

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DOORADOYLE, LIMERICK, AND ONLINE, ON MONDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 2026, AT 3PM.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor C. Slattery, Príomh Chomhairleoir.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Moran.

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Carey, Collins (B), Collins (M), Conway, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Foley, Gavan, Hartigan (S), Hartigan (T), Hickey-O'Mara, Keary, Kiely, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O'Donoghue, O'Donovan, O'Hanlon, O'Sullivan (O), O'Sullivan (T), Pond, Reale, Ruddle, Ryan (E), Ryan (M), Scanlan, Sheahan, Stokes, Teefy, Teskey, Ward.

An apology for her inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Secas.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Director General (Dr. P. Daly), Deputy Director General and Director, Corporate Services, Human Resources and Organisational Development (Mr. J. Delaney), Director, Finance, Investment and Governance (Mr. M. White), Director, Housing (Mr. V. Murray), Director, Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development (Mr. B. McCarthy), Director, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup (Mr. S. Duclot), Director, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm (Ms. P. Liddy), Director, Environment, Climate Action and Fire (Mr. K. Lehane), Director, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings (Mr. S. Lenihan), A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup Project Management (Mr. T. McKechnie), Meetings Administrator (Ms. C. Farrell), Administrative Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate and Customer Services (Ms. C. Sheehy).

At the outset, Members congratulated Eleanor O'Brien from Cappamore, on her recent nomination at the 2026 Irish Film and Television Awards (IFTAs).

1. Minutes

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Budget Meeting of the Council held on 21st November, 2025.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 24th November, 2025.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Council held on 27th November, 2025.
- (d) Special Meeting of the Council held on 8th December, 2025.
- (e) Special Meeting of the Council held on 16th December, 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);

Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;

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 Meeting of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting. No such interests were declared.

3. Disposal of Land

General Disposals

(a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 23rd December, 2025, concerning the disposal of Property at 71A Delmege Park, Moyross, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at 71A Delmege Park, Moyross, Co. Limerick, to Noel Stanners, in consideration of Noel Stanners transferring the ownership of his property at 2 Delmege Park, Moyross, Co. Limerick, subject to (1) the disposal to be by way of exchange of the above property to Limerick City and County Council (subject to necessary conveyancing requirements); and (2) Limerick City and County Council to acquire the property free of any existing mortgage(s) or burden(s) and any existing mortgage(s) or burden(s) on the property at 2 Delmege Park, Moyross, Co. Limerick, to be transferred to the property at 71A Delmege Park, Moyross, Co. Limerick, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 23rd December, 2025.”

(b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 3rd December, 2025, concerning the disposal of Property by way of Lease at the Courthouse, Main Street, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at the Courthouse, Main Street, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick, to the Trustees of Rathkeale Community Council, for the sum of €1, subject to the covenants and conditions contained

within the Lease, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 3rd December, 2025.”

Councillor Keary requested that a map be provided to Members in relation to this Disposal.

(c) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 23rd December, 2025, concerning the disposal of 0.0142 Acres (0.0058 Hectares) of Land at The Priory, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.0142 Acres (0.0058 Hectares) of Land at The Priory, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, to Patricia Coghlan (the Executrix to the Estate of the late Matthew Coghlan), for the sum of €1, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 23rd December, 2025.”

(d) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 23rd December, 2025, concerning the disposal of 2.8694 Acres (1.1612 Hectares) of Land at Skagh, Croom, Co. Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 2.8694 Acres (1.1612 Hectares) of Land at Skagh, Croom, Co. Limerick, to the Health Service Executive, for the sum of €85,000, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract – the Members, in resolving the above disposal, also resolve to revoke the previous Section 183 Resolution approved by the Members at Meeting held on 23rd September, 2024, in so far as it relates to the lands we are now seeking consent for as set out above, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 23rd December, 2025.”

Derelict Disposals

(e) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 3rd December, 2025, concerning the disposal of Property at Toll House, Corbally, Limerick.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor Sheahan;
 And Resolved:

“That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 (as amended) and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of property at Toll House, Corbally, Co. Limerick, to Patrick and Grace O’Meara, for the sum of €100,000, subject to the covenants and conditions contained within the Contract, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 3rd December, 2025.”

4. Executive Report

Circulated, Executive Report for the months of November and December 2025.

The Reports were noted by the Council.

Members noted that a number of community focused events had recently been held in Gardens International. In welcoming the use of the space, Members highlighted that other community groups may also be interested in using the venue for events. Members requested that the contact details for Limerick Twenty Thirty, together with information in relation to the organising of such events, be made available.

It was agreed to invite the Designated Activity Companies (DACs) to provide an update to Members at future Meetings of the Council.

5. Audit

Statutory Audit Report 2024

Circulated, (i) Report of the Audit and Risk Committee dated 26th November, 2025, on the Statutory Audit Report for year ended 31st December, 2024, for Limerick City and County Council; (ii) Limerick City and County Council Audited Annual Financial Statement for Year ended 31st December, 2024; and (iii) Local Government Audit Service Statutory Audit Report dated 28th October, 2025, to the Members of Limerick City and County Council for the Year ended 31st December, 2024.

The Reports were noted by the Council.

Members commended the Audit Committee for their detailed report. The Mayor and Members raised various questions in relation to the Statutory Report.

