parcel 5 (OPW Landmark Building) have commenced including both the pouring of reinforced concrete walls and the erection of the slipform rig through which the core of the building will be constructed.
- Sisk have commenced decanting all materials from the Granary Building ahead of refurbishment works. Scaffolding has been erected to the rear of the Granary Building to enable works to the building’s facade.

## Cleeves Riverside Quarter

### Progress Update

#### Phase 1 - Stabilisation and Repair of Flaxmill

- The Building Contract for the stabilisation and repair works at the Flaxmill, awarded to Sisk, is continuing on site. Construction Works completed in the month include site establishment, demolition works and internal strip out of the third floor within the Flaxmill building.
- Funding for the project is supported by the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF).
- Site visit by the Department of Housing URDF team and Minister of State for Older People and Housing Kieran O’Donnell in February.

#### Phase 2 - Public Realm and Residential Zones

- Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC is awaiting a decision from An Coimisiún Pleanála on the Planning Application, which includes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).
- The final planning application encompasses the following accommodation details: 234 residential units, 270 student beds, a creche with capacity for 34 children, a commercial unit measuring 299 square meters (m<sup>2</sup>), and extensive public realm spaces.

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## Phase 3 - Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) City Campus

- No additional update from February on the Memorandum of Agreement between Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC and Technological University of the Shannon to develop a campus at the Cleeves site, featuring the Flaxmill Building.

## Project Media Engagement

- **Flaxmill Works:** Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC hosted a photocall at Cleeves Riverside Quarter on 09 February to mark the commencement of Phase 1 works at the protected Flaxmill building, with attendance by Minister Kieran O'Donnell, alongside representatives from Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC, Limerick City and County Council and Sisk.
- A press release announcing the appointment of Sisk and commencement of works was issued to media and received local media and national coverage.
- A video of the project's Conservation Architect, reflecting on the history of the Flaxmill, was shared to Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC social media following the announcement to provide a narrative to the public around the sites history.

## Gardens International

### Project Media Engagement

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

## General Updates

- **Announcement of Chief Executive of LTT:** Pat Nash commenced his role as Chief Executive of Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC in February. His appointment was announced to local media on 17 February.
- **Theatre Royal:** Limerick Twenty Thirty shared images of the sold out "All we Have are Days" music event at the Theatre Royal via social media in February. Before and after imagery were also shared to highlight the refurbishment works delivered by Limerick Twenty Thirty to bring the building back into use.



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## Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm

### 1. Transportation, Public Realm and Place-Making

#### Place-Making

##### Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

##### 33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Works Contractor PBC commenced construction on 03 February.

##### Croom Former Post Office Town Square Project

- Mark Lynch appointed to carry out painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building. Update given to the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale on 10 February.

##### Arthurs Quay Framework Plan

- Update given to the monthly meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on 16 February.
- Report on Sarsfield House being prepared.

##### Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Egis carried out peer review of Approved Part 8 and working through initial Project Deliverables. Briefing of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on 26 February in this regard.

##### Milk Market Food Hub

- Briefing of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran on 26 February regarding the procurement of Milk Market Units by the Market Trustees as well as potential property on Old Windmill Road as a potential Food Hub.

#### Limerick Laneways

- Letter drop to residents and businesses on, and adjacent to, Theatre Lane seeking their details to take part in development of the Theatre Lane design.
- Multi Criteria Analysis commenced on the 26 identified Limerick Laneways.

#### Greening Georgian Limerick

- Briefing of Elected Members on the proposed Pilot Project implementation on 04 February.
- Request for Quote issued for Contractor to bring trees in planters from Nursery to Davis Street and Baker Place.
- Stakeholder engagement of businesses and residents on Davis Street and Baker Place.

#### Transportation

##### Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan

- Grove Crescent Carpark Link - Successful contractor appointed to start works in March.
- Design review and cost exercise ongoing for the Phase 1 - Killarney Road.

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

- Mott MacDonald's working on preliminary design of the surface water drainage.
- Preparation of documents for Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF) funding application.
- Collation of traffic modelling information for scheme.

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## Part 8 Adare Public Realm

- A public consultation was held in Adare Village Hall on 11 February. MHL Consulting Engineers and Cunnane Stratton Reynolds (CSR) Landscape Architects were in attendance.

## 2. Active Travel

### Projects on Site

#### Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) to City Centre

Construction works continued throughout February, with road resurfacing completed between Moylish Roundabout and the Knockalisheen Road junction. The new bus lane in this section has been marked. Footpath upgrade works progressed from Hassett's Cross to Johnsey's, where new kerbs and concrete footpaths have been provided, and footpath replacement continued along Bellefield Gardens toward the Ennis Road.

#### Corbally Road Safe Routes to School

Progress continued in the Scoil Íde area, including ongoing works on the new boundary wall and footpath improvements opposite Bishop's Field and St. Munchin's gate. New kerbing and sections of upgraded footpath have been installed, and a temporary pedestrian crossing is in place to support safe access during construction.

#### Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme

To date 1,600 square meters (m<sup>2</sup>) of footpath upgrades have been completed, including the installation of new tactile paving at junctions to improve accessibility.

#### Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme

The works commenced on Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme on 16 February following Section 38 procedure.

## Other projects

### Transport and Mobility Forum (TMF)

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

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

Active Travel team met for a follow up meeting 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.

### School Engagement

The Active Travel team met with cycling ambassadors and teachers in Mungret College to discuss how we can work together to encourage more students to cycle to school.

### Step Forward Disability Group Engagement

Active Travel team met with the Step Forward Disability Group in Hospital, County Limerick following an invitation to present on current Limerick City and County Council initiatives in relation to accessibility initiatives and explore opportunities to collaborate. During the session, the team delivered an overview of Active Travel work and facilitated a workshop to identify local accessibility challenges. Further opportunities were identified, including a potential for a joint initiative with the local school to raise awareness about parking on footpaths (Make Way Day - Think Before You Park) and social media awareness campaign.

### School Streets Conference

Members of the Active Travel team attended the School Streets South 2026 Conference, gaining insights into best practice approaches in street design, behavioural change, community engagement, and compliance challenges. The learnings will directly support the development of our Safe Routes to School initiatives and future opportunities to increase the modal share of active travel.

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## 3. Mid-West National Road Design Office

### Adare Bypass Design and Construction Contract - update

Key milestones of note achieved during February include:

- The placing of beams to both Greanagh River Bridges, RVB02 and RVB03.
- Paving works commenced on the Croagh Junction dumbbell roundabouts as well as the eastbound merge and westbound diverge.
- The installation of a kerbed drainage channel also commenced on the eastbound merge of the Croagh junction. The Adare Junction, roundabout and link road were temporarily closed to site traffic to facilitate the installation of kerbs and final preparations for pavement activities.
- The steel beams for the River Mague Bridge RVB04, manufactured by Cimolai Technology were shipped via the BBC BERGEN from the port of Monfalcone Italy and arrived in Foynes on the 28 February. The steel beams will be offloaded and temporarily stored at Foynes port and transported to site throughout the month of March.

## 4. Central Services, Traffic and Roads

### Roads

- Department of Transport (DOT) grant allocations issued on 17 February. Roads programmes being finalised for 2026.
- Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) 2026 has been issued to each Local Authority. Limerick City and County Council preparing relevant return.
- Winter Maintenance period commenced in October 2025 and will extend to 30 April 2026.

- During February four salting runs were undertaken with 380 tonnes used.
- Weekly Tide and Weather Assessments undertaken – no response required during February.
- Speed Limit Phase 2 progress:
  - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) return complete.
  - List of poles and signs returned.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works progressing on two bridges in February.
- Roads team surface dressing second meeting undertaken mid-February with actions identified for 2026 season.

### Traffic

- Automatic bollard at O'Connell Street (end of Bedford Row) has been repaired.
- Automatic bollards on Little Catherine Street (Thomas Street end) have been replaced.
- Thomas Street lane closure in place to facilitate building works, one way traffic now in operation from junction with Anne Street toward Wickham Street.
- Preparations underway for significant road closures for International Band Parade (15 March) and St. Patrick's Day Parade (17 March).

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

- Meeting with Office of Public Works (OPW) Senior Officials regarding CFRAM Schemes and Delivery on 03 February.
- Local Authority Forum Online event on 26 February.

### King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (KIFRS)

- Site works progressed across all work areas but primarily along the Quay and Sir Harrys Mall.
- Commercial Meetings held on 13 and 27 February with OPW.
- Monthly Progress Meeting held on 20 February.
- New location of medieval city wall identified along Georges Quay. Live 95fm Interview with Limerick City and County Council Archaeologist on the new information on 20 February.

### Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group Meeting held on 11 February.
- Meeting with Senior Counsel on Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Process on 09 February.
- Meeting with impacted landowners on 17 February.
- Geotechnical surveys continuing and access permissions being facilitated throughout February.

### Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 10 February.
- Confirmation on 27 February from the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) that Maritime Area Consent (MAC) application is complete and undergoing determination.

### Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Results of January survey of gravel accumulations received in February.

### Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on 12 February.
- Meeting with impacted property owner on 24 February.
- Workshops and site visits with National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) on 25 and 26 February.
- Workshop with OPW on options on 05 and 16 February.



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## Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings

### 1. Economic and Tourism Development

#### Economic Development

- The recently launched Vacant Business Premises Rates Incentive Scheme 2026, the most ambitious rates incentive scheme in the country was presented to members of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee by the Economic Development team at the 09 February meeting.
- Members from the Economic Development Team attended photoshoot with the Director General Dr. Pat Daly, the Mayor of Limerick John Moran, and the Príomh Chomhairleoir Catherine Slattery to celebrate the €330,000 Limerick Gift Card milestone after 14 months in operation.
- The Retail/Economic Development Team held the first kick-off meeting with Bannon Consultants who were recently appointed to undertake a High Visions and Options Report on the Future of Retail in Limerick City 2026-2040.
- Economic Development team attended a key stakeholder meeting with Manna Air Delivery in Limerick on 24 February to investigate the potential of Manna bringing their drone delivery business to Limerick City and County. A further follow up site meeting took place at Manna's Dublin Drone facility on 27 February attended by members of the Economic Development team.
- The Retail/Economic Development team attended the opening of the new Mango flagship city centre store at the former Debenhams building, an exciting and huge boost to city centre retail.
- Economic Development team attended the Limerick IT Summit at Dell Technologies on 26 February. The Limerick Gift Card was the main sponsor of this hugely successful event.

#### Night Time Economy (NTE)

- The Night Time Economy Advisor attended the NTIA (Night Time Industries Association) Night Time Economy Summit in Liverpool on 10 and 11 February, attending panel discussions and meeting other advisors from the likes of New York City/Philadelphia/Amsterdam/Antwerp/Liverpool and Nicosia.
- Twilight Thursday February was well received on the 26 February, and the department also announced the "Limerick at Night, Legends of Limerick" stage in Arthurs Quay Park, a free open-air gig in Arthurs Quay Park for up to 3,500 people, celebrating local Limerick artists on 16 March.

#### Fashion Incubator Steering Group

- The Fashion Incubator Steering Group met in Merchants Quay in February. The Group was established to provide strategic direction, oversight, and support for the development and implementation of the Fashion Incubator in Limerick. The Group will guide the vision, governance, programming, partnerships, and operational approach to ensure the Incubator meets the needs of emerging designers, creative entrepreneurs, and the wider regional fashion ecosystem.

