

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT 9:45 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Daniel Butler.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillors Beasley, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey O'Mara, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, Pond, Reale, Secas, Slattery, Talukder.

Apologies for her inability to attend were received from Councillor O'Sullivan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Service, Environment, Climate Action and Fire (Mr. K. Lehane), Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries (Ms. S. Reidy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. T. Cronolly), Senior Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Mr. H. McGrath), Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Ms O. Downes), Executive Architect, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Mr. S. Farrell), Senior Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. S. McGlynn), Administrative Officer, Active Travel (Ms. M. Corrigan), Senior Engineer, Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action (Mr. A. Finn), A/Senior Engineer, CFRAMS (Ms. S. Kennedy), A/Senior Executive Officer, Community (Ms. A. Rizzo), Senior Executive Engineer, Central Services, Traffic and Roads (Mr. J. Sheehan), Senior Executive Engineer, Central Services, Traffic and Roads (Mr. L. Browne), Executive Engineer, Development Management (Mr. S. McGrath), Technician Grade I, Development Management (Mr. E. Hannon), Staff Officer, Development Management (Ms. H. Keane), Arts Officer, Culture (Ms. E. McCooley), Senior Staff Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. F. O'Keeffe), Staff Officer, Property Services (Ms. R. Ross), Staff Officer, Regeneration (Ms. E. Gleeson).

**1. Minutes**

Circulated copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Kiely.

Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

And Resolved:

“That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed”.

## **2. Declaration of Interest**

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

No such interests were declared.

## **3. Disposal of Land**

### **General Disposal**

- (a) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Services dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, setting out proposals for Disposal of 6 Aster Court, Keyes Park, Limerick in exchange for 160 Oisín Drive, O'Malley Park, Limerick.

The report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

## **4. Limerick City Centre**

### **Update on Arthur's Quay Framework**

The Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking, presented an update on the Arthur's Quay Framework, outlining the scope of the framework area, the overall timeline of the plan, and the key objectives guiding the proposed redevelopment.

The Senior Executive Engineer provided an overview of the public consultation held in October 2024, including the options presented to the public for consideration. The future of Sarsfield House and the Tourist Office were the key issues raised during the consultation.

The Senior Executive Engineer highlighted the ongoing studies informing the development of the Arthur's Quay Framework, which included:

- Sarsfield House Assessment.
- Limerick City Centre Transport Plan.
- CFRAM (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management) flood defence proposals.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the framework will continue to be updated as these studies progress and that further workshops will be held to brief Members throughout the process.

Members requested that updates be provided on:

- Plans from University of Limerick on their city centre campus
- Plans from the Office of Public Works (OPW) regarding Sarsfield House

## **5. March Meeting**

On the proposal of Councillor Kiely, and seconded by Councillor Pond, it was agreed to hold the March 2026 Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## **6. Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup Directorate**

### **Taking in Charge of Estates – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads**

Circulated, Report of the A/Senior Planner, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup Directorate dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026, seeking approval to the Taking in Charge of the following roads:

- (a) The Meadows, Corbally
- (b) Troys Lock, Corbally
- (c) Willow Grove, Kilmallock Road
- (d) Old School House, Patrickswell

Proposed by Councillor Kiely.

Seconded by Councillor Hickey O'Mara.

And Resolved:

“That the roads in The Meadows, Corbally; Troys Lock, Corbally; Willow Grove, Kilmallock Road; and Old School House, Patrickswell be taken in charge in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.”

Following discussions, Members requested that an update on the Taking in Charge of Estates be provided regularly at Local Area Briefings, and this was agreed by the Executive Engineer, Development Management.

## **QUESTIONS**

### **7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

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

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

In relation to Notice to Quits (NTQs):

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

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

The RAS unit has secured additional accommodation as follows:

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

#### **8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

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

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

#### **9. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **10. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

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

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

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

**11. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

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

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

**12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

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

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

**13. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

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

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

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

**14. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

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

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

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

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

**15. Question submitted by Councillor P. Doyle**

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

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

**16. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

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

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

**17. Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

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

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

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

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

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

**18. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara**

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

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

**19. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara**

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

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

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

**20. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full update on the development of student housing initiatives to address the student housing shortage in conjunction with other partners such as 3rd level institutions including the establishment***

***of an Expression of Interest process to seek operators to consider developing student and other housing tenures on Council owned land.***

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

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

**21. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

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

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

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

**22. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

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

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

## **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

### **23. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council provide an update and outline the next steps in the delivery of a new community centre for Raheen/Dooradoyle following recommendation in the previously published feasibility report completed in 2023.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

Members emphasised the need for the provision of a community centre in the Raheen, Dooradoyle and Mungret area, noting the significant population growth in these communities. It was agreed that an update and timelines on plans for a new community centre in the area would be provided at the April Metropolitan District Meeting.