In response to the queries, Director of Finance, Investment and Governance, clarified that the Statutory Audit Report was a Local Government Audit Report. The Director General agreed that a mid-year update would be provided from the Audit and Risk Committee.

Following discussions on roles within the new structure, Councillor Sheahan proposed that a Meeting of the Full Council (In Camera) be arranged. This was seconded by Councillor Donoghue.

6. Corporate Plan

Circulated, report of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran dated 20th November 2025, enclosing Draft Corporate Plan 2025-2029.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed to defer this item.

7. PPN Sectoral Nominations – Local Community Development Committee and Strategic Policy Committees

Circulated, report of the Director, Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development dated 5th January, 2026 in relation to the appointment of PPN Sectoral Nominations to the Local Community Development (LCDC) and Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs).

On the proposal of Councillor McSweeney and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed to defer this item to the March Meeting.

8. Strategic Policy Committee – Sectoral Nomination

Circulated, report of the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Service dated 15th January, 2026 in relation to the approval of Sectoral Nomination to the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor McSweeney and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), it was agreed to defer this item to the March Meeting.

9. Designated Activity Companies (DACs)

Circulated, correspondence from the Mayor, in relation to the appointments of Board Members to the Designated Activity Companies (DACs).

It was agreed to defer this item to the March Meeting to allow the Members to consider correspondence received that day.

Following discussion, it was requested that Members be advised when additional documentation is uploaded to SharePoint prior to Meetings.

10. Strategic Policy Committee Reports

- (i) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee dated 10th December, 2025, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 3rd December, 2025.

The Chairperson's report was noted by the Council.

- (ii) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee dated 4th December, 2025, in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 4th December, 2025.

The Chairperson's report was noted by the Council.

- (iii) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee dated 11th December, 2025 in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 10th December, 2025.

The Chairperson's report was noted by the Council.

- (iv) Circulated, report of the Chairperson of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee dated 15th January, 2026 in relation to Meeting of the Committee held on 17th December, 2025.

The Chairperson's report was noted by the Council.

Recommendation

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

On the proposal of Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, the Recommendation was agreed.

11. Arts Grants and Bursaries

(i) Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Scheme 2026

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer/Creative Ireland Co-ordinator, dated 14th January, 2026, seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocation from the Assessment Panel under the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Scheme 2025.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
Seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan (O);
And Resolved:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the Dolores O'Riordan Music Bursary Award 2026, as recommended, and as set out in the report of the Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026."

(ii) Limerick Theatre Bursaries Award Scheme 2026

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer/Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026, seeking the Council's approval to recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel for Limerick Theatre Bursaries 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan (O);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the recommended allocations under the Limerick Theatre Bursaries Award Scheme 2026, as set out in the report of the Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026.”

(iii) Individual Arts Bursary Awards 2026

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer/Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026, seeking the Council’s approval to recommended allocations from the Assessment Panel under the Individual Arts Bursary Awards Scheme 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan (O);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to recommended allocations under the Individual Arts Bursary Awards Scheme 2026, as set out in the report of the Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026.”

(iv) Grants under the Arts Act Scheme 2026

Circulated, report of the Arts Officer/Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026, seeking the Council’s approval to recommended grants, as set out in the report, under the Arts Act Scheme 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Collins (M);
 Seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan (O);
 And Resolved:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the payment of grants under the Arts Act Scheme 2026, as recommended, and as set out in the report of the Arts Officer/Creative Ireland Co-ordinator dated 14th January, 2026.”

12. Part 8 – Ryder Cup Temporary Park and Ride Facilities

The A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup, gave a presentation to Members outlining details of the proposed temporary Park and Ride facilities to be provided at Mackey Roundabout, Patrickswell and Croagh. He advised that the Government is the main stakeholder for Ryder Cup 2027, and that Limerick City and County Council is one of twenty-four stakeholders involved in the project, working in partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA), An Garda Síochána and other agencies.

He outlined the key objectives in selecting the proposed sites:

- The importance of proximity to Adare Manor, where the Ryder Cup will be hosted.
- The requirement to provide 25,000 car parking spaces, noting that lands needed to be of suitable scale to accommodate this volume.
- Consideration was given to sites that were successfully used in the past.
- The importance of land quality, particularly in the event of poor weather conditions during the week of the event.

The A/Senior Engineer, Ryder Cup, advised that the National Transport Authority will be carrying out a tender for the provision of buses to and from the Park and Ride facilities.

He further advised that the majority of attendees travelling to the event in Adare will arrive prior to tee-off at 7.00 am and will remain at the event until later in the evening. He noted that these times are outside peak traffic times and are not expected to impact on daily traffic.

Members thanked the A/Senior Engineer for the update on the proposed temporary Park and Ride facilities. They referred to the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project, particularly the revised proposals for the Attyflin Junction, noting that this project may impact the road the proposed location for a Park and Ride facility in Patrickswell. Members queried if the lands in Patrickswell, which were recently acquired by the Council, would be a more suitable site.

Following discussions, Members requested that the decision from Transport Infrastructure Ireland on the proposals for the Attyflin Junction of the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project, when received, would be confirmed to Members.

The Director, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm confirmed that Limerick City and County Council are progressing the planning and design for the N/M20 Cork to Limerick Project. Following feedback from the Elected Representatives and the public, the project team have been reviewing proposed alternative local access arrangements at Attyflin Junction (M20 Junction 5).