### European Union (EU) PROJECTS

#### EU Projects

- A consultant was procured to deliver an EU funding capability review and develop a strategic roadmap, with the aim of bringing specialised expertise to examine existing EU funding practices, evaluate organisational capacity and governance, benchmark performance against Irish and European bestpractice models, and produce a phased roadmap designed to strengthen the organisation's ability to access, manage, and optimise EU funding opportunities.

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## Tourism Development

### Limerick I.T. Summit

- The Limerick I.T. Summit returned to Dell Technologies' Raheen Campus on 26 February with over 450 attendees from across Ireland's business and technology sectors. Limerick City and County Council were the main sponsor for the event.
- The stakeholder networking event held in 101 O'Connell Street, on 25 February, allowed colleagues from across the sector to connect.
- The event helped to build meaningful connections within Ireland's tech community whilst ensuring Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) have access to the information, education, and partnerships they need to thrive in an increasingly AI-driven world.

### Launch of the Limerick Greenway 360° and Limerick 360° Virtual Reality (VR) Project

- 26 February marked a major milestone for digital innovation and tourism in our region, as the Limerick Greenway became the first Greenway in Ireland to launch a full end-to-end Virtual Reality (VR) tour.
- Developed by the Tourism Department in Limerick City and County Council, the immersive VR experience allowed users to explore the entire 40 Kilometre route from Rathkeale to Abbeyfeale, taking in Ardagh, Newcastle West, Barnagh and Templeglantine along the way. The VR tour showcased the natural beauty and heritage of the route, including highlights such as the €2.48 million Limerick Greenway Hub at Rathkeale, Ardagh Station House, Ferguson's Viaduct and Tullig Wood.
- The experience became accessible across VR headsets, mobile devices and web platforms, opening the Greenway to global audiences and enabling those who may be unable to physically travel the route to enjoy it virtually.

- The project was officially launched at the Limerick IT Summit 2026 at the Dell Technologies Campus on 26 February. The initiative positioned Limerick at the forefront of smart tourism and inclusive digital engagement. As the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, remarked at the event, this technology opened the Greenway to the world in an accessible and globally connected way.
- The VR mapping and 360-degree capture were completed over an eight-month collaboration with Global Virtual Asset Management (VAM) Ltd. The project also incorporated immersive content from over 20 additional attractions across Limerick City and County, including well-known sites such as King John's Castle, Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trail and Adare Village.
- This achievement represented a significant step forward for accessible tourism, digital storytelling, and regional promotion, showcasing Limerick's landscape and heritage to new audiences worldwide.

### 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. The end of the clarification period in relation to this tender was 20 February. Three queries were received and responses were issued by Limerick City and County Council accordingly via the eTenders platform. The closing date for submissions is 06 March 2026.
- The Partnership Agreement pertaining to the Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme for the SLOWTOUR Project has now also been signed and approved by Limerick City and County Council.

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## Inbound Tour Operators Association (ITOA) Conference

- On 24 February, the Inbound Tourism Operators Association Ireland Conference took place in the Woodlands Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick.
- Over 200 suppliers from across Ireland attended the official Workshop Day, representing a diverse range of tourism services, including hotels, visitor attractions, cruise excursions, food tours, chauffeur specialists, and many other exceptional businesses.
- The workshops provided a focused and productive setting for meaningful conversations, new connections and future opportunities for collaboration.

## Networking with Masterchef

- On 19 February the Tourism Development Department was invited to a Networking Event with Masterchef. There was a wonderful showcase of food and event marketing in the afternoon with talks from HIYA Event Management and Limerick Racecourse, Shannon Region Conference and Sports.

## Limerick Greenway – Marketing and Social Media

### Key Campaign Focus Areas

#### February Business of the Month

In February, we were delighted to spotlight Rathkeale House Hotel as the Business of the Month, a welcoming stop just moments from Limerick Greenway and a long-standing part of the local community. The hotel has a friendly and dedicated team, whose warmth and hospitality are consistently praised by guests. Combined with the quality of the food and the comfort of the hotel's newly refurbished rooms, Rathkeale House Hotel offers Irish hospitality at its very best. A hidden gem in the heart of West Limerick, it is a must-visit destination for locals and visitors alike.

## Events along Limerick Greenway

In February there were two events held along Limerick Greenway.

- FlexFest 2026 at the Longcourt House Hotel. On 08 February, FlexFest held an event encouraging everyone to move more, boost wellbeing and enjoy the great outdoors.
- Valentine's Create and Bake at Barnagh Greenway Hub (a Valentine's Create and Bake for kids) was held on 14 February.

## Social Media Highlights

- The People of Limerick Greenway series returned highlighting regular users of Limerick Greenway such as Fiona Mulcahy who spoke about her love for Limerick Greenway.
- Town Spotlight also returned in February, this time focusing on Rathkeale. Rathkeale is a great starting point on Limerick Greenway, offering everything you need for a comfortable visit.

## Statistics for Limerick Greenway Socials 01 – 28 February

### Facebook

Reach: 754,536  
Profile Visits: 650  
New Page Followers: 16

### Instagram

Reach: 35  
Profile Visits: 136  
New Page Followers: 82

### Social Media Ads

Accounts Reached: 413,922  
Post Engagements: 17,107  
Link Clicks (to Website): 707

### Google Ads

Clicks: 3,468  
Impressions: 94,070

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## Festivals and Events

### St. Patrick's Festival 2026

- St. Patrick's Festival request for quotations (RFQ's) for campaign management were assessed by a three-person panel on 03 February. Contract was awarded to the successful company which is Fuzion.
- Introductory meeting held with Fuzion on 09 February to commence St. Patrick's Festival campaign workload, working to a tight launch deadline of 23 February.
- St. Patrick's Festival launch photoshoot took place on 18 February with children from the Spotlight Stage School taking part and the chosen location being the Dolores O' Riordan Mural – a nod to our St. Patrick's Day parade theme – “Legends of Limerick”, and Dolores truly is a music Legend, not just in Limerick but worldwide.
- St. Patrick's Festival launch took place on 23 February. This saw our campaign “go-live” with a Press Release circulated out to media, our dedicated landing pages on [Limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival](https://limerick.ie/stpatricksfestival) were activated, the online digital events guide was uploaded and our social media platforms highlighting the launch and the call-to-action to stay tuned for further updates. All relevant information is available online for all to view and plan their trip to Limerick to enjoy the St. Patrick's Festival.
- All local stakeholders were notified of the launch including the Wild Atlantic Way committee members – ensuring they were fully up to speed on our programme of events happening throughout the St. Patrick's Festival campaign.

### Christmas 2026 Plans

- Meeting held on the 19 February with the Metro Sub-Group to discuss Christmas 2026 plans.

The Festivals and Events Section supported the following festivals and events in February 2026:

### What Next Dance Festival 2026

The ninth edition of the What Next Dance Festival took place from 09 – 14 February at Dance Limerick. It featured national and international dance makers who brought fresh and vibrant perspectives to audiences in Limerick city in a six-day celebration of dance and live performance. This year's specially curated programme reflected the urgency, tenderness and imagination shaping dance today. The artists asked what it means to make dance in precarious times, how we carry what is fragile, and how we might create meaning, connection and legacy even when the future feels uncertain. In a time that tests our capacity for attention and care, their dance allows us to pause, feel and stay in relationship with one another, with openness and possibility.

### Limerick Literary Festival - In honour of Kate O'Brien

The 42nd Limerick Literary Festival in honour of Kate O'Brien was held at the Belltable, O'Connell Street, Limerick and ran from 27 February, showcasing the very best in the country's literary scene.

The 2026 Festival opened with two free events on 27 February, Poet Gustav Parker Hibbett in conversation with Niall MacMonagle in the afternoon followed by an intimate evening of words and music as Laureate for Fiction Éilís Ní Dhuibhne enjoyed a lively conversation with Limerick writer Sarah Gilmartin as part of her “The Island of Imagination – A Literary Tour of Ireland” programme of events. The packed programme ended with broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan discussing her recently published autobiography. Over three days of literature, poetry, music and art the festival featured renowned novelists Muriel Barbery, David Park, Eoin McNamee, Grainne O'Brien alongside poet Gustav Parker Hibbett and Professor of Psychiatry Veronica O'Keane. A perennial favourite, the Kate O'Brien Hour, featured a rehearsed

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reading of O'Brien's work for stage "Distinguished Villa" by the College Players. For 2026, there was also a special event, "A Life of Her Own"; reflections on the life and work of Maeve Kelly: Writer, Feminist Activist, Advocate for the Voiceless.

Founded in celebration of Kate O'Brien's work, the festival has continued to champion the work of female writers through the Kate O'Brien Award. Established in 2015, the award is presented to a breakout female author each year in acknowledgement of their debut work, whether that be a book of short stories or a novel. Gethan Dick was announced as the winner of the Kate O'Brien award 2026 for her novel "Water in the Desert, Fire in the Night". Set in a post-apocalyptic world, "Water in the Desert, Fire in the Night" centres around the journey of a group of companions who travel from London to a refuge in the Alps after their world has been changed forever. On the journey, the group face the dire fallout of a world in turmoil and must work together in order to survive.

## 2. Culture

### Libraries, Gallery, Museum and Arts Office

#### City Library at Barrow House

- On 28 February, the City Library was delighted to host a special event for Ireland Reads Day. Ireland Reads is the national campaign celebration reading which takes place throughout February and especially on Ireland Reads Day, 28 February. To mark this important date for public libraries, members of the Writepace Creative Writing group joined us to read and discuss their favourite poetry and verse with a full house of fellow poetry lovers.
- On 24 February, the special one-off Winter Pop-Up Book Club met to discuss "Butter" by Asako Yuzuki.
- In addition, there were 14 further book club meetings at the City Library across the month with regulars such as the University of the Third Age (U3A), First Thursday, Second Wednesday, Phoenix, Spiral, Health Service Executive (HSE), Young Adult, Teen and Kids book clubs.
- The University of the Third Age's (U3A) Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups all held their regular meetings at the City Library on various dates across the month and the U3A Philosophy Group met at the Library for another in a series of talks on the subject on 05 February.
- Age Action Digital Skills weekly training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices continued throughout the month on Tuesday mornings.
- Weekly toddler story times continued to draw a big family audience every Wednesday.
- Our monthly story time with author Róisín Meaney was also much enjoyed by families and children when it took place on 21 February.
- On 23 and 26 February the Library welcomed visits from Engage in Education. Engage in Education is a charitable company that works with students, parents and schools in the community to help individual students to realise their potential, using the education system. A group of 30 students visited the library on each date for a library tour and an introduction to what the library can do to aid their education journey. They also met with author Pádraig Kenny who spoke to them about creative writing and the joy of reading.
- The Library also welcomed five class visits during February: third, fourth and sixth classes from Scoil Íosagáin Christian Brothers School visited during the month to borrow books, and the fourth and fifth classes from St. John's National School called to see us on the 06 February. A group of first year students from Villiers Secondary School visited for the first time on 27 February for a library tour and to become library members.
- The City Library also welcomed a group of English language learners from Student Campus language school who visited the Library to join and get an introduction to our services and facilities on the 04, 10, 12 and 23 February.