**REPLY:** A report was commissioned by Limerick City & County Council in 2022, to conduct a feasibility study for a Multi-purpose Community Centre for the Dooradoyle/Mungret/Raheen area. The report was prepared by O'Raw Consultancy. The main recommendations from that report were:

1. Dooradoyle/Raheen should be considered in its own right for the provision of a community centre in that geographic area.
2. Phase two of the feasibility study consider location and design for Dooradoyle/Raheen as a distinct community for the purposes of community centre development.
3. The Consultants recommended that a sports hall, café, suite of rooms, IT facilities, should all be considered as essential in the development of community facilities in the area.

Due to Dooradoyle / Raheen being a very built-up area, there are few options with regard to suitable sites for a community centre. The Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development Directorate has consulted with other directorates of Limerick City & County Council who have also expressed an interest in the preferred site at St. Nessans Road, Dooradoyle. Once the site selection process has been completed, the Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development directorate will progress the next phase of the project i.e. a feasibility study of the site.

### **24. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council conduct a comprehensive audit of all locations across the Metropolitan District where cycle paths intersect with road junctions, to ensure adequate signage is in place to clearly indicate right of way for both cyclists and motorists, and where cyclists do not have right of way, to install additional signage specifically at busy junctions requesting cyclists to wait and dismount when crossing.***

As the Motion was not moved, the Motion was adjourned to the next Meeting.

**25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council invite Uisce Eireann to a meeting to discuss the upgrade of old clay sewer pipes currently causing consistent blockages for residents, especially in the Ballinacurra area of the city.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Hickey O'Mara and agreed.

**26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council start the process to extinguish the right of way at Wallers Well Roxboro Road.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor Slattery and agreed.

**REPLY:** Before commencing a process for the extinguishment of any public Right of Way a review of the existing use and future needs of such a right of way for all public users will need to be determined with full consideration of impacts including but not limited to public amenity, permeability benefits, safety of use and existing use\issues that may need to be addressed.

We will need to fully consider these before starting any process and we will keep the Elected Members advised on the status of such considerations.

It was agreed that the Senior Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking would follow up with Councillor Kiely to discuss the matter in full.

**27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council make improvements to the traffic and lighting layout at the entrance to Woodlawn Park given the fact that two new housing schemes have been established in the area.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Kiely and agreed.

**REPLY:** This T-junction is formed by the L-10517 Local Tertiary Road and the R527 Regional Road (Formerly the N24). There is a Stop line and "STOP" text on the tertiary road and there is yellow hatched box spanning both lanes of the regional road to facilitate

traffic movement from the tertiary road when the regional road is congested. The option of installing traffic lights at this location is not suitable due to the presence of vehicular accesses within the junction and as such controls are not used at exits of residential areas which are not throughroads onto main routes. The existing road layout caters for one lane of traffic exiting the residential area, widening this road to allow two lanes exiting at the junction to facilitate the simultaneous exiting of both left turning and right turning traffic would mean the carriageway would encroach onto the adjacent green space containing the Grotto, trees and railing. A design and funding source would be required to progress this option.

Construction of apartments is ongoing at this junction and improvements to the public lighting in the area are to be carried out by the developer. The Central Services Section will engage with the developer on these public lighting improvements.

Councillor Slattery expressed her disappointment with the reply to her Motion. The Cathaoirleach advised that the Motion would be carried forward to the March Metropolitan District Meeting.

#### **28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council urgently adopts a balanced planning approach for the Castletroy area and prioritises and allocates the resources required to deliver the necessary infrastructure and community services to support housing developments already delivered, currently underway, and pending developments approved through existing planning permissions.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Secas, seconded by Councillor Gavan and agreed.

**REPLY:** The Limerick Development Plan 2022 sets out that it is the objective of Limerick City and County Council to promote development that incorporates a high quality, sustainable and inclusive approach to development in the suburbs of Limerick City (including Castletroy) supported by sustainable means of travel creating locally distinctive neighbourhoods (Objective CGR 08).

The Council executive works collaboratively across all Directorates to support this objective including working with other agencies and identifying potential funding opportunities to further enhance the city suburbs.