The Director read the following statement for the information of the Members.

“We have now met with all the landowners that are potentially impacted by the four alternative options. We have completed the field surveys by the relevant environmental specialists and received their reports. The multi criteria appraisal of the four alternative options and the current design has been progressed. The recommendations of the multi criteria appraisal are now subject to a formal technical acceptance process. Once the technical acceptance process is completed, then we will be in a position to notify the Elected Members, any impacted landowners, and the public of the decision and our decision-making process.

As the technical acceptance process is carried out by an external independent team and can require further information to be submitted, we cannot give a definitive timeframe for the process. We would respectively ask that this matter is treated sensitively, based on factual information from the Mid West National Road Design Office”.

Members thanked the Director for the information and noted they looked forward to an update in due course. Members also welcomed the plans for temporary rail services to Adare for Ryder Cup 2027. They requested that correspondence from Irish Rail be circulated. Members queried the long-term plans for rail services in Adare and the surrounding area, highlighting the benefits of establishing a permanent service in the village.

(i) Croagh North and South PT8LL303

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm dated 21st January, 2026, and enclosed Mayor's Report dated 21st January, 2026 setting out details in relation to the proposal to create a Temporary Park and Ride Facility at Croagh North and South PT8LL303. The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Mayor's Report, as circulated, was approved.

(ii) Mackey Annacotty PT8LL302

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm dated 21st January, 2026, and enclosed Mayor's Report dated 21st January, 2026 setting out details in relation to the proposal to create a Temporary Park and Ride Facility at Mackey Annacotty PT8LL302. The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Mayor's Report, as circulated, was approved.

(iii) Croagh West PT8LL304

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm dated 21st January, 2026, and enclosed Mayor's Report dated 21st January, 2026 setting out details in relation to the proposal to create a Temporary Park and Ride Facility at Croagh West PT8LL304. The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Mayor's Report, as circulated, was approved.

(iv) Patrickswell PT8LL305

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm dated 21st January, 2026, and enclosed Mayor's Report dated 21st January, 2026 setting out details in relation to the proposal to create a Temporary Park and Ride Facility at Patrickswell PT8LL305. The report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan and seconded by Councillor Collins (M), the Mayor's Report, as circulated, was approved.

13. National Planning Framework Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements

To note the circulated, Report of the Senior Planner, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup dated 19th January, 2026, and enclosed Mayor's Report on the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements on foot of the "NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements" Guidelines for Planning Authorities (July 2025) issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Senior Planner, Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup outlined that the Mayor's Report was prepared in response to the Section 28 Guidelines – National Planning Framework Implementation Housing Growth Requirements issued by the Department of Housing, local Government and Heritage issued on the 29th July 2025. The Members were advised that Local Authorities were required to review adequacy of existing zoned lands to cater for the housing growth requirements as set out in the Section 28 Guidelines for the duration of the current adopted Development Plan.

The Senior Planner gave a presentation to Members on the NPF Implementation: Housing Growth Requirements (July 2025) outlining the new Annual Housing Growth Requirements for each Local Authority across the country, based on the updated population projections.

The key requirements and objectives were outlined as follows:

- The new target maintains the same annual housing requirement of 2,599 for Limerick up to 2034.
- Between 2035 and 2040, the annual housing target will increase by 141 units, bringing the target to 2,740 units per annum.
- An additional provision of up to 50% above the housing growth requirement for each Local Authority is provided for within the Development Plan.
- The Development Plan must provide for sufficient zoned lands to cater for 10,758 housing units to the end of the plan.

The Senior Planner further advised that the Mayor's Report recommends that a Variation to the Limerick Development Plan be carried out to make provisions for additional zoned land suitable for residential use within Limerick city and suburbs.

She outlined that a non-statutory public expression of interest, seeking submissions from landowners wishing to have their land considered for residential zoning, was held in December 2025. She noted that these submissions would now be reviewed by the Forward Planning Team.

Members welcomed the Mayor's recommendation that a Variation of the Limerick Development Plan would be carried out, acknowledging the need to deliver housing in Limerick. They stressed the importance of ensuring sustainable growth within communities when considering the rezoning of lands. Members highlighted the lack of service capacity in many rural areas across Limerick, which affects the ability to support housing development in these communities.

14. Mayoral Fund

Using a PowerPoint presentation, the Director, Finance, Investment and Governance provided an overview to the Members on the Mayoral Fund 2025. He outlined the current and capital expenditure for 2025 and presented a summary of expenditure progress along with a breakdown of allocations.

The Director provided a summary of the 2026 Mayoral Fund, highlighting some of the proposed allocations for the year ahead. He advised that approval had been received from the Department for approximately €6million in unspent capital funds from 2025 to be carried over to 2026.

The Director outlined the framework for the budget, set out under Circular LGSM01/2024, including how the Mayoral Fund links in with the Council's budget process, the eligibility criteria for expenditure and the governance and oversight process.

Members expressed their disappointment that the report had only been circulated shortly before the start of the Meeting, noting that they did not have sufficient time to review it in advance of the Meeting. In discussion, Members queried why allocations from the Mayoral Fund 2025 had not been fully spent and asked the Mayor if he is satisfied that he would be able to deliver his proposed projects for 2026, noting that it would be difficult to negotiate an additional rollover again at the end of the coming year. In response to the Members' queries, the Mayor noted that Grant Thornton had identified recommendations on delivering the Mayoral Programme.