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## Kilmallock Library

- Kilmallock Library hosted two information sessions by Limerick City and County Council on 19 and 25 February, where the public were invited to check the electoral register to ensure that they are registered to vote, check and update their details.
- Weekly English Conversation Club facilitated by Ballyhoura Development continued 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 chat in the Library with an average of 19 participants at each session.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued each Thursday morning, with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving, with an average of 20 participants at each session.
- Bridge classes continued each Thursday of the month with an average of 12 participants.
- “Little Readers”, aimed at preschoolers, met on 19 February for a fun-filled interactive session of rhymes, songs, stories and craft with 15 participants.
- Kilmallock Library’s Irish Conversation Circle recommenced on 24 February for an informal, fun Irish language conversation group.
- The Knitting Club continued to meet in the library every Friday morning.
- The Adult Book Club continued to meet on the last Thursday of the month.
- The Children’s Book Club continued on the second Thursday of the month.
- On 19 February, the book “Studs and Spikes” by Des Ryan and John Cussen was launched in Newcastle West Library, with 65 people in attendance. The book celebrated the life of local man Denis Cussen, international rugby player, sprinter and long jumper who represented Ireland at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics.
- A Ukrainian Doll (motanka) making workshop, with the local Ukrainian community, was held in Newcastle West Library on 24 February.

## Dooradoyle Library

- Dooradoyle Library’s “Close Knit Friends” knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat. Two new members were welcomed into the group in February.
- The Pop-Up book club discussed “Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow” by Gabrielle Zevin. The Last Thursday book club discussed “These Impossible Things” by Salma El-Wardany. The Whodunnit book club had a lively discussion on the merits of Tove Alsterdal’s “We Know You Remember” and “Death Comes to Pemberley” P.D James.
- 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 12 February and the Himalayan Meditation Group continued to offer sessions of calm and healing every Friday.
- On 04 February, Crescent Comprehensive College had an enjoyable class visit, using the library e-resources and borrowing books.

## Newcastle West Library

- The Library Sensory Space continued to be heavily utilised, with 361 children and 56 adults visiting during February.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents continued throughout the month.
- Headway Ireland held their meetings in the Library every Friday morning.

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- The Salesian College Transition Year class visited and enjoyed using the library's local history materials for their history projects.
- Dooradoyle Library's Spring into Storytime program had a lovely first event with Little Wishes Preschool. They enjoyed songs, a craft and a story time all based on "Old McDonalds Farm".
- For Valentine's Day Dooradoyle Library had two displays – "Books Under Wraps" with picture books wrapped up for junior borrowers to take home and open. Adults could select wrapped books from the "Blind Date with a Book" display.
- On 14 February the "One Minute to View a Lifetime" exhibition featuring paintings by David Murphy had its official opening.
- Limerick City and County Council Active Retirement group had two popular events in Dooradoyle Library. On the 10 February they had a presentation on health and nutrition with an opportunity to ask questions. On 20 February they attended a Tai Chi class.
- The Irish Kidney Association (Limerick Branch) had their meeting in the library on 25 February. These meetings offer support for patients and their families.
- Helium Arts started their 2026 free art workshops on 28 February. Helium Arts generate creative encounters for children with long term physical health conditions.
- On 27 February, Junior Infants and Senior Infants from Our Lady's Abbey National School and Scoil Naomh Iósaf participated in workshops organised in preparation for Ireland Reads Day. The children created Magic Wand Reading Pointers/Reading Sticks designed to inspire imagination and support early reading engagement.
- As part of the "Skills for Life" programme, the six week Smartphone Technology Classes continued throughout February. These sessions aim to increase digital literacy and promote inclusion and lifelong learning among older members of the community.
- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group met three times during February.
- Library Crafters continued their regular Tuesday and Wednesday meetings.

## Watch House Cross Library

- A new set of creative writing classes hosted by tutor Niamh Bowen began on 04 February and will run for eight weeks. These classes are funded by the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) Community Education Partner Programme.
- Little Seeds Childcare visited the library twice in February for story-time, colouring and a visit to the Sensory Room.
- The library welcomed first to third Class pupils from Salesian Primary School Nurture Group on 10 February. Children were given a tour of the children's library followed by a story-time session.
- Local primary school children attended two "Fighting Words" workshops in February. The workshops were facilitated by library staff and volunteers.
- Age Action Ireland completed their latest digital literacy course on 12 February. The learners and volunteers meet weekly on Thursday mornings.
- Corpus Christi Primary School fifth and sixth classes continued to attend a series of introductory tours to the Local Studies Department during February.

## Adare Library

- Students from Croom College of Further Education and Training visited the library on 03 February.
- To mark Valentine's Day, pupils from St. Nicholas' National School took part in two enjoyable arts and crafts sessions on 04 February.
- Third class from Our Lady's Abbey National School visited the library on 03 February.
- On 11 February, girls from Our Lady's Abbey National School showcased their creativity during a special Valentine's-themed arts and crafts session.

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- Red Hill School completed their six-week programme of visits on 18 February. During their visits, children enjoyed spending time in the Sensory Room and took part in a series of arts and crafts sessions.
- Several classes from Corpus Christi Primary School and Thomond Primary School were invited to the library for story-time sessions over the course of the month.
- The University of the 3rd Age (U3A) held a members' meeting in the Library on 18 February.
- Mid-term break activities included a family movie screening of "Babe", LEGO workshops and storytime.
- A group of young adults from the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Unit in Castletroy College visited the library on 25 February for a brief introduction to the library and a visit to the Sensory Room.
- Áine Ní Fhlatharta returned on 26 February to deliver a series of Energy workshops to local primary school children in conjunction with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and An Taisce. The workshops were interactive and focused on science experiments about energy consumption.
- Two adult book clubs and the junior book club all met at the end of February.
- To celebrate Ireland Reads Day on 28 February, families were invited to attend a special story-telling session followed by a "Create Your Own Bookmark" craft event.
- Weekly events including Storytime Thursday and Parent and Toddler Morning continued throughout the month.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 64 bookings and 247 visitors during February.
- On 11 February, the Local Studies Librarian gave a presentation about the Local Studies website [www.limericklocalstudies.ie](http://www.limericklocalstudies.ie) at the Virtual Records Treasury of Ireland (VRTI) Roadshow event.
- During February local publications were added to the Library's eBook app, BorrowBox and are now available for the public to borrow. They included three books published as part of our Decade of Centenaries Commemorative Programme; "The Inevitable Conflict: essays on the Civil War in Limerick", "Limerick after the Civil War, 1923-1930: A Documentary History" and "Histories of Protestant Limerick 1912-1923". In addition, two books produced as part of the Story Seeds project were also added. The project featured new stories celebrating local areas and Limerick primary schools contributed to the collection.

## Abbeyfeale Library

- On 18 February, the library hosted its monthly knitting group.
- The Abbeyfeale Library Arts and Craft group met on 19 February and took part in a painting workshop facilitated by library staff.
- On 20 February, library staff led a craft session for children which involved creating greeting cards using buttons.

## Other Branches

- **Roxboro** – Class visits continued throughout the month with pupils calling in from Our Lady Queen of Peace and Le Chéile National Schools, including students from the ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Unit in Le Chéile National School.
- **Rathkeale** – Rathkeale Library welcomed 40 pupils from Junior Infants in St. Anne's Primary School on 24 February. Members of the Church Street National School book club held their meeting in the branch on 06 February. On 25 February, library staff visited The Beehive Creche to deliver a storytime.

## Local Studies

- There were 40 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection. There were 42 remote queries and there were four class visits.

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- **Glin** – Glin Library welcomed author, Peter McGarry, on 12 February to give a talk on his book “Falling Stars: Lost Stories from the Shannon Airport Crashes”. On 19 February, the Limerick City and County Council Community Climate Action Officer, hosted a Home Energy Café in the branch advising all who attended on ways to make their homes warmer, greener and more energy efficient. Throughout the month, the branch welcomed the regular meetings of the Craft Club, Scrabble Group, Book Clubs and Community Singing with over 130 people attending. After the Bell, a local after school club, continued their regular visits enjoying story times and craft sessions. Pupils from St. Fergus’ National School Autism Spectrum Disorder Class visited five times during the month.
- **Foynes** – Foynes Library welcomed 38 pupils from St. Senan’s National School over two class visits throughout the month.
- LCGA’s Open Call for the 2026 “Test Space Residency” was extended to 14 February with a final submission of over 60 applications for three residencies programmed for 2026. The selection of the final applicants was finalized, and three successful applications were awarded the residencies which will be taken up over the next seven months.
- LCGA continued to collaborate with national institutions and showcased a touring exhibition by Avista, “The People of Avista”, a photography exhibition celebrating the 100 years of service by Avista (formerly the Daughters of Charity Disability Support Services). The exhibition features professional portraits of 33 people supported by AVISTA, each capturing their character, emotion and identity. The exhibition features Limerick City, County and Tipperary clients of Avista. The exhibition was well received with the local AVISTA services bringing in their clients and was extended to 19 February.

## Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- Clann Miotlantach / Mythlantics by artist Alice Rekab, a touring exhibition produced by Sirius Arts Centre and curated by the Director Miguel Amado continued during February. 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.
- Two separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections took place during February. One exhibition was of selected works recently requested by visitors to LCGA, featuring Séan Keating, Paul Henry, Grace Henry and Jack B. Yeats feature in the exhibition in the East Gallery. The other exhibition, in the Carnegie Gallery, features more contemporary abstract works with recent donations and acquisitions. LCGA continues to rotate works from the permanent collection with a commitment to showcase around 30% of its collections annually.
- LCGA continued its programme of 2026 TEST SPACE Residency with an awarded residency to a recent graduate from LSAD, Isable Gill, who took up the residency to further develop a body of work for forthcoming submissions to open calls and for exhibitions.
- LCGA collaborated on a weeklong residency by the locally based Parsley Collective, a local group of contemporary dancers, who developed a body of work to present at the “What Next Dance Festival” 2026 with a performance and discussion on 14 February with an attendance of over 50 people.
- LCGA continued to liaise and work with local community groups including University of the 3rd Age (U3A) with five meetings held throughout February. Also, a weekend workshop was held by Helium Arts on 21 February for children with long-term health conditions.
- Adela Passas, recipient of the Shinnors Scholarship, continued her research and collaboration within the outreach programme with workshops held around the Alice Rekab’s Clann Miotlantach / Mythlantics exhibition with local primary schools with guided tours and workshops for around 200 children and four schools.
- LCGA continues to liaise and make available loans from the Permanent Collections to other Irish Institutions for temporary exhibitions. Currently LCGA are in discussion with South Tipperary Arts Centre (STAC) and the Burren College of Art for loans to planned forthcoming exhibitions.

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## Limerick Museum

- On 05 February, Enlacement, an Art Exhibition by Jelena Stamenković, curated by Maurice Quillinan was officially opened in Limerick Museum by Councillor Maria Donoghue. This exhibition is a response to the Museum's magnificent collection of Limerick lace, creating a connection to Jelena's grandmother and her ancestors. This autobiographical dimension, far from being limited to a simple personal narrative, expands to question universal themes such as transmission, mourning, identity, and transgenerational connection. By drawing on family memories, Jelena seeks to reveal what persists in the shadow, what is passed down without words, and to make the invisible visible.
- Research for the Limerick Laneways Project, a collaboration between Limerick Museum and the Place-Making Department, commenced on 04 February. The research is being carried out by interns studying for the Master of Arts (MA) in Public History and Cultural Heritage in the School of History and Geography, University of Limerick.
- The Curator was invited to give a presentation at the Virtual Records Treasury of Ireland (VRTI) Roadshow event on 11 February.
- On 12 February, the Curator gave a guided tour of the Museum to a large group of retired University of Limerick staff.
- On 28 February, the Assistant Curator gave a lecture "From Storeroom to Spotlight: Curating the Legacy of Limerick Lace Makers at Limerick" at the annual Amazing Lace Symposium in the Absolute Hotel, which was organised by the Friends of Lace Limerick.