#### **29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Education regarding changes to the teaching of Irish in both primary and secondary level Junior and Leaving Certificate cycles, requesting a greater focus on oral communication.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gavan, seconded by Councillor Hickey O'Mara and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Gavan emphasised the importance of changing how Irish is taught in schools to encourage greater use of the Irish Language.

**30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor U. Gavan**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a green roof be installed onto new and existing bus shelters in Limerick City.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Gavan, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

**REPLY:** The current suite of bus shelter structures which are provided by the NTA cannot incorporate a green roof. The NTA is currently investigating the potential for a green roof option in future bus shelter structures in urban environments.

**31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Doyle**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council undertake a traffic study on the Groody Road, Castletroy to take account of the large-scale residential development planned, known as Whitebox Student Campus, Groody Road, reference 25/60113 and for future developments. In addition to plan measures to avoid traffic congestion on this road.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Secas and agreed.

Members highlighted the need to include the entire Castletroy and Annacotty area in the study, noting that the existing infrastructure is insufficient to accommodate the scale of residential development already built and currently proposed.

**REPLY:** It is acknowledged that traffic in the Groody/Ballysimon area is congested particularly at peak times. A significant objective of the transport strategy and the development plan is to promote modal shift and sustainable development particularly where infrastructure provides for this.

Any proposed development in this area should be aligned with the Development Plan and car parking provision for any development is therefore approved at a reduced rate to the maximum standard as appropriate. Significant cycle parking is also important.

Considering these factors, any significant applications must also prepare a mobility management plan which is reviewed with the Council regularly. This mobility plan requires developers to report on modal use by a development, including traffic figures using the development.

There is already significant high frequency public transport infrastructure serving this area on both the Groody Park Road and the Dublin Road with more increased services to come under Bus Connects. There is also significant Active Travel infrastructure serving the University which is within a short walking distance from this area.

A continuation of this approach to sustainable planning matched by continued improvements to modal shift is the appropriate way to address congestion as set out in the Development Plan.

### **32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that, as a way of promoting youth engagement with local culture, a pilot scheme is developed that offers young people living in Limerick aged 18-22 the opportunity to apply for a Local Culture Voucher from Limerick Arts Office, of an amount to be agreed, which they can use to attend events at participating local cultural venues. Cultural venues can then redeem these vouchers from the Limerick Arts Office.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey O'Mara, seconded by Councillor O'Donovan and agreed.

In moving the Motion, Councillor Hickey O'Mara outlined the need to provide opportunities to younger people to attend local cultural events.

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council aim to improve access to arts and culture opportunities for young people, through initiatives such as supporting youth theatre and youth choir projects, culture night and programmes for youth. The form of supports currently available under the remit the arts office are clearly defined grant and bursary supports to individuals and organisations, contributions to strategic organisations and programmes agreed under the Arts Council Local Authority partnership programme. The proposed voucher system as suggested is, in effect, a request for a new Limerick City and County Council funding stream, to encourage access to cultural venues for 18 to 22 year olds. The arts office currently does not have the capacity to support or facilitate a vouchers provision system which would subsidise attendance at events.

Cultural venues under the auspices of the City and County Council, such as the Limerick City Gallery and the Limerick Museum provide opportunities for engagement and encourage access through free entry. Cultural venues in receipt of Limerick City and Council annual funding are requested to report on audience numbers and to seek to develop audiences. These could be asked to consider including promotional work to support access to their venues by 18 to 22 year olds, within their marketing and access strategies.

### **33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Traffic Management run a high visibility campaign and presence to address parking enforcement issues in residential areas outside of the core central business district.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Hickey O'Mara and agreed.

In moving the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan outlined the frustration experienced by residents living outside the core business district and highlighted the need for increased patrols in these areas to tackle illegal parking.

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council and An Garda Síochána launched the “Think Before You Park” campaign in Jan 2024. This campaign is a city and county wide public awareness campaign with enforcement by An Garda Síochána. The campaign has been run annually since 2024. The Council continues to assign a Traffic Warden with a vehicle to carry out patrols and enforcement duties throughout residential areas outside of the central business district. This Traffic Warden focuses mainly on residential areas near the city's three third level colleges and University Hospital Limerick. In addition, a Traffic Warden and the University of Limerick's Community Liaison Officer carry out joint visits to residential areas near the university which are experiencing problems with illegal parking to encourage good parking practice by residents. The Council will examine ways to promote better parking practice via its social media channels.

### **34. Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed:

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