15. Conferences

(a) Participation by Members at Conferences

Details of the following Conference had been circulated electronically to the Members:

“Irish Health Services Entitlement” held in Carlingford, Co. Louth on 5th, 6th and 7th December, 2025.

The Council approved the attendance of the following Member at Conference already approved:

“Saving the Irish Salmon – Annual Conference Salmon Watch Ireland 2025”, Sheraton Athlone Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath – 11th October, 2025”
Councillor S. Hartigan

(b) Reports on Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event

Circulated, reports by Members who had participated at Conference / Seminar / Meeting / Event.

The reports were noted by the Council.

MAYOR'S QUESTIONS

16. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask the Mayor what direct engagement, if any, he has had to date with the National Transport Authority and relevant Government Departments or officials to progress the provision of a Park and Ride facility at the Mackey Roundabout, in order to address ongoing traffic congestion and associated road safety concerns; and whether he will commit to further engagement with these bodies to help accelerate the delivery of this project.

REPLY: I thank the Councillor for raising this issue and for continuing to highlight the importance of the Mackey Roundabout and the associated Park and Ride proposal, particularly in the context of traffic congestion and road safety.

This objective is explicitly reflected in my Mayoral Programme, Objective ML88. “ML88 – Have a fully developed (if not implemented in part) plan to resolve vehicular transport access issues at UL, Plassey Technological Park and the Mackey roundabout. We will complete the west side access road to Moyross, parking for the duration of this Programme any further consideration of the final and east-west central section of the Northern Distributor Road”.

In terms of engagement, I have raised the Mackey Park and Ride and wider Mackey Roundabout constraints in my discussions with the National Transport Authority and with Government Departments, most notably during the preparation of submissions under the National Development Plan process, including Project Ireland 2040. On those occasions, I explicitly set out Limerick’s transport priorities and reiterated the strategic importance of the Mackey location.

More generally, engagement at official level with the NTA, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport is ongoing and is led on a day-to-day basis

by the Council's Transport and Mobility team, who have been working with these bodies for a number of years to progress planning for a strategic Park and Ride and mobility hub at Mackey.

I would note the Part 8 before the Full Council for the use of the location as a park and ride for the Ryder Cup. I would hope that its becoming a reality even for this temporary purpose will help the case for a more permanent site.

While progress has not moved at the pace any of us would like, the project remains an active priority, and I am hopeful that agreement can be reached with the key stakeholders, including the NTA, TII and the Department of Transport in 2026.

I will continue to use my role to support and reinforce this work at political level and to press the relevant agencies and Departments to advance the project as quickly as possible, subject to funding, feasibility and statutory requirements. I would encourage all Councillor and Oireachtas representatives to join in that effort.

17. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask the Mayor at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council of the feasibility of Limerick Council purchasing the Sailors home on O'Curry Street to be used as a civic space, as it is due to go for sale on the open market soon.

REPLY: I thank Councillor O'Donovan for the question.

I fully agree that the Sailors' Home on O'Curry Street has the potential to serve as an important civic and cultural space for the city.

This objective is explicitly reflected in my Mayoral Programme, Objective ML102, where I express the desire to:

"ML102 – Working with Limerick and Foynes Port Company have ensured the redevelopment of the Ballantyne Mills as new office space and the restoration of the Sailors Home as a new cultural facility".

This is especially important timing with the planning permission for the adjacent Gasworks site.

Since my election, and recognising that restoration works were ongoing, I have continued to explore the feasibility of this objective.

In that context, I have had informal discussions at the margins of other meetings with both the Chair and the Chief Executive of Shannon Foynes Port Company to indicate potential interest on my part, should the property be made available for sale, or alternatively if a lease or deferred purchase arrangement were to be considered. Such an approach could, subject to agreement, facilitate an extension of the overall project.

If Shannon Foynes Port Company were to decide of its interest in the Sailors' Home, it is my understanding that, as a State Body, it would be required to comply with Circular 11/15: *Protocols for the Transfer and Sharing of State Property Assets*.

Under those protocols, any proposed disposal would first have to be offered to other State bodies, and the valuation would be determined by the Valuation Office.

Any proposal for the Council to acquire the building would, in the normal course, require the preparation of a formal business case and compliance with the Council's financial, governance, and statutory approval processes.

Should an opportunity arise to progress Objective ML102 in this manner, it would be pursued in line with those established procedures.

I will continue to monitor developments in relation to the property and will keep members informed should a formal opportunity to acquire or otherwise secure the building for civic use arise.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 4: In the course of discussion on this item, the Príomh Chomhairleoir drew attention to the time which was approaching 5.30 p.m. and on the proposal of Councillor Sheahan, seconded by Councillor Doyle, Standing Order No. 4 was suspended to complete the agenda.

QUESTIONS

Replies to the following Questions on the agenda were circulated to all Members prior to the Meeting and were therefore considered as having been dealt with:

18. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what the cost of an annual parking permit is set at for (a) Limerick City, (b) Newcastle West and (c) Abbeyfeale for 2026.