## Limerick Arts Office

### Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

#### Arts Grants and Bursaries

Formal notifications issued and payment processing underway for grants and bursaries awarded by Limerick City and County Council under the following 2026 schemes:

- 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

Formal notifications were issued to all applicants of the Limerick Creative Communities Small Grants Scheme 2026. 16 Limerick based community organisations/groups and creatives were successful under the scheme following assessment by an independent panel of assessors, in line with the objectives of the "Limerick Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027". This scheme is funded by Creative Ireland.

#### "Peaceline Perspectives" Concert and Children's Workshop - Hard Rain Soloist Ensemble

Limerick Arts Office was delighted to support the world-renowned Hard Rain Soloist Ensemble to play Friars Gate Theatre Kilmallock, County Limerick, on 27 February, under the Arts Council programme for "Excellence in Rural Arts". "Peaceline Perspectives" is a powerful live music experience exploring stories of identity, division, and connection through contemporary music. Under 18's were admitted free of charge to encourage engagement. Limerick Arts Office also supported Hard Rain Soloist Ensemble in hosting a free interactive workshop for local children aged 9 to 11 years. The workshop explored ideas behind the music, and how it is brought to life. This was a booked-out workshop.

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## Public Art Installation

“Tidewoven” is a new public artwork for the People’s Park by artists Catherine McDonald and David Ian Bickley. It was installed on 16 – 17 February. Combining sculpture, sound and living material, it creates a restorative space for reflection in the heart of the city. Inspired by ancient woven fish traps once used throughout the Shannon Estuary, the work reinterprets local heritage in a contemporary, tactile, and living form. The structure features two benches integrated with sustainably sourced local willow, woven to form a soft enclosure that gently moderates the park’s visual and acoustic environment. As the willow grows, weathers and changes, Tidewoven will evolve seasonally, becoming a living landmark shaped by time and community.

The willow elements were crafted by renowned basket-maker Rosemary Kavanagh (Wild Rose Basketry), using willow she harvested in Glin, County Limerick, combining expertise in living and cured willow to ensure durability and sustainability. At the heart of Tidewoven are four ambient soundscapes connected to the cardinal directions: North, South, East, and West. Each piece blends musical tones with field recordings from natural and cultural locations in county Limerick. When heard together, they merge into an evolving “audio island” shaped by movement, weather, and park activity. This project was a collaboration between the Environment Section and the Arts Office, and an initiative under the Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028.

## Visual Artists Ireland Partnership Professional Development Programme 2026

The 2026 Visual Artists Ireland (VAI) partnership programme with Limerick, Clare, and Tipperary Local Authority Arts Offices commenced on 12 February, with a workshop on “Building Professional Networks”, delivered by Sara Greavu of the Fire Station Studios. Workshops are provided free to artists and creatives.

## 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. Sixteen letters of support were issued in February.

## 3. Property Services

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

Dereliction, Vacancy and Reuse Team	
Derelict Sites and Vacant Homes Inspections Completed	174
Department Notices of Ownership Inquiry issued	48
New Derelict Sites Cases opened	11
Statutory Notices served under the Derelict Sites Act 1990	15
Derelict Sites Cases closed through engagement	7
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	20
Vacant Property Refurbishment Grants Paid	15

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## 4. Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Limerick

- LEO Limerick ran six Training Programmes and Business Advice Clinics for Limerick based businesses, which were attended by 52 business owners from across the City and County.
- On 05 February, LEO Limerick supported the Women in Film and Television International (WIFTI) Summit in the Woodlands Hotel in Adare. Four female entrepreneurs from the local television and film industry took part in the LEO Showcase event to share their experiences and how they had been helped by the Local Enterprise Office Limerick.
- On 26 February LEO Limerick participated in the second annual Limerick IT Summit in the Dell complex in Raheen. LEO team members were at the LEO information stand to meet local business owners and members of the public to discuss the suite of supports available through LEO Limerick and the Head of Enterprise took part in a panel discussion on the local ecosystem and the supports available to local entrepreneurs.
- In February, Enterprise Ireland released performance output metrics for 2025, and they confirmed that the Local Enterprise Office Limerick had a very strong performance in achieving and outperforming most of those metrics as detailed in the table below;

Limerick	Target Metric 2025	Actual performance 2025	% Of Annual Target achieved 2025
Financial Support Packages	50	48	96%
Training Programme Participants	1260	1286	102%
Start Your Own Business	126	216	171%
Management Development Programmes	126	145	115%
General	1008	925	92%
Mentoring	414	566	137%
RD&I Supports	1	1	100%
Lean for Business	18	21	117%
Green for Business	22	42	191%
Energy Efficiency Grants	22	22	100%
Digital for Business	18	46	256%
Grow Digital Vouchers	7	10	143%
Micro Finance Ireland Loan applications	15	18	120%
Client Transfers to Enterprise Ireland	5	6	120%
Export	4	4	100%
Net jobs increase	126	259	206%

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In February LEO Limerick approved the following business supports:

- One LEAN for Business programmes
- Four Green for Business
- Four Energy Efficiency grants
- One Digital for Business
- One Grow Digital



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## Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development

### 1. Regeneration

#### Social Regeneration

##### Economic and Social Intervention Fund

On 24 February, the Directorate of Regeneration, Community, Sport, and Rural Development received written approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage for successful appeals to the Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF). The total allocation for ESIF 2026 is €1,520,632 to 100 projects from 53 organisations.

#### Community Activities

##### King's Island

- Local activities continued in King's Island Community Centre during the month. These included LEGO Club, Drumming, Family Learning and Crafty Mondays.
- The PURE Limerick Community Arts Festival took place on 20 and 21 February, featuring the King's Island Showcase on the second day at Old St. Munchin's Church.

##### Moyross

- Staff from Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) welcomed local friends and neighbours on 11 February to mark the occasion of Valentine's Day.
- The Good2Go group enjoyed a Valentine's Day treat at Moyross Community Enterprise Centre.
- MCEC hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 17 February.
- A local group, comprising a mainly of teenagers, listened to a discussion around responsible horse care in the community. This was an educational discussion, aimed at improving the understanding and care towards animals in the area.

- The Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the delivery of a suite of programmes at local amenities in Moyross. These included MoveWell: Breathe Well, Ageless Strength and Cool Movers. The Women's Social Tag Rugby team commenced on Moyross Astroturf on 23 February.

##### Southill

- Collaboration between Southill Hub and Limerick City Partnership initiated the Get Southill Moving Programme.
- Mid-term programmes, funded via the UBU: Your Place Your Space Programme, took place in Southill Hub.
- Southill Hub hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 11 February.

##### Ballinacurra Weston

- The Community Companions at Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) had a busy month with a focus on community engagement, health, wellbeing and connection.
- The Community Companions at OLOL hosted a Valentine's Day pop-up restaurant, welcoming 28 locals for a sit-down dinner in the Community Café. This enhanced the friendships and relationships within the community and helps reduce isolation for many.
- The Early Years Service focused on "Love Your Health" theme, which included workshops on healthy eating and how to support positive eating habits at home. This was a joined-up effort between the Early Years Service, Family Support and the Community Café, with samples of healthy meals available to showcase what can be achieved.
- The community came together on St. Bridgid's Day for a reflective gathering within OLOL, with many in attendance including the local priest and residents.

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- Physical activity continues to grow, with a local community running group steadily growing each week, now at over 30 participants. This is supported by the Community Policing team, as partnerships on the ground continue to grow.
- OLOL CSG hosted the free clinic delivered by Community Law and Mediation on 03 February.

## Economic Regeneration

- The Junior Careers Fair initiative continued with a site visit to Atlantic Aviation for sixth class students from Le Chéile National School, providing exposure to career pathways within the aviation industry.
- The Outreach to Employment Team supported with work experience within Limerick City and County Council for a learner participating in the Pathways to Construction Course at Moyross Youth Academy.
- The Outreach to Employment Project Team meeting took place on 27 February.
- The Outreach to Employment Team attended Stakeholder meetings within the regeneration communities of King's Island, Moyross and Ballinacurra Weston.

## Physical Regeneration

### Housing Developments

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

### 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) achieved substantial completion in February.

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary's Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract no. 131A (29 houses in Southill/Ballinacurra Weston) had a pre-start meeting with the contractor during February.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park/Moyross) is progressing 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 was completed during February, new tenants are in situ.

### Minor Refurbishments

- Works completed on the following properties and are now occupied by tenants during February:
  - 108 Cliona Park, Moyross
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- Works continued on the following properties during February:
  - 43 Whitecross Gardens, Moyross
- Department Approval awaited on the following properties during February:
  - 14 Donoughmore Crescent, Carew Park
  - 445 Sunny Heights, O'Malley Park

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- Tenders returned for the Department approval sought on four properties during the month:
  - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
  - 116 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
  - 3 Columcille Street, St. Mary's Park
  - 3 St. Bridget's Street, St. Mary's Park

## 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 railing works.

## 2. Sport and Recreation

### Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The LSP invited expressions of interest for the 2026/2027 Transition Year VIP (Voluntary Inspired Programme). This hugely successful programme will work with transition year students on a year-long programme which will give them a nationally recognised sports coaching qualification.
- The Adapted Men on the Move Programme commenced on 24 February – which targets men who have a disability, allowing everybody to participate at their own pace.
- Later Lifters - Strength Training for Men commenced on 26 February, in The Millennium Centre, Caherconlish. This allowed men 55 years and older to build strength in a safe and supportive environment.

- For more information on programmes and activities visit [www.limericksports.ie](http://www.limericksports.ie)

## Council Sporting Facilities

### Local Sports Plan

- The draft Local Sports Plan was presented to the Community, Leisure, Arts Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) on 11 February. The appointed screening consultants have studied the draft Sports Plan, confirming its alignment with the existing Limerick City and County Council Plans such as the Development Plan and carried out a review of the actions as it undertakes the screening.

### Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub saw 55 new users sign up via the SportsKey platform, allowing them to book the resource.
- A number of Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) and Camogie clubs commenced their pre-season training, making active use of the LRAH facilities.

### Rathbane Golf Course

- The new weekly Chip 'n' Chat has commenced at Rathbane Golf course, with positive participation levels.
- An application was progressed to the next stage of the Climate Action Grant. The target is to fund the installation of two solar panel systems, wildflower meadows, and water harvesting systems on site.

### Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Swimming lessons were undertaken by eight different schools from Limerick City.
- Membership levels continued to be strong in the opening months of 2026, with members accounting for approximately 90% of users in the pool and gym.

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## Sports Capital Projects

- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – Final collation of tender documents was undertaken.

## Askeaton Pool and Leisure

- Artistic Swimming lessons took place weekly at Askeaton Pool.
- A bank holiday fitness class took place on 02 February, to encourage activity over St. Bridgid's Bank Holiday weekend.
- A variety of swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, lane swimming and parent and toddler sessions took place during a busy February at Askeaton Pool and Leisure.

## 3. Rural

- Part 8 proposals lodged for development at Kiltteery Pier, Loughill for the construction of single storey pavilion and pier wall consisting of public changing facilities, a public communal space, a lifeguard station and lifeguard bathroom and all ancillary site works. Public consultation commenced on the proposal on 11 February, and documents will be on display for a four-week period, with a further two weeks for submissions.

## 4. Community

### Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

- The LCDC and Local Action Group (LAG) meetings were held on 03 February.

## Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

- The SICAP sub committee held meetings on 11 February with each of the development companies. The purpose of the meetings was to review the performance of each of the LOTS (Contract Areas) in the delivery of SICAP for 2025 and to overview the SICAP plans for 2026. The three Limerick LOTS delivering are:
  - LOT 21-1 – (West Rural) West Limerick Resources
  - LOT 21-2 – (Urban) Limerick City Partnership
  - LOT 21-3 – (East Rural) Ballyhoura Development Company

## Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and has reached 300 member groups. 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 function with a Secretariat update meeting held on the 23 February.
- PPNL continues to have an active presence with its regularly updated website, social media and a weekly Newsletter distributed to members.

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## Ukrainian Response Team

February Offer a Home (OAH) figures:

Properties	February	To Date
Offered	0	254
Inspected	0	252
Allocated /People Housed	0	140/417
Allocation in Progress	0	0
To be inspected	0	0
Not suitable/withdrawn	3	98
Not yet Ready	0	0
To be matched	0	0

## Migrant Support Forum

- Throughout February, the Limerick Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) continued its engagement with migrant communities across Limerick City and County. The team delivered a wide range of outreach and inclusion initiatives designed to promote participation, connection, and a sense of belonging.
- LAIT continued its regular visits to migrant accommodation centres, offering direct, onsite assistance and providing essential information to residents. Alongside these outreach visits, the team also supported individuals through one-to-one appointments in City Hall, as well as through telephone and email consultations.
- As part of its ongoing commitment to community development, LAIT supported artists participating in PURE Limerick, a Community Arts Festival that brought together local artists and arts organisations to showcase creative collaborations developed with and within local communities.

- Work is also underway to prepare for a number of outdoor events scheduled for summer 2026, with planning focused on ensuring broad community participation and inclusive programming.
- In addition, LAIT – in partnership with West Limerick Resources – is developing an English Conversation Club to support residents in the Clarina/Ballybrown region. This initiative aims to strengthen language confidence, promote social connection, and enhance opportunities for community integration.

## Healthy Limerick

- On 24 February, the Student Council of St. Mary's National School gathered at the River Shannon to release the wishes of the people of Limerick. For weeks, the 'Tree of Intentions' stood in City Hall, inviting the public to write their hopes and hang them on a hazel tree. Almost 200 heartfelt wishes were shared. These wishes were written on water-soluble paper, and they were gently placed into the Shannon, to the hands of the Goddess Sionna, in a simple yet powerful expression of hope. Inspired by the ancient Wish Tree, the hazel symbolises wisdom, inspiration and protection in Irish mythology, a fitting tree to carry our community's intentions. The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, attended this event.
- Ongoing planning for 2026 and progress/financial for 2025 is underway.
- The Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Sláintecare Local Development Officer attended the Mayoral group on green spaces meeting in Adare.
- The lead for Integration, Health and Wellbeing met with Minister of State Jennifer Murnane O'Connor to discuss Health and Wellbeing projects in Limerick.
- The Healthy Limerick Coordinator attended the Healthy Ireland National Network meeting.
- Financial reporting has been submitted along with the 2025 progress report to Pobal.

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- Planning for Future Food Conference in April continues with venue now confirmed and various protocol forms complete.
- Healthy Ireland attended the opening of the new “Solace Café” that has been established by Limerick Mental Health.
- Healthy Ireland was invited to the World Hijab Day in Istabraq Hall with the Muslim Sisters of Éire.
- Small and **SEED** grants continued to advance community led health initiatives aligned with social determinants of health. The Barnardos Breakfast Club in Southill received Sláintecare funding to enhance early intervention supports for children experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage. The initiative increases access to nutritious food, strengthens school readiness, and supports emotional wellbeing through a structured morning routine. It further promotes sustainability by integrating locally sourced produce from Doon Social Farm, Ballyhoura Orchards, and other community suppliers.

## Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- **Move Well and Sing Strong** were delivered across St. John’s Pavillion, Moyross Community Centre, Southill Hub, and King’s Island Community Centre, supporting adults living with chronic health conditions and promoting equitable access to physical activity.
- **The Period Equity** programme remained active across partner sites, ensuring continued access to menstrual products alongside education and signposting delivered through youth, community, and frontline organisations. Period Equity education also advanced, with 12 partner organisations awarded workshops to strengthen menstrual-health literacy across diverse community settings. Workshop planning is underway with Limerick City Partnership, West Limerick Resources, Limerick Social Service Centre, Ruhama, Chime, Down Syndrome Limerick, Crescent College Comprehensive SJ, Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh, Limerick Libraries, Traveller Health East Limerick (Ballyhoura), ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services, and Midwest Simon Community. This work is being codeveloped by the Local Development Officer and clinical expert Christine Lane to ensure an inclusive, evidence-based programme responsive to community need.
- Collaboration progressed across core programmes, including partnership work with Limerick City Partnership; **Move Well** Phase Two with Limerick Sports Partnership; the Healthy Relationships programme with the Children and Young People’s Services Committee and Southill Hub; and the Healthy Families programme. Each contributes to reducing health inequalities by strengthening protective factors, improving health literacy, and creating supportive environments for families and young people.
- The “Full Pitch” short film project was awarded **SEED** funding to address gender-based health inequalities and support youth wellbeing through creative engagement. Led by filmmaker Róisín Leavy-Sahin and writer Nina Devine and delivered in partnership with Emerging Limerick Filmmakers and Ballinacurra Gaels GAA and Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA), the project amplifies the experiences of young girls in sport, exploring confidence, resilience, and identity while promoting long-term engagement in physical activity.
- An additional Sláintecare funding allocation supported the continued development of the **Island Gardens Community Growing Space** on King’s Island. This investment strengthens collaboration between local residents, Limerick Island Community Partners, Limerick Growing Communities, Limerick City Partnerships Empowering Communities Programme, and the University of Limerick Community Wellness Empowerment Leadership and Life (CWELL) team. The funding supports planting, maintenance, and community participation within an area experiencing high levels of socioeconomic disadvantage and ongoing environmental disruption due to flood defence works. The garden continues to promote social inclusion, intergenerational engagement, positive mental health, and access to shared green space.
- In addition, the Local Development Officer and the Healthy Ireland Coordinator met with community partners in Our Lady of Lourdes to support project planning and collaboration for 2026.

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## Bin Waivers Scheme

- The Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme applications continued to be assessed during February. Out of the total of over 4,100 received, 3,686 have been issued during the schemes open period, with 156 still in progress. Almost 400 reminder letters were issued at the end of February to 2025 permit holders that did not apply for the 2026 scheme.

## Age Friendly

- The Age Friendly University of Limerick (UL) survey was finalised and agreed following testing on the 06 February to gather views in relation to initiatives that could support UL in becoming age friendly under the World Health Organisation (WHO) accreditation process. The survey was circulated to members of our Older Persons Executive and our Alliance partners to share with their wider network for feedback. Closing date 13 March.
- The Age Friendly Limerick gratitude card project was advanced. Artwork was chosen by our Older Persons Executive chairperson and requests for quotations were sought from suppliers to design and produce the card.
- The Age Friendly Limerick programme manager attended the Age Friendly Ireland programme managers residential in Meath from 11 to 13 February.

## Lifelong Learning

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Shared Island – Waterford Learning City Exchange was held from the 09 to 11 February. This year's theme focused on "Lifelong Learning and Education for Sustainable Development." Over the two-day programme, participants engaged in a series of talks and workshops. Among the speakers was Juergen Bauer from the Department of Architecture and Built Environment at South East Technological University (SETU), who delivered a session on "Embedding Education for Sustainable Development within Learning." Other highlights included a walking tour exploring sustainable development in Waterford City Centre and a World Café workshop that examined the key challenges and opportunities within Education for Sustainable Development.
- The Lifelong Learning Strategy 2026 – 2030, due to be launched during the Lifelong Learning Festival was given final sign off at a steering committee meeting on the 16 February and is to be sent for design and printing.



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## Housing

### 1. Housing Support Services

#### Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	3,337
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	515

#### Applications Received

	February	Year to Date
Housing Applications	205	378

#### Transfer Forms Received

	February	Year to Date
Transfer Forms	6	17

#### HMD1 (Housing Medical/Disability Form 1) Forms Received

	February	Year to Date
HMD1 Forms	50	90

#### Permission to Reside (PTR) Forms Received

	February	Year to Date
PTR Forms	11	18

#### Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Applications Received

	February	Year to Date
MTR Applications	0	2

#### Appeals Received

	February	Year to Date
Appeals Received	7	15

#### Closed Housing Applications

	February	Year to Date
Closed Applications	40	118

#### 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 February	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	2	2
Newcastle West	2	5
Metropolitan District	24	54
Cappamore-Kilmallock	5	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>73</b>

## Refusals

	No. of Units February	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	0	0
Metropolitan District	5	9
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>

## Approved Housing Body Allocations 2026 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
46	12	27	7

## Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	548
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)/RAS Tenancies	651
Part 5	0
New Private Tenancies	9
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	0

## Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,668 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	10
No. of Amendments	210
No. of Cessations	37

## Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€12,290,61	€4,098,215	€16,388,833	€4,071,129	€12,317,704	26 %

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## Home Improvement Schemes

February 2026		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	4	0	11	1	16
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€26,729.51	€0.00	€26,729.51
	No. Paid	0	0	4	0	4
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	5	1	10	2	18
	HAG Expenditure	€50,357.50	€73,447.58	€43,118.09	€22,162.50	€189,085.67
	No. Paid	5	5	4	3	17
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	2	6	11	8	27
	HOP Expenditure	€10,100.00	€11,852.90	€71,872.56	€5,400.00	€99,225.46
	No. Paid	1	3	11	1	16
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
	No. Paid	0	0	0	0	0

Total No. Approved	61
Total Monies Paid	€315,040.64
Total No. Paid	37

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## Home Improvement Schemes

### Year-to-date

Jan-Feb 2026		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	0	27	1	33
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€6,000.00	€101,458.51	€4,426.00	€111,884.51
	No. Paid	0	1	17	1	19
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	14	6	26	3	49
	HAG Expenditure	€50,357.50	€115,047.58	€88,754.09	€22,162.50	€276,321.67
	No. Paid	5	11	10	3	29
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	16	15	25	11	67
	HOP Expenditure	€18,100.00	€49,672.90	€112,998.91	€5,400.00	€186,171.81
	No. Paid	2	11	21	1	35
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

YTD Total No. Approved	149
YTD Total Monies Paid	€632,654.57
YTD Total No. Paid	87

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## Community Sustainment Unit

### Tenancy Inductions

	February	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	38	74

### House Visits

	February	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	136	244

### Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	February	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	319	319
Cases closed during month	43	85

## Repossessions

	February	Year to Date
Repossession of Council Properties	19	40

## Garda Checks

	February	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	81	153

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

Date: 14.02.26		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	40
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	74
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	24
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	7
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	96
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	10
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>260</b>

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	242	247	150
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	10	17	9
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Families</b>
		<b>258</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>165</b>

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	February	YTD
<b>Tenant Purchase</b>		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Received	3	4
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Approved	1	3
<b>Local Authority Home Loans</b>		
Loan Applications: No. Received	7	13
Loan Applications: No. Approved	1	1
<b>Deed of Discharge</b>		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	12	22
<b>Consent to Sale</b>		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	3	8
<b>Cottage Purchase Annuity</b>		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	2	3
<b>Ground Rent</b>		
No. of Ground Rent Applications	1	5
<b>Title</b>		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	16	23
Title Rectifications Received	1	1
<b>Private Rented Inspections</b>		
No. of Inspections	275	1,031

## Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information requests	7
Ombudsman Query Cases	3
Data Access Requests	5

## 2. Housing Welfare and Traveller Accommodation

### \* Traveller Accommodation

No. of Units offered February	1
Year to Date	4

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

No. of New Maintenance Cases for Traveller Specific Accommodation in the Metropolitan District of Limerick - February	34
Year to Date	73

Traveller Community Sustainment	February	Year to Date
Number of Inspections	94	134
Number of Tenancy Inductions	0	1
Number of active cases at end of month	49	49
<b>Cases Closed</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>

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## Housing Welfare Referrals/Visits

No. of Referrals/Visits - February	15
Year to Date	36

No. of New Supported Tenancies - February	4
No. of Closed Supported Tenancies - February	0
Total No. of Active Supported Tenancies	194

No. of Age Friendly Approved Housing Body (AHB) and Voluntary Housing Nominations - February	8
Year to date	20

\*These figures are included in Approved Housing Body Allocations\*

## 3. Local Authority (LA) Housing Construction and Maintenance

### Local Authority Housing Construction

House Returns - February	
Total	19

House Returns February By Municipal District	
Adare-Rathkeale	1
Cappamore-Kilmallock	5
Newcastle West	0
Metropolitan District	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in February	In Progress
Local Authority Construction Team		
Minor Refurbishments	0	9
Major Refurbishments	1	69
Local Authority Maintenance Team		
Minor Refurbishments	10	64
Major Refurbishments	3	15
Regeneration Team		
Minor Refurbishments	1	28
Major Refurbishments	0	7
Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)		
Minor Refurbishments	0	3
Major Refurbishments	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>196</b>
Approved Housing Body stock transfer in process	0	12

## Project Updates

- Stage 2 approval received from the Department of Housing for construction of 30 units at Mary Street.
- Quantity Surveyor consultant appointed for construction of 20 units in Brugh Na Deise and Crawford Street, Bruff.
- Assigned Certifier consultant appointed for construction of 20 units in Brugh Na Deise and Crawford Street, Bruff.
- Assigned Certifier consultant appointed for

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construction of six units at Mulcair Drive, Annacotty.

- 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 four refurbishment projects in Limerick City and County.
- Contractor currently on site for construction of 20 units in Brugh Na Deise and Crawford Street, Bruff.

## Finance

- Applications for funding totalling €3,062,542 issued to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Limerick City and County Council recouped €2,912,082 from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Local Authority Housing Maintenance

Local Authority Houses: Maintenance Requests dealt with during February

Housing Maintenance Cases – February	Requests/Cases Created	Cases Dealt With/Closed	Balance of Open Cases at 28.02.2026
Metropolitan District of Limerick	752	881	1,235
Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	82	145	361
Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	180	162	467
Municipal District of Newcastle West	115	178	447
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>2,510</b>

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## Grants Inspections

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	4	7
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	2	15	0	7	24
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	22	0	12	34
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	1	0	4	0	5
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>70</b>

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	0	4
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	4	0	4	8
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	9	0	2	11
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>

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## Municipal District of Newcastle West - Inspections and Recommendations for Home Improvement Schemes/Disability Adaptations - February

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	2	0	4	6
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	7	0	6	13
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>

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

Inspection Types	Pre-application	Initial Inspection	Re-inspection	Final Inspections after Works completed	Total Inspections by Grant Type
MAGs (Mobility Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	2	5
HAGs (Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme)	0	3	0	3	6
HOPS (Housing Aid for Older Persons Grant Scheme)	0	13	0	2	15
DPGs (Disabled Persons Grant)	0	12	0	0	12
<b>Total Inspections by Inspection Type</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>

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## House Inspections Unit

Houses Inspected for Refurbishment Works and Re-Letting - February - Categories	No. of Properties Inspected
Cat 1 – Minor Repairs needed	9
Cat 2 – Moderate Repairs needed	2
Cat 3 – Substantial Repairs needed	0
Cat 4 – Major Repairs needed	0
<b>TOTAL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT</b>	<b>11</b>
No. of Properties Awaiting Inspection	7

## Defective Blockwork Scheme Applications

Applications Registered February	9
RFI (Request Further Information) Applications February	6
Applications Referred to Housing Agency	2
Applications – Damage Threshold Met	1
Remediation Option Grant Approved	0
Remediation Option Grant Refused	0
<b>Total Applications Registered – Year to Date</b>	<b>12</b>

## Housing Maintenance Communal Areas Projects

- Painting, Power Washing and Gutter Cleaning of Sarsfield Park Apartments, Lord Edward Street, Limerick.
- Tender for Power Washing, Painting, Window and Door Servicing, and Gutter Cleaning of O'Donnell House and James Street Apartments, Limerick.
- Tender for Fire Remedial Works to Oak Lodge (Simon Community), Clare Street, Limerick.
- Tenders for the Installation of new Lifts for Oak Lodge, and Phoenix Lodge, Limerick.
- Cleaning, Painting, and Maintenance Works in Watergate Apartments, Limerick City.

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## 4. Housing Strategy and Mixed Tenure Partnership

### SOCIAL HOUSING – Delivery for 2026

Buy/Build/Lease as of 28.02.2026 is as follows:

As at 28.02.2026 (01.01.2026 – 28.02.2026)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	2026 Delivery Target
Build	1	249	250	To be confirmed
Buy *	1	127	128	To be confirmed
Lease	0	10	10	To be confirmed
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>388</b>	

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

### Notice of Termination Figures

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

Category	Activity in February	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)	17	85
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	54	707
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into Limerick City and County Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	2	70
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	1	70
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,108</b>

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## Social Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

### Project Approvals Received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in February

Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Mortgage to Rent	Approval for the leasing of one unit in Cluain Ard, Fedamore, County Limerick	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Mortgage to Rent	Approval for the leasing of one unit in Claughaun Fort, Garryowen, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

## Affordable Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

### Project Approvals Received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in February

Affordable Housing Fund	Approval for six units at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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## Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	31 (Phase 1)	Part 8 planning closed for public consultation in February. Submissions received were reviewed throughout February. HIIF Application (Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund) submitted to the Housing Activation office for the remaining East -West link road funding and for servicing the Phase 2 sites.
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 of 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. HIIF Application (Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund) submitted to the Housing Activation office for the remaining East -West link road funding and for servicing the Phase 2 sites.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
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	Design brief for design team progressed, tender pack for framework call off contract 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.
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	Part 10 planning consultant tender was appointed in February. The planning pack is now under review by the consultants. Part 10 planning pack was advanced through February.
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 February. 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 February with QS costs agreed.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in February
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Clúid every two weeks.
Knockhill, Ennis Road	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	3D model of scheme costings and design was progressed to include for co-living scenario. Design brief for design team was progressed throughout February to include for this scenario.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	Tender for cleaning and making structurally secure went live in February. 3D model of scheme and design was progressed. Design brief for design team was progressed throughout February.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Ballykeeffe	145	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during February.
	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Sruthain, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during February.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications continued for Phase 2 of this scheme during February.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded throughout February for Carraig Desmond.

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Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock, County Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during February.
	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 February.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 2	6	Online portal for applications was launched on 13 February.
	SMART (Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition) 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>Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund application submitted for relevant SMART infrastructure Feasibility study assessment for pilot of 150 units advanced.</p> <p>Work with design team continued on initial site layouts for Phase 1 sites.</p> <p>Ecology inspections and surveys advanced.</p> <p>Procurement process advanced for the following services on Phase 1 site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topographical and ground penetrating radar</li> <li>• Planning Consultancy</li> <li>• Acoustic Surveys</li> <li>• Invasive species management plan</li> <li>• Architectural Heritage Impact Statement</li> <li>• Arboricultural consultant</li> <li>• Archaeological Impact Assessment</li> </ul>

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## Finance (All Funding Streams)

- Claims totaling €7,364,703 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €4,574,785 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

## Conferences and Workshops

- A Technical Housing Delivery meeting took place on 04 February with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

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

- Affordable Housing Scheme of six x three-bedroom homes for Phase 2 at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick was launched on 13 February.



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## Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup

### 1. Development Management

#### Planning Applications

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

Type	Amount
Part 8	1
Housing Developments	2
Domestic Developments	83
Agricultural Developments	10
Commercial Developments/Change of Use	10
Sporting/Community and Educational Developments	7
Other Developments	9

The current applications include proposals for:

- Part 8 for the construction of single storey pavilion and pier wall consisting of public changing facilities, a public communal space, a lifeguard station and lifeguard bathroom and all ancillary site works at Kiltteery Pier, Loghill, County Limerick. This Part 8 contains works to a Protected Structure.
- Construction of a new athletics facility comprising an indoor running track, gymnasium, changing rooms and associated ancillary spaces, along with an outdoor running track, astro-turf pitches with fencing, a car parking area together with all associated site development works at Mungret Link Road, Caheranardish, Mungret, County Limerick.

- The demolition of three existing structures comprising of a dwelling and two ancillary outbuildings and the construction of 70 residential dwellings, a new vehicular and pedestrian access onto the Rathkeale Road at Rathkeale Road, Killarney Road, Graigue, Adare, County Limerick. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) accompanies this planning application.

### 2. Forward Planning, Urban Development and Heritage

#### Forward Planning

- Issued Notice to Environmental Authorities under Regulation No.7 of the European Union (Land Use Planning – Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2025 (SI No. 456 2025) Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping for preparation of Proposed Variation No.3 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied).
- 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
- Public consultation for the Proposed Variation No.2 (Substandard Roads) to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied) closed on the 09 February following a four-week display period, with six submissions received.
- Issued Mayor's Report on submissions received during the consultation process of Variation No.2, (Substandard Roads) to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied) for the consideration of Elected Members.
- Attended training for the Planning and Development Act 2024 in Cork.

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## Urban Development

- Clarina/Ballybrown Residents Presentation took place on 17 February in the Community Resource Centre and MyPoint is live for submissions.
- Environmental Impact Assessment Screening and Appropriate Assessment Screening complete.
- THRIVE (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) Strand 2 Beneficiaries Procurement Training took place in the Strand Hotel.
- Fireplace Site signage installed and signed off by Southern Regional Assembly.
- Living City Initiative - one new Applicant and Initial Inspection is complete.

## Conservation

- Work on the Mayoral Objective regarding United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage is ongoing.
- Meeting with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Ireland (advisory body to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
- Meeting with Dublin County Council Heritage regarding their experience of the Tentative List.
- Full review of relevant guidance documents and literature.
- High level review of comparative World Heritage Sites.
- Heritage Working Group briefed on the objective and the intended plans.
- The short-listed Historic Structures Fund 2026 projects have been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

## Heritage

- Community Monument Fund site visits begun, Tower Hill initial survey completed.
- Development Management files and support on going.
- Issues raised by Discover Limerick Designated Activity Company (DAC) regarding ecological considerations for works at King John's Castle have been resolved. Ongoing work is also taking place on signage and related matters at the bird hide.
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) application for the "Black" loop (mountain bike trail) for Ballyhoura. Reports finished and with Rural Development section.
- Supporting community groups with applications for Community Heritage Grant applications.

## Archaeology

- Processed 12 planning files and completed associated site visits.
- Progressed work on Fuller's Folly, THRIVE, Market Quarter/Cruises Street, Lough Gur, and conducted graveyard inspections.
- Engaged with Ashford Community Group and attended the Climate Action Regional Office Workshop.
- Advanced the King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) through meetings with National Monuments Service archaeologists, a social media recording, and a Live 95 interview.
- Attended Kilmallock Town Centre First meeting and supported primary-school heritage projects.
- Submitted an Irish Walls Towns Network Capital Grant application and attended the Irish Walls Towns Network Annual General Meeting.
- Continued work on the Merchant's House Project and "Year of the Normans".