REPLY: The following are the costs of annual Resident's Parking Permits in Limerick City & County:

- Limerick Metropolitan Area: €6.35
- College Court, Castletroy: €10
- Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale and Killmallock: €25

The cost of processing and checking information in applications for Resident's Parking Permits is likely to exceed the fees outlined above, not including the loss of paid parking income arising from use of the permit.

19. Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

I will ask at the next Meeting what was the value of Derelict Site Levies imposed by our Authority for each year 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, what percentage of that due in each case remains outstanding, what the actual timeframe for settlement is, and what if any interest penalties apply in respect of monies that remain outstanding.

REPLY: The total amount of Derelict Sites Levies imposed by Limerick City & County Council from the years 2022 to 2025 is €4,701,545. The total amount collected in this period is €1,974,105. This is detailed as follows:

Derelict Site Levies		
Year	Net Invoiced Amount	Receipts
2022	719,539	271,622
2023	1,279,605	286,076
2024	1,482,136	830,492
2025	1,220,264	585,915
	4,701,545	1,974,105

There was a total amount of €3,790,730 outstanding on 1st January 2026.

If payment is not received within 2 months of getting a notice or if there is no approved payment plan, interest is charged at a rate of 1.25% per month on the outstanding amount.

Where the Derelict Sites Levy is due and owing, the local authority will take further action including placing a charge on the relevant urban land.

It is also worth noting that under the Delivering Homes, Building Communities Plan, the Government plan to introduce a new Derelict Property Tax to replace the current derelict site levy during 2027.

Details of this new Derelict Property Tax (DPT) are as follows:

- Self-assessed tax managed by Revenue.
- Will follow normal tax collection and enforcement rules (including penalties and interest).
- Local authorities will still identify and register derelict properties.
- The tax rate will be at least 7%, the same as the current levy.
- A preliminary national register of derelict properties will be published in 2027, with the tax expected to start soon after.

20. Question submitted by Councillor P.J. Carey

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on this local authorities attempts at amending the National Zoning maps on renewable energy, what variations were requested from the Department, what correspondence, if any, has been received so far and what is Limerick City and County Council's position on same.

REPLY: LCCC made a submission on the 10th of October 2025 on the public consultation on National Territory Mapping for Renewable Electricity, to the Department of Climate, Energy, and the Environment. The submission stated

- The National Territory Mapping is based on areas already designated for renewable energy generation in existing statutory Local Authority Development Plans. This approach is not considered appropriate as Circular PL 20-13 of 2013 advised local authorities to refrain from amending existing Development Plan policies related to wind and renewable energy during the standard six-year review cycle or through plan variations. Instead, authorities were instructed to continue operating under their current policies until a focused review of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines 2006 is completed. This guidance remains the Department's official position. Consequently, Planning Authorities have been unable to update their Development Plans in this regard and are awaiting the publication of revised Wind Energy Guidelines for incorporation.
- The National Planning Framework provides enhanced policy support for renewable energy development. Notably, it introduces regional renewable electricity capacity allocations (NPO74) for wind and solar energy to help achieve the targets set out in the Climate Action Plan 2024. These allocations will be incorporated into upcoming Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies (RSES), which will guide city and county development plans.
- Additionally, Section 29(m) of the new Planning and Development Act 2024 requires Regional Assemblies to prepare a landscape strategy that harmonizes the categorization of landscapes across regions. This strategy will assess the capacity of different landscapes to accommodate specific types of development, ensuring a consistent approach to landscape protection. In line with the hierarchical structure of national strategies, the next iteration of the Limerick Development Plan will align with this regional approach. This process will help identify areas suitable for large-scale wind energy development, as well as areas deemed unsuitable.
- In this respect it is considered that it would be prudent to await the new iteration of Development Plans to provide an updated energy map for the country.

There is no update from the Department since the close of the submission period. LCCC position remains the same as outlined in the submission made and referenced above.

21. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the membership of the community liaison committee, in respect of planning permission granted to Irish Cement, as discussed at last plenary meeting.

REPLY: On April 12, 2018, An Bord Pleanála granted permission to Irish Cement, Castlemungret to develop land to facilitate on site handling, storage and introduction of alternative fuels with conveyor kiln, storage tanks, uploading station, handling

building, cooling tower and associated ancillary works. This permission was subject to thirteen conditions. Condition 11 of that order stated “A *Community Liaison Committee shall be established to liaise between the operator of the cement works, the planning authority and the local community. The committee shall comprise seven members having an independent chairperson, two local community representatives, two elected members of the planning authority, one official of the planning authority and one representative from the operator of the cement works. The Community Liaison Committee shall have responsibility for the administration of the community gain fund account to be set up in accordance with condition number 12 of this order and for decisions on projects to be supported by the fund in addition to acting as a liaison committee with the local community in relation to ongoing monitoring of the operation of the cement works.*”

At the November 2025 Plenary Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, a request was made for the mandated number of Elected Members(2) to be appointed to the CLC. As more than two Members put their names forward, it was agreed that correspondence would be sent to An Bord Pleanala seeking permission to add one additional Elected Member to the committee, bringing the complement on the committee to three Elected Representatives.

While we await an outcome from the request to An Bord Pleanala, in order to ensure a timely administration of the Community Gain Fund, it is important that this committee be convened as soon as possible and the selection of two Elected Members is concluded and endorsed at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council.

22. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the following information to be presented in tabulated format in relation to housing delivery.

- (ii) What were the targets for Limerick City and County Council for LA Build for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.*
- (iii) How many LA Build properties were delivered in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.*
- (iv) What were the targets for Limerick City and County Council for LA Affordable Purchase for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.*
- (v) How many LA Affordable Purchase properties were delivered in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.*

REPLY: LA Build Delivery

The information requested in (i)-(ii) above has been provided below in tabular format:

LCCC Social Housing Build Delivery 2022-2025						Comment
	Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	Note targets based on substantial
(i)	Build Target	565	502	513	551	

(ii)	LA Direct delivery	49	116	108	84*	completion/water and ESB connections
	Turnkey & AHB delivery	334	214	240	154*	
	Total delivery Build	383	330	348	238*	

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage's (DHLGH) 'Overall social and affordable housing provision'.

Available at www.gov.ie

*Output for Q4 2025 is yet to be finalised and work is ongoing with the DHLGH in relation to the 2025 statistical returns. Therefore 2025 delivery is an estimate.

Affordable Purchase Delivery

The information requested in (iii)-(iv) above has been provided below in tabular format:

LCCC Affordable Purchase Housing Delivery 2022-2026							Comment
	Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
(iii)	Target (Cost Rental and Affordable Sale)	25	49	68	61	61	Note targets based on substantial completion/ register launch and includes both LA led Affordable sale <u>and</u> Cost Rental
(iv)	Delivered (Affordable Sale only)	0	46	7	20*	TBC	

Source: Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage's (DHLGH) 'Overall social and affordable housing provision'. Available at www.gov.ie

*Output for Q4 2025 is yet to be finalised and work is ongoing with the DHLGH in relation to the 2025 statistical returns.

Therefore 2025 delivery is an estimate.

Please note that the targets set out above in item (iii) are for local authority delivered affordable purchase and cost rental homes - they have been supported by Affordable Housing Fund via LA delivery on LCCC lands or via advance purchase turnkeys. First Home Scheme activity, Cost Rental delivery by Approved Housing Bodies under the Cost Rental Equity Loan and Land Development Agency delivery on non-LA lands are not encompassed in these targets.

Affordable sale completions in the early years of the LCCC programme, compared to the output of other Local Authorities have been constrained by normal construction and procurement lead-in periods. As a result, outputs in the initial years do not fully reflect the scale of programme activity now currently underway.

Since the end of 2022, the Affordable team has pursued a deliberate pipeline-led strategy, focusing on securing scheme approvals and funding commitments from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). For the 2022-2026 period, 723 affordable housing approvals for grant subsidy have now been secured/will be progressed for 2026 approval, of which 629 are affordable sale. Please see Table 1 below.

The programme is now transitioning from approvals to delivery. The team is actively engaging with builders and developers to progress advance purchase and turnkey arrangements, particularly for 2026 and beyond, to accelerate on-site delivery and enable affordable home ownership at scale.

In addition, the Council are launching on etenders a Competitive Dialogue process in mid February 2026 seeking development partners to deliver both social and affordable housing at all scales with forward funding arrangements. This procurement channel is based on the Cork City Council model which has been hugely successful at delivering significant social and affordable completions.

Affordable Housing Units Approved by DHLGH 2022-2026					
Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Affordable Purchase	81	164	241	61	82*
Affordable Cost Rental	7	19	0	0	68*
Total Affordable Units Approved	88	183	241	61	150*

Table 1: Number of Units that received Subsidy Approval by Year

* Estimated figure for projects expected to receive DHLGH approval in 2026

23. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the Director of Housing to provide a briefing note in relation to the cancelling of MY/2025/509 in relation to 24 Residential Units at Barnakyle, Patrickswell and the signing of MY/2025/592 to include the following information:

- (i) Dates each of the memos were signed by the Director of Housing.***
- (ii) Changes to the memos that occurred.***
- (iii) The number of days between the signing of the original Memo and the new Memo.***
- (iv) Any cost savings for the Local Authority as a result of any changes.***

REPLY: A recommendation memo to appoint a contractor for the construction of 24 residential units at Barnakyle was signed by the Acting Director of Services on November 13th 2025. A revised memo providing additional further information was signed on December 19th, 2025. The changes to the original memo requested a greater breakdown of the tender price, including a breakdown of development works,

access road, abnormals, etc. The number of days between signing of both memos by the Director of Services was 25 working days. Mayoral Order 592 appointing the contractor for the works was signed on December 23rd, 2025. There were no cost savings to the Local Authority as a result of the changes to the memo.

24. Question submitted by Councillor S. Keary

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a full breakdown, by Municipal District, of the works carried out under the "Town and Villages" grant funding heading from the 2025 Active Travel Programme, including the location of each project, a brief description of the works, the funding allocated, the amount of unspent money by Municipal District and full details of the re-allocation of this unspent money.

REPLY: I would like to clarify that each area has received an equal allocation of funding year on year, ensuring a fair distribution of resources across all Municipal Districts.

Up until 2025, we have fully utilised the allocated amounts in each area, contributing to the enhancement of our towns and villages.

It's important to note that only two local authorities receive Towns and Village funding, Limerick City and County Council and Cork County Council. This exclusive support allows us to focus on sustainable travel initiatives that enhance the quality of life in our communities.