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- All Community Monuments Fund (CMF) 2026 applications were submitted ahead of the 13 February deadline, including private applications for Croom Castle (Stream 1, Phase 2 Capital Works) and Castleconnell Castle (Stream 2, Advance Works), as well as Limerick City and County Council applications for Galbally Church (Stream 1, Phase 3 – Final Capital Works), Glenogra Church (Stream 1, Phase 1 Capital Works), and Tuogh Church (Stream 2, Advance Works).
- Community Monuments Fund Final Reports for 2025 submitted on 27 February.

## 3. Ryder Cup Project Management

- Community engagement meetings regarding potential activations with the Tidy Towns Network and Town Centre First Groups.
- Announcement from Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD regarding significant funding from his department to support key legacy projects in Adare for the 2027 Ryder Cup. This funding aims to ensure legacy for Adare and the wider Limerick region. The projects include a tree planting sustainability initiative and the refurbishment and extension of Adare Village Hall, among others.
- Event planning meetings with Ryder Cup Europe and government stakeholders.



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## Environment, Climate Action and Fire

### 1. Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action

#### Climate Action Team

- Hosted a fifth-year student for a three-day work placement, learning about Climate Action in Limerick.
- Convened an Assessment Board to evaluate applications to the Community Climate Action Programme. The report of the assessment has been submitted to the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment for review.
- Attended the Lunch and Learn Session given by the Finance, Investment and Governance Directorate on 04 February.
- The Community Climate Action Officer held a Home Energy Workshop in Glin Library.
- The Climate Action Team attended an online webinar on the Horizon Programme organised by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment on 11 February.
- Attended the Lunch and Learn Session given by the Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup Directorate on 17 February.
- The Climate Action Coordinator attended (online) the quarterly meeting of the Atlantic Seaboard South Climate Action Coordinators meeting on 25 February.
- The Climate Action Officer attended a Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Climate Change Core Team Workshop made up of Local Authority Heritage Staff, and staff from the National Monuments Service and the National Built Heritage Service on 25 February.
- The quarterly Energy Management Team meeting was held in City Hall on 26 February.

- The Climate Action Team attended an online workshop on the Policy context for Decarbonisation Zones organised by Trinomics and the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) on the 26 February.

#### This month in the Citizen Innovation Lab we hosted:

- The third meeting of the Transport and Mobility Forum Limerick took place on 25 February.

#### Horse and Dog Control

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	9
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	5
Number of horses seized	6

The team linked in with the Moyross Equine and Therapeutic Programme to process the first tranche of 2026 funding on its behalf.

#### Domestic Waste and Litter

Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received	209
Inspections undertaken	642
Warnings issued	112
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	3
Statutory notices issued	6
Prosecutions initiated	3
Fines issued	55

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## Anti-Dumping Initiative

As part of the National Anti-Dumping Initiative, Limerick City and County Council offered a Bulky Waste Collection Service to all households for a minimal fee of €10.00 in Kileely, Thomondgate, Watergate, Pennywell and Garryowen from 09 to 13 February. The service was limited to a maximum of four bulky items per household, and collections were made at an agreed time with the service provider. Detailed information was communicated to all community groups via leaflets, social media platforms and so forth on how to access the service for households in the areas. All items were left out on the kerbside on the day of collection, one hour before the agreed collection time. Over 100 households benefitted from this free service which seeks to mitigate against illegal dumping and “man in a van” operators in the city.

## Environment Regulation and Enforcement

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

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	43
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	31
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	1
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Directions of Authorised Officer issued (MS Dynamics)	15
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	1
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	2
Planning reports	74

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## Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	28	Farm Inspections
Closing Letters	10	Compliant letters from Inspection
Advisory Letters	8	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Warning Letters	10	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Notification Letters	76	Notification regarding Farm Inspections issued to farmers in the Groody 010 Catchment
Review of Farmyard Management Plans	2	Farmyard Management plans submitted by non-compliant farmer
Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) – Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/ complaints	11	Water Pollution Complaints investigated by Environment Strategy
Dynamics CRM – Number of Active Cases	2	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	9	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Planning Files	16	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Forestry File referrals	2	Review of Forestry planning applications
Forestry Inspection	1	Inspection ensuring compliance in Forestry Planning
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	1	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations

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## Environmental Awareness

### Annual Tidy Towns Seminar

This well attended hybrid seminar was held in the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle on 05 February. Speakers included Debbie Bailey, National Tidy Towns Adjudicator; Limerick City and County Council's Ryder Cup Coordinator and Limerick City and County Council's Executive Scientist – (Soundscape approach to investigating Green spaces). [Limerick Communities Gear Up for 2026 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition | Limerick.ie](#)

### Green School Renewal Visits

Visits to support and assess Limerick schools in their quest to renew their Green Flags continued during the month of February. [Green-Schools | Working Together For A Sustainable Future](#)

### Limerick City Fairtrade Schools Poster Competition Award Ceremony

This ceremony was held in the Council Chamber in Dooradoyle on 24 February with schools across Limerick City and County working together to highlight the importance of the purchase of Fairtrade produce and sustainability. [Fairtrade Limerick School Poster Ceremony Champions Sustainability | Limerick.ie](#)

## Biodiversity

- Live 95 interview discussing “Haven’s for Nature” and working with the Limerick Diocese.
- Site visit to Shanagolden Parish Church with regard to bats.
- Participation in European Union (EU) URBAN inaugural meeting.
- More than 7,500 native trees were collected in Adare Manor Fields on 14 February as part of the Limerick Hare’s Corner initiative. The event was coordinated by the Burrenbeo Trust in partnership with the Biodiversity and Tree Officers of Limerick City and

County Council. It brought together community groups, farmers, landowners, schools and families from across the county. Despite freezing weather conditions, turnout was strong as successful applicants from both the 2025 and 2026 programmes arrived to collect trees for creating new wildlife friendly habitats throughout Limerick. A total of 195 participants will now contribute to the establishment of:

- 124 Mini Woodlands
- 108 Mini Orchards
- 120 native 10 metre hedgerows

These habitats will boost biodiversity, improve climate resilience and enhance community wellbeing across Limerick City and County.

- Participation in the national biodiversity network heritage council online social media training.

## 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)	€0	0
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme (GWS) Operational Costs	€158,786	10 GWS
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€52,978.13	12 Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€0	0

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## 2. Fire and Emergency

### Statistics

	No. of Fire Related Calls	No. of Non-Fire Related Calls	Total
No. of call outs 01/02/2026 to 28/02/2026	62	59	121
% of calls where on scene in < 10 mins from time of call	49%	68%	
% of calls where on scene between 11 and 20 mins from time of call	13%	29%	
% of calls where on scene in > 20 mins from time of call	0%	3%	

	No. Received/ Assigned	No. Validated/ Acknowledged	No. Invalidated/ Refused	No. Granted	No. Completed
Fire Certificate Applications February	27	25		16	
Disability Access Certificate Applications February	11	10		19	
Licensing Applications February	4	3			
Commencement Notice February	39	31	5		36
Completion Certificate February	13	11			11
Planning Referrals February	3				2

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## Fire and Emergency Training Events

- A group of student paramedics from the University of Limerick (UL) completed a one-day Fire Service Awareness Programme.
- Limerick City Fire Station delivered a one-week Transition Year Programme at the Annacotty Civil Defence Building.
- Two Senior Officers successfully completed the Leadership for Performance and Change Programme at South East Technological University (SETU).
- Four block-training instructor preparation days were held in advance of annual block training.
- Block training commenced for Limerick City Fire Station. This week-long course, required for all whole-time firefighters, began on 23 February and will run over six weeks, covering Working at Heights, Confined Space Training, High-rise Firefighting, and Incidents Involving Lifts.
- 10 firefighters completed a one-day Confined Space refresher training course.
- Two staff members successfully completed the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) Fire Service Trainer Course.
- Three firefighters completed the Effective Decision Making for Fire Officers course at the Command Development Suite, Clonmel Fire and Training Development Centre, County Tipperary.

## Civil Defence Attendance at Events and Activities

### Duties for February

- On standby by An Garda Síochána for search for missing person.
- Medical cover at the Milford Hospice Annual 10 Kilometre Run/Walk in University of Limerick.
- Volunteer Emergency Service Appreciation Evening at the Radisson Hotel, Limerick.

### Training for February

- Major Emergency Briefing with Limerick Fire and Rescue Service.
- Emergency First Responder training.
- Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) 26 Exercise – multi agency river rescue and land search led by Limerick Fire and Rescue Service.
- Debrief on Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) 26 with Limerick Fire and Rescue Service.
- Food Safety and You Level 1 – Instructor Recertification.

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## Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January	February	Total 2026
Metropolitan District	0	1	1
Municipal Districts	0	0	0

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January	February	Total 2026
Metropolitan District	6	7	13
Municipal Districts	3	2	5

## 3. Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries

### Parks

#### Projects Progressed in February

Location	Description
Mungret Sensory Garden	Site clearance works completed and tender for rebuilding of wall and new gate
Lisheen Park, Sports and Community Campus, Patrickswell	Finalised Part 8 documents and advertised in local paper
Newcastle West Playground	Options prepared for play facilities in the Demesne
Mayoral Expert Group - Heritage and Green Spaces	Prepare drawings for high level projects identified in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale by the group
Grass Cutting Contract	Parks staff strimming in Metropolitan District of Limerick in advance of start of grass cutting contract
City Centre	Commenced preparations for St. Patricks Day Festival, weeding, planting
Tree Maintenance	Maintenance works throughout the city and county

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## Cemeteries

### Projects Progressed in February

Location	Description
Mount Saint Oliver Cemetery	Development of a new section in the burial ground to facilitate burials
Adare Burial Ground	Columbarian Wall works completed
Castlemungret Burial Ground	Columbarian Wall works completed
Abbeyfeale Burial Ground	Meeting with Consultant to progress the finalisation of Part 8 documents
Mount Saint Lawrence Memorial Garden	Completed preliminary design in preparation of Part 8 application

### Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in February

Mount Saint Lawrence	9
Mount Saint Oliver	18
Castlemungret	9
Kilmurry	0

## City Centre Response Team (CCRT)

84 corrective measures undertaken by CCRT Crew throughout the city.

### Casual Trading

- 12 Licences issued for the Milk Market.
- 25 Special Event Licences issued.

### Section 254 Licences

- 16 applications processed and sent to Planning for issuing.

### Cleansing

- Routine works carried out along routes and areas of the city involving cleaning, roads, footpaths, collecting litter bins, servicing bins at community centres.
- Collection of dumped rubbish directly by Limerick City and County Council and assisting Limerick Civic Trust in their areas of responsibility. Following up on Customer Relationship Management (CRM) cases and closing them out.
- Focused cleanup of areas such as lane ways, planters, and litter black spots by dedicated crews.
- Cleaning down of bins and the removal of stickers, graffiti and the like



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## Corporate Services, HR and Organisational Development Directorate

### 1. Corporate and Customer Services

#### Schedule of Council Meetings for February

Name of Meeting	Date	Location
<b>Full Council</b> Special Meeting of Limerick City and County Council to consider the Corporate Plan	10/02/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Operational Briefings</b> Limerick City East Limerick City North Limerick City West	03/02/2026 03/02/2026 04/02/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Municipal District of</b>		
<b>Newcastle West</b> Monthly Meeting	04/02/2026	Newcastle West and Online
<b>Adare-Rathkeale</b> Monthly Meeting	10/02/2026	Rathkeale and Online
<b>Cappamore-Kilmallock</b> Monthly Meeting	17/02/2026	Kilmallock and Online
<b>Metropolitan District of Limerick</b> Monthly Meeting	16/02/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online
<b>Strategic Policy Committee Meetings</b> Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Home and Social Development Travel and Transportation	09/02/2026 10/02/2026 11/02/2026 12/02/2026 18/02/2026	Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Meeting</b>	03/02/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Local Action Group (LEADER) Meeting</b>	03/02/2026	Dooradoyle and Online
<b>Audit and Risk Committee</b>	18/02/2026	Merchant's Quay and Online

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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 February:

- Approved requisitions account for 85% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.
- Rejected requisitions account for 15% of the total requisitions actioned for this given month.