In cases where funds have not been fully expended within a designated area, these amounts were not redirected towards other schemes.

Please see attached breakdown of Towns & Villages 2025 allocation, which will include:

- A complete breakdown of works carried out under the "Town and Villages" grant funding.
- The specific location of each project.
- A brief description of the works completed.
- The funding allocated to each product.

A breakdown of the Town and Villages 2025 allocations was circulated as part of the reply.

25. Question submitted by Councillor S. Keary

I will ask at the next Meeting what is the value of pre-cast concrete products currently being imported for use on the first phase of the Adare to Croagh section of the Attyflin to Foynes road project.

REPLY: There are a broad range of precast concrete products being imported by the contractor for the construction of the Adare Bypass project. These include bridge beams, culverts, retaining walls, underpasses, pipes, headwalls, manholes, duct boxes,

kerbs and a number of other ancillary items. The cumulative value of precast concrete items on the Adare Bypass project is estimated to be between €8 and 10 million

26. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting for a full breakdown of numbers of staff across all departments and teams within departments across the organisation.

REPLY: The table below details a summary of the 1544 full time and part time staff by team, at 31st December 2025.

Description	Headcount
DIRECTOR GENERAL & MANAGEMENT TEAM	9
CORPORATE SERVICES, HR & ORG DEVELOPMENT	131
Mayoral Office	5
Corporate, Customer Services & Director General Office	81
HR & Business Improvement	34
Marketing & Communications	11
ECONOMIC, TOURISM, CULTURE, PROPERTY & CORPORATE BUILDINGS	153
Corporate Buildings	15
Libraries & Culture	78
Economic & Tourism Development	26
LEO & Regional Enterprise	13
Property Services	21
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE ACTION & FIRE	376
Environment, Rural Water & Climate Action	114
Fire & Emergency Services	164
Metropolitan District, Parks & Cemeteries	95
Southern Regional Waste Mgmt Office	3
FINANCE INVESTMENT & GOVERNANCE	199
Digital Services & ICT	35
Financial Management	67
HAPSSC	65
NMAC	32
HOUSING	194
Housing Support Services	78

Housing Welfare & Traveller Accommodation	8
LA Housing Construction & Maintenance	88
Strategy & Non LA Housing Construction	20
PLANNING & RYDER CUP	63
Development Management	38
Forward Planning, Urban Development & Heritage	21
Ryder Cup 2027	4
REGENERATION, COMMUNITY, SPORT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT	64
Regeneration & Sports Infrastructure	23
Community, Regeneration & Sports Policy	31
Rural Development (Incl Town Centre First)	10
TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY & PUBLIC REALM	355
Active Travel	18
Central Services, Traffic & Roads Operations	268
CFRAMS	7
Mid West National Road Design Office	34
Transportation, Public Realm & Placemaking	28
Grand Total	1544

27. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting how many employees are projected to occupy One Opera Square when leased, if a comparable office uptake assessment or demand assessment has been carried out.

REPLY: One Opera Square is a Grade A office development owned by Treatystone Partnership DAC, a joint venture between Limerick Twenty Thirty DAC and Ireland Strategic Investment Fund.

The building is designed to accommodate up to approximately 1,000 employees at full occupation, including three ground-floor retail units, intended to provide active street frontage and supporting amenities for building occupiers and the wider city centre. The actual number of employees will depend on the nature of the occupier(s), internal layout, hybrid working arrangements and operational requirements, and will only be confirmed once leasing and fit-out proposals are finalised.

The development of One Opera Square was initiated through the Limerick Twenty Thirty Economic and Spatial Plan and the Limerick Development Plan 2022–2028, both of which support the regeneration of the Opera Square site and the provision of city-

centre, employment-generating commercial development. As part of the development appraisal and planning process, market and demand analysis was undertaken to inform the scale, specification and viability of the scheme. This analysis identified a shortage of modern, high-quality office accommodation in Limerick city centre, particularly space meeting international sustainability and wellbeing standards.

Following the take-up of space by Verizon at 1 BQ, letting agents advise that One Opera Square represents the principal remaining source of Grade A office accommodation available to new market entrants in Limerick city centre.

NOTICES OF MOTION

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I move at the next Meeting that this Council write to the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll-McNeill requesting the opening of a SATU (Sexual Assault Treatment Unit) in the Midwest to support survivors who do not wish, or are not ready, to make a report to the Gardaí and wish to attend a SATU in their locality rather than having to travel to SATUs in Cork or Galway as the current situation dictates.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and seconded by Councillor O'Donovan.

In moving the Motion, Councillor Hickey-O'Mara strongly emphasised the need for a SATU in the Midwest to support the people of Limerick.

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors U. Gavan, S. Benson and E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council expresses its dismay at and opposition to the Government's intention to abolish the Triple Lock which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Gavan and seconded by Councillor Donoghue.

Following discussions, it was proposed to amend the Notice of Motion as follows:

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Council calls for a Referendum on the Government's proposal to abolish the Triple Lock which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces.

This was agreed by Councillor Gavan.