Month	Approved	Rejected	Total Requisitions Actioned
February	1,453	258	1,711

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

Rejection Reason	February
Memo Requisition not raised in advance - Omitted/Insufficient detail	67
Documentation Attached - Omitted/Incorrect	43
Procurement Reference - Omitted/Incorrect	33
Request for Quotes - Omitted	31
A Signed Order (Mayoral Order/Director General Order/Approved Officer's Order) - Omitted/Incorrect copy provided	24

## 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	27
Procurement References extended as per signed contract/agreement	33

## Register of Electors

Additions to Electoral Register	45
Deletions from Electoral Register	435
Modifications to the Electoral Register	383
Total Transactions on Electoral Register	863

## Preparation for Transition to National Voting Register 2027

### Project Update:

- The Register Team completed user testing for the Voter.ie National Project. Limerick City and County Council was one of three Local Authorities asked to participate in testing for the new National system.
- 480 Letters were sent regarding returned polling cards from the Presidential Election.
- 445 Duplicate records were reviewed and fixed through phone calls, emails and letters.
- Media adverts were posted in all local papers during the week ending 02 February.

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- Staff Sessions regarding updating the Register of Electors were held in Merchants Quay, County Hall, Dooradoyle and Carlton House.
- Public Sessions were held in Kilmallock Library on 19 and 26 February.

## 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)	4
First Aid	9
Manual Handling	25
Safe Pass	19
Abrasive Wheels	24
<b>Total Staff Trained</b>	<b>81</b>

## Access to Information

	February	2026 January - February
Total Freedom of Information Requests	32	52
Freedom of Information Internal Appeals	2	5
Information Commissioner Appeals	0	0
Total Ombudsman Requests	3	4
Total Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Requests	2	3
AIE Internal Appeals	0	0

## 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 Limerick City and County 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 8,671 calls. This represents an average of 434 per day, with the number of calls reaching as high as 794 on one particular day. 83% of calls were handled at first point of contact.
- A total of 3,923 emails were processed through our Customer Services email platform.

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- 3,528 cases were created, with 877 of these logged on behalf of Public Representatives. Customer Services staff logged 66% of the cases created.
- 3,231 cases were closed, with 650 of these being cases logged by Public Representatives.
- The logging of cases through the My Limerick portal continued, with a total of 82 cases being logged. Of these, 63 were submitted by Public Representatives.
- 98% of Housing Maintenance cases for the Metropolitan District of Limerick were logged by Customer Services staff in the Dooradoyle and Merchants Quay offices.
- A total of 104 out-of-hours cases being created.
- 92 Residential Parking Permits were applied for and 66 issued.
- Customer Services staff welcomed a total of 2,858 customers at both our Merchants Quay and Dooradoyle offices.

## 2. Marketing and Communications

### Marketing

#### Limerick On Foot Campaign

- Concluded a four-week multi-platform campaign, which positioned Limerick as a leisure tourism destination and encouraged locals and visitors to experience Limerick's wide network of tracks and trails. The campaign focused on three rural County Limerick trails in Kilmallock, Killeedy and Adare, with support from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

The digital reach for the campaign was very positive:

- Reach: 393,407
- Impressions: 622,064
- Video Views: 589,094
- Engagements: 90,376
- Link Clicks: 18,291

#### Other Marketing Activity

- Limerick Tourism advertisement aired across Sky TV's coverage of the Genesis Invitational Golf Tournament and the Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches, showcasing Limerick's key attractions and amenities to wide numbers of viewers.
- Launched a Limerick on Foot Spotify Playlist to celebrate Limerick's leading musical talent and provide an immersive and engaging way to experience Limerick for walkers and runners alike.
- Golf Limerick, a sub-brand of Brand Limerick has been created as a Limerick specific legacy project for Ryder Cup 2027. Progress continues apace on the design and creation of image-led content and copy, to market and promote Limerick as premier golf destination.
- Limerick Student City initiative is shortlisted for The Education Awards, acknowledging the success of the programme in encouraging students to select Limerick as a destination for study and to engage fully with student life in the city and county.
- Attended Limerick IT Summit, Tourism Ireland Sentiment Briefing, and in advance of next year's Ryder Cup, a City Nation Place webinar discussing the impact of legacy events on destinations.
- Provided support to Limerick Youth Orchestra under the Limerick Student City brand, provided support with promotional content to Fáilte Ireland, and provided support to our colleagues in Tourism, Festivals, Corporate Services and Place-Making.

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## Social Media Highlights included:

- A “Valentines in Limerick” promotion, including dedicated social media content encouraging residents to shop local.
- A collaboration with influencer Michelle McNulty for National Pizza Day featuring local pizza businesses.
- To tie in with Rag Week, we ran a competition with Limerick Races with a Limerick Student Races Ticket Giveaway.

## Social Media

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

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

**Limerick.ie Facebook:** 41,039

**Limerick.ie X:** 20,760

**Limerick.ie Instagram:** 46,027

**Limerick.ie TikTok:** 4,984

**Limerick City and County Council X:** 18,674

**Limerick City and County Council Facebook:** 7

**Limerick City and County Council Instagram:** 6,886

**Limerick City and County Council LinkedIn:** 17,060

**Limerick City and County Council TikTok:** 1,687

Mayoral Accounts:

**Mayor of Limerick Instagram:** 2,130

**Mayor of Limerick Twitter:** 307

## Limerick.ie

In February, there were 203,969\* unique site visits to [Limerick.ie](http://Limerick.ie), a 32% increase on the same period in 2025. (\*Fathom Analytics)

The most popular pages on [Limerick.ie](http://Limerick.ie) were:

1. [www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning](http://www.limerick.ie/council/services/planning-and-placemaking/search-for-a-planning-application/search-for-a-planning)
2. [www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)
3. [www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse](http://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/browse)
4. [www.limerick.ie/council](http://www.limerick.ie/council)
5. [www.limerick.ie/council/services/roads-and-travel/traffic-and-parking/parking](http://www.limerick.ie/council/services/roads-and-travel/traffic-and-parking/parking)

**Content Report:** 87 articles, 244 events, eight new Limerick City and County Council services and four new amenities were added to Limerick.ie in February.

Significant updates or additions were made to the following webpages:

- Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival
- Limerick St. Patrick’s Festival Volunteer Form
- Limerick 360
- Limerick Greenway 360
- Twilight Thursday
- Springtime in Limerick
- King’s Island Walled Town
- Active Travel
- Paint Scheme for Vacant and Derelict Property
- Cáin Maoine Áitiúil
- Clár na gClubanna Glasa
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- PURE Limerick Community Arts Festival
- Limerick Literary Festival

## Communications

- Issued 25 news releases from the Marketing and Communications Department and researched and wrote three 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 14 notes for speeches for the Office of the Mayor and three for the Office of the Príomh Chomhairleoir.

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- Posted 299 times across the three Limerick City and County Council's social media channels with total followers now 44,314. Our posts earned 517,985 impressions (number of times users saw our post).
- Handled all media queries, which come into [communications@limerick.ie](mailto: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
- Videos and posts for Office of Public Works (OPW) Landmark Office at Opera Square
- Promotion of 2026 Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) Scheme
- Series of posts for the Residential Zoned Land Tax
- Posts to promote the Limerick Literary Festival
- Series of "Check the Register" posts for Corporate Services
- Series of collaboration posts for Team Limerick Clean-up
- Job Opportunity Posts for: Temporary Lifeguards
- Rightsizing Scheme in Kilfinane
- Contract signing for 33/34 Thomas Street – Videos created also
- Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) campaign to promote sign up for Special Olympics Volunteers
- Series of "Rehome a Dog" posts for the Limerick Dog Shelter
- Affordable Housing Scheme at Newtown Meadows in Castletroy
- Chinese Ambassador visit to City Hall
- Promotion of February Twilight Thursday events
- Public consultation on Part 8 proposal for Kiltteery Pier, Loughill, County Limerick
- Mango Fashion Store opening on O'Connell Street – Videos created
- Series of videos re-shared for Limerick Fire Service
- Belgian Ambassador visit to City Hall
- Posts for the Fairtrade Limerick School Poster Competition
- Posts and Videos for the Limerick IT Summit at Dell Technologies Campus
- 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 = 683
- The third "Lunch and Learn" with the Director of Service for the Finance Investment and Governance Directorate and its Senior Team was held in the Council Chamber in Merchants Quay, as well as online.
- The fourth "Lunch and Learn" with the Director of Service for the Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup 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 February Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick took place on 16 February.

#### Briefings/Workshops

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

- Briefing on the General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Community Initiative Scheme 2026
- Briefing on Cemeteries Updates

#### Operational Area Briefings

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

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## Christmas 2026

- The Christmas 2026 Metropolitan Sub-Group met on 19 February.

## Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

The Monthly Meeting of Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale was held on 10 February 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:

- 82 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 160 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

## Road Maintenance

During the month the following General Maintenance works were undertaken:

- 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

## Winter Maintenance

- Road salting/de-icing
- Tree removal/road clearance

## Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

### Municipal District Meetings

The Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock was held on 17 February in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Workshop on General Municipal Allocation (GMA) Projects took place on 17 February in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

A Workshop on a Municipal District Reception took place on 17 February in the Kilmallock District Office, Áras Mainchín Seoighe, Kilmallock, County Limerick and online.

### Housing and Road Maintenance Cases Assigned Through Microsoft Dynamics

- 179 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.
- 180 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

## Roads Maintenance

**Description of Project:** Sightline Improvements  
Liscreagh, Murroe  
**Grant:** General Municipal Allocation (GMA)  
**Location:** Liscreagh, Murroe  
**Cost of Project:** €20,000  
**Contractor:** Limerick City and County Council and Cusack Plant and Tree Services

**Description of Project:** N24 Boher Bus Shelter  
**Grant:** National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel  
**Location:** N24 Boher  
**Cost of Project:** €75,000  
**Contractor:** Tallybrook Civil Engineering Limited

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**Description of Project:** Cluain Foinse Road Improvements (GMA)  
**Grant:** General Municipal Allocation  
**Location:** R516 Cluain Foinse Hospital  
**Cost of Project:** €30,000  
**Contractor:** Kilmallock Roads

**Description of Project:** Galbally Graveyard Car Park Surfacing Works  
**Grant:** CLAR  
**Location:** Galbally Graveyard  
**Cost of Project:** €57,150  
**Contractor:** Kilmallock Roads and English Tar

**Description of Project:** Kilfinnane Graveyard Car Park Surfacing Works  
**Grant:** CLAR  
**Location:** Kilfinnane Graveyard  
**Cost of Project:** €58,500  
**Contractor:** Kilmallock Roads and English Tar

## Municipal District of Newcastle West

### Meetings and Briefings

- 04 February - Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West.

### Housing Maintenance

- 116 cases were assigned to the Housing Maintenance Team.

### Transportation and Mobility

- 129 cases were assigned to the Roads Maintenance Team.

### Motor Tax

- The Motor Tax Section at the Newcastle West Office processed 1,039 transactions.