With the permission of the Príomh Chomhairleoir, Notice of Motion 30 and Notice of Motion 34 were taken together.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock - Councillors B. Teefy (Proposer), P.J. Carey, G. Conway, T. O’Sullivan, E. Ryan, M. Ryan, N. Stokes

We will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the proposed 2026 Roads Schedule of Municipal District Works be prepared to ensure an equal allocation of the roads budget, per kilometre of road network, across all Districts.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Teefy and seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue.

In proposing the Motions, Councillor Teefy referred to the increased cost of maintaining the roads network and highlighted the need for additional funding across all Districts.

Members requested a breakdown of spend on local and regional roads.

REPLY: Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) — Allocation Principles

The Schedule of Municipal District Works, **SMDW**, which also includes applicable grant allocations, is apportioned in a fair and balanced manner across all MDs. The distribution is informed by the following criteria:

- The approved three-year roadworks programme submitted to the Department of Transport.
- An assessment of pavement condition and maintenance needs, informed by the Pavement Condition Index (PCI).
- Low-cost safety improvement works for regional and local roads, informed by collision and accident data and public-liability claims.
- The extent of the road network and population distribution within each district.
- Traffic volumes and traffic counts at road locations, including peak hours and Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT/ADT).

Limerick City & County Council — Roads Budget 2026 (Local Roads Increment)

At the Budget Meeting held at the end of November 2025, the elected members adopted the Roads budget for 2026. An additional €400,000 was approved for Local Roads. In line with practice, this increase is distributed in proportion to the total kilometres of Local Roads within each Municipal District (MD).

Municipal District	Local Roads (km)	Share of Local Road Network (%)	Allocation (€)
Metropolitan Area	524.72	16%	€64,000
Newcastle West	877.56	27%	€108,00
Adare/Rathkeale	804.29	24%	€96,000
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Total	3,287.97	100%	€400,000

Table 1: Additional Local Road Budget per MD (2026)

34. Notice of Motion submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Councillors J. O’Donoghue (Proposer), B. Collins, T. Hartigan, S. Keary, A. Teskey, G. Ward

We will move at the next Meeting that the proposed budget schedule works of maintenance and repairs for 2026 in Limerick City and County Council will be prepared for consideration by the members ensuring equitable allocation of the roads budget per km of road network across all Districts.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Teefy and seconded by Councillor O’Donoghue.

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31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O’Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council write to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to request that the basic maximum net income limit to apply for social housing be increased to reflect the limit for Dublin, Cork and Galway city.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan and seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara.

In the moving the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan noted the net income limit for applicants in Limerick is lower than applied in other similar counties and stressed the need to consider increasing the limit to align with other counties that compare to Limerick.

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will move at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that this Authority carry out a full review of all cost overruns on capital projects completed in 2025 and provide a report for consideration in relation to improvements being made to minimise such overruns.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor McSweeney and seconded by Councillor Collins (B).

In moving the Motion, Councillor McSweeney referred to the risk of overspend on capital projects and highlighted the need for oversight to ensure value for money.

REPLY: As part of the Annual Financial Statement preparation, and also preparation of the inventory of the Infrastructure Guidelines for 2025 (formerly Public Spending Code), Limerick City and County Council will carry out a review of any cost overruns on capital projects completed in 2025 and will provide a report for consideration in relation to improvements being made to minimise any overruns.

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Keary

I will move at the next Meeting that the Elected Members be given a full schedule of proposed spending on active travel projects for 2026 as soon as possible and that this schedule should reflect even balance to City and County areas.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Keary and seconded by Councillor Collins (B).

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Keary highlighted the need for Active Travel measures in the county, noting the benefits these measures would bring to rural communities and villages.

REPLY: Councillor Stephen Keary,

Thank you for your motion concerning the need for a comprehensive schedule of proposed spending on Active Travel Projects for 2026.

This initiative aligns with our ongoing commitment to enhancing mobility across Limerick City and County.

NTA's Long-Term Commitment to Limerick.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has made a long-term commitment to supporting Limerick through various schemes outlined in the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy 2040 (LSMAT's). This commitment is essential for fostering a vibrant, connected, and sustainable community.

1. Investment in Towns and Villages:

The NTA recognises the importance of investing in our towns and villages to ensure that all areas benefit from enhanced transport infrastructure. By focusing on sustainable mobility solutions, we aim to support local economies and improve the quality of life for residents.

Limerick City and County Council along with Cork County Council are the only two Local Authorities in Ireland that receive the Towns and Villages allocation.

Each Area within Limerick City and County will receive €750k for Active Travel works.

2. Safe Routes to Schools:

A key initiative under the NTA's strategy is the development of Safe Routes to Schools programs. These efforts are crucial for encouraging active travel among children and ensuring that routes to educational institutions are safe and accessible.

This initiative not only promotes healthier lifestyles but also fosters a culture of walking and cycling among young people.

3. Active Travel Projects:

The NTA's funding for various Active Travel projects is a testament to its commitment to creating a balanced transport network that serves both urban and rural areas. The projects aim to enhance pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, ensuring that residents can safely navigate their communities.

The Schedule of Active Travel Investment Grants 2026 Allocations was circulated as part of the reply.

35. Correspondence

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

MAYOR/DIRECTOR GENERAL ORDERS:

The Register of Orders made by the Mayor or the Director General up to the date of the Meeting was available on Sharepoint for inspection by the Members.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, is available on SharePoint for inspection by the Members.

Signed:

Príomh Chomhairleoir

Date:
