



**Meeting of Limerick City and County Council
to be held on Monday 30th March 2026**

Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council:

Regarding illegal dumping enforcement activities across Limerick:

- (a) How many individuals and/or entities have been fined or prosecuted for illegal dumping offences in each of the last five years (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).
- (b) Of these enforcement actions, please provide a breakdown between: - Domestic/residential offenders - Commercial/business offenders - Breakdown by Municipal/Metropolitan District area.
- (c) What is the total value of fines issued for illegal dumping in each of the last five years, and what percentage of these fines have been successfully collected.
- (d) How many reports or complaints of illegal dumping were received by the Council in each of the last five years, and what is the ratio of reports received to enforcement actions taken.
- (e) What resources are currently dedicated to illegal dumping enforcement, including: - Number of enforcement officers assigned to this issue - Budget allocation for enforcement activities - Technology used (cameras, vehicle tracking, etc.)
- (f) What are the most common locations or "hotspots" for illegal dumping across the Council's functional area, and what targeted measures have been implemented at these locations.
- (g) How many court prosecutions were initiated for illegal dumping offences in each of the last five years, and what were the outcomes of these prosecutions (convictions, dismissals, pending).
- (h) What is the total cost to the Council of: - Investigating illegal dumping incidents - Cleaning up illegally dumped waste - Legal and court costs associated with prosecutions for each of the last five years.
- (i) What preventative measures or public awareness campaigns has the Council undertaken to reduce illegal dumping, and what metrics are used to evaluate their effectiveness.

Response

The responses to questions a, b, c, d, g and h are in the following table.

In relation to question b, it was not possible to breakdown the number of enforcements by Municipal District.

Please refer to the Litter Management Plan 2023-2026 for more information.

Question		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
(a)/(b)	Commercial fines/prosecutions	14	19	8	9	13
(a)/(b)	Domestic fines/prosecutions	170	138	126	141	190
(a)/(b)	Total fines/prosecutions	185	155	132	150	203
(c)	Value of fines issued	€19,365	€13,710	€14,710	€16,125	€21,860
(c)	Percentage of fines collected	37%	41%	29%	23%	31%
(d)	Dumping complaints	1017	817	631	573	657
(d)	Ratio of complaints : fines/prosecutions	5:1	5:1	5:1	4:1	3:1
(g)	Total Prosecutions	41	59	30	38	52
(g)	Successful	23	22	13	17	12
(g)	Dismissed	17	28	17	17	3
(g)	Pending	1	2	0	4	37
(g)	Cancelled/Reached agreement	0	7	0	0	0
(h)	Overall costs incurred *	€615,743	€640,168	€627,309	€628,047	€709,847

*Includes payroll of Litter Team, excludes monies spent by Roads/ Cleansing/ Regeneration teams on Cleaning illegally dumped rubbish.

(e) What resources are currently dedicated to illegal dumping enforcement, including: - Number of enforcement officers assigned to this issue - Budget allocation for enforcement activities - Technology used (cameras, vehicle tracking, etc.)

- The Domestic Waste and Litter Team have five Environmental Control Officers/Inspectors support by an administrative team of five.
- Budget allocation – as above
- The Environmental Enforcement team who deal with commercial Waste among other functions consists of eight technical staff supported five administrative staff. This team covers Commercial Waste including authorised and unauthorised waste activities.
- In 2017 the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) Grant was introduced, funded by the Department of the Environment and is aimed at restoring areas where there is a persistent problem with illegal dumping. The allocation is spent on Clean ups/ Bulky Waste collections / small capital works/ CCTV /Drones.
- CCTV surveillance is being used at litter black spots, bring banks and regeneration areas to identify alleged illegal dumping offenders.

(f) What are the most common locations or "hotspots" for illegal dumping across the Council's functional area, and what targeted measures have been implemented at these locations.

- The most common locations (hotspots) for illegal dumping across Limerick City and County Council include: St. Mary's Park, Ballinacurra Weston, Galvone, Moyross, Johnsgate, Donnellan's Field, Abbeyfeale, Cappamore, Riverview Estate, Kilmallock, Garryowen, Rathkeale, Toppins Field, Sharwood Estate (Newcastle West), and Lenihan Avenue/Hyde Road.
- Environmental Control Officers carry out routine weekly patrols in identified blackspot areas. They enforce legislation under the Litter Pollution Acts and the Waste Management Acts, issuing fines and initiating legal action where necessary.

- An annual targeted programme of household waste-management surveys is conducted in areas identified by Environmental Inspectors as having persistent issues with illegal dumping or inadequate domestic waste management.
- Commencing with a pilot in 2024, the Litter Team has introduced a targeted programme of Bulky Waste Collections in these areas to encourage householders to dispose of waste responsibly and to help prevent litter and waste pollution.

(i) What preventative measures or public awareness campaigns has the Council undertaken to reduce illegal dumping, and what metrics are used to evaluate their effectiveness.

Advertising

- Radio advert campaign- Radio Limerick - "Man in Van"
- [Online content on Environment and Climate Action | Limerick.ie](#)
- [Reviewed and updated regularly and publicised e.g. Limerick Civic Amenity Centres | Limerick.ie](#)

Outreach events

- Distribution of anti-dumping/anti littering information (at agricultural shows, via voluntary groups)

Collaborative waste prevention events in the Southern Waste region (10 local authorities)

- Promotion of waste prevention assets located on www.mywaste.ie directly with Tidy Towns and Residents Association groups and social media
- e.g. Circular Cups for Community Events in the Southern Region - My Waste & Think Before You Skip It - My Waste

Green Schools Programme

- [Green Schools programme Green-Schools | Working Together for a Sustainable Future](#)
- Specifically Litter and Waste and Global Citizenship Litter and Waste themes – Limerick City and County Council support the 169 schools in Limerick in conjunction with An Taisce. 38 schools received a green flag in 2025.

Other Schools initiatives

- ["Rubbish Film Festival" participation -secondary schools Home Page - Rubbish Film Festival](#)
- ["Relove Fashion" participation young people aged between 12 to 19 Relove Fashion](#)
- ["Picker Pals" participation Primary school litter picking and online content Picker Pals | VOICE Ireland](#)
- [WEEE Ireland Schools Battery competition is actively promoted. The WEEE Ireland Schools Battery Recycling Competition is back for 2025-2026! - WEEE Ireland](#)

National Spring Clean

- [National Spring Clean Home - National Spring Clean](#)
- Supported by council provision of supplementary litter picking/clean up supplies to community groups registered with National Spring Clean together with pick up of collected materials.

Tidy Towns

- [National Tidy Towns competition www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie)
- Tidy Towns seminar and ongoing support for Limerick Tidy Towns groups. Anti-Dumping and Waste/Litter prevention is contained within the 8 categories included in this national competition. 57 communities participated in 2025. Judged by National Tidy Towns judges.

Going for Gold

- [Limerick Going for Gold Limerick Going for Gold 2025 Launches with Over €180,000 in Prizes and Grants for Local Communities | Limerick.ie](#)
- Tidy Towns competition within Limerick Going for Gold promotes awareness around illegal dumping and is judged by the Limerick Going for Gold judges. 78 communities participated in 2025.

Other initiatives

- [Promotion of Home - Re-Turn bins within communities.](#)
- [Promotion and arrangement of Farm Plastics Collection points Irish Farm Film Producers Group CLG | Ireland's only approved farm plastics recycling compliance scheme](#)
- [Promotion of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment collection points and regular arrangements. Household Recycling Public Collection Days - WEEE Ireland](#)
- [Cloth Nappy Incentive Scheme – Free Starter Kits Available for Families in Limerick | Limerick.ie](#)
- [Limerick's New Relove Paint Store is Brushstroke of Genius for Circular Economy | Limerick.ie](#)

Evaluation Metrics

- The EPA measures and reports on the environmental enforcement performance of local authorities using the [Local Authority Environmental Enforcement Performance Framework](#).
- A Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspection plan is created annually with interim and end of year reviews and results published by the EPA.
- NOAC publishes the Local Authority Performance Indicator Report annually which monitors certain indicators related to enforcement activities.
- Irish Business Against Litter Survey – publishes two report annually which monitor litter black spots and the main thoroughfares of the city for litter and illegal dumping.
- National Litter Pollution Monitoring Quantification surveys are undertaken by the Environmental Inspectors and compiled within litter.ie. This helps to inform litter management planning and awareness activities.



Aidan Finn

Senior Engineer

Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action

25th March 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council what progress has been made to ensure that all Per Cent for Art funding that the Council qualifies for, has been applied for and drawn down.

REPLY

Individual Departments and sections hold responsibility for the implementation of the Per Cent for Art scheme on their capital projects, through including a budget line for Per Cent for Art as part of their application for funding, at all stages of capital project approval and implementation.

The arts office is assisting sections in developing artist briefs and commissioning processes, within its current capacity, on a case by case basis and on request.

Etain McCooley
Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Coordinator



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MARCH MEETING OF PLENARY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD ON 30th MARCH 2026

Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for particulars of the sums due for derelict sites levy in each Municipal District for each of the past three years; the total sums paid and the number of proceedings taken in the district and circuit courts.

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 is a total amount of €3,610,847 outstanding to date. A breakdown of these amounts by Municipal District is not available.

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. Limerick City & County Council currently have 72 Legal Cases pending.

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Irene Griffin
Financial Accountant

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council how many Notice To Quits have been received, broken down by 2024 / 2025 and to date in 2026

REPLY:

Since 2024, 593 Notice of Terminations have been received. Please see breakdown by year below:

Year	Total NoTs received
2024	238
2025	275
2026 to date	80



Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Mixed-Tenure Partnership Unit
23rd March 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a detailed update on the derelict properties that have been acquired through the Rural Limerick Housing Development (RLHD) initiative which is a pilot project funded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) which enabled Limerick City and County Council acquire and refurbish properties and offer them for sale on the open market to include:

1. Full list of properties acquired under this initiative.
2. Full list of properties currently in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council under this initiative and date works were completed and date properties were ready to be put on the open market.
3. Full breakdown of funding drawn down from the Department to date.
4. Full list of properties that have been offered for sale on the open market to include date put on open market, date sale closed and date sale completed.
5. Details of engagement with the Department in relation to changing the operation of this initiative and not putting the properties on the open market for sale.

REPLY:

1. While properties were not “acquired” under the RRDF funding model, properties previously vested under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, were allocated for refurbishment under the terms of the Rural Limerick Housing Development (RLHD) Project as funded by the Rural Redevelopment Regeneration Fund.
2. Table below:

Property	Location	Property type	Substantial Completion	Ready for Market
6 Colbert Terrace	Abbeyfeale	3 bed terrace	Jul-25	Sept-25
7 Colbert Terrace	Abbeyfeale	3 bed terrace	Jul-25	Sept-25
Convent Road **	Abbeyfeale	2 bed detached	Apr-23	July-23
Old Church Street	Abbeyfeale	3 bed end terrace	Dec-25	Feb-26
Bridge Inn Bar A	Abbeyfeale	4 bed terrace	Oct-25	Dec-25

Bridge Inn Bar B	Abbeyfeale	1 bed terrace	Oct-25	Dec-25
Jim Butler Building A	Bruff	3 bed end terrace	On site	N/A
Jim Butler Building B	Bruff	3 bed terrace	On-site	N/A
Central Bar	Ardagh	4 bed terrace	Dec-25	Feb-26
Butler Hope Building	Bruff	2 bed terrace	Sold	Sold

Further works were carried out in Askeaton on a number of properties with potential for residential development, to address water ingress and prevent further deterioration pending the upgrade of the Askeaton Waste-Water Treatment System by Uisce Éireann.

3. Funding drawn down from the Department to date is €2.5m, the total amount available under the RRDF grant.

4. Properties brought to market:

- Convent Road, Abbeyfeale was brought to the market Sept 2023. Minimal offers received. Did not reach the reserved asking price. Was returned to market on 28th Aug 2024, with the new LCCC auctioneers and again offers were minimal and property was withdrawn from market.
- Butler Hope Building, Bruff was brought to market in September 2023, went sale agreed, S183 Disposal was approved in September 2024, but did not proceed due to boundary issues with the adjoining land. There was a requirement to amend boundaries with Táihte Éireann due to the amended site area. LCCC required a new S183, which was obtained in March 2025 and the sale completed in February 2026.

5. The 6 properties in Abbeyfeale are being reviewed to examine the feasibility of a rental model in line with the Mayoral Objective ML15 – “with a view to deploy risk transfer mechanisms and equity sharing to unlock rental deliver in relation to renovation..”

Discussions are ongoing, with the RRDF team in the DHLGH to reach agreement as to the future of these properties.

Yours sincerely,


 Jayne Leahy
 Head of Property Services Department

Date: 25/3/26



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Question submitted by Councillor E O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the number of animal welfare complaints received last year and the current resources available to the local authority for enforcement of the Animal Health and Welfare Act (2013).

Response

A review of the Council's records shows that 27 animal welfare or cruelty cases were reported in 2025.

The Council does not have an Authorised Officer appointed under the Animal Health and Welfare Act. As a result, we do not have the authority to enforce the provisions of the Act. Responsibility for implementing the Act lies primarily with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). All animal welfare cases received by the Council are therefore referred to DAFM. The Council's capacity to address such matters has been further reduced following the transfer of the Local Authority Veterinary Officer post to DAFM.

Council staff continue to operate under the Control of Dogs Act, the Control of Horses Act, and the Dog Breeding Establishments Act, and will take action on cases that fall within the scope of these legislative provisions.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action
25th March 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for an update on steps taken to date in relation to the Council's commitment to exploring how to enhance the voice of young people already represented through Comhairle na nÓg, and other youth representative groups in Limerick, with the purpose of exploring the establishment of a Youth Mayor.

Reply:

Comhairle na nÓg is already established with a national profile and supported by government and represents the voice of young people and children aged 12 to under the age of 18 years. Ireland is unique in that its youth participation structure is funded and supported directly by a government department, giving rise to Comhairle na nÓg, and local Youth Councils. Limerick City and County Council play a key role in creating awareness about Comhairle and the topics currently worked on in the local area. In terms of exploring how to further enhance the voice of young people already represented the Council will engage with Comhairle na nÓg at the next Steering Group meeting on this subject matter.

Anne Rizzo,
Acting Senior Executive Officer,
Community, Regeneration and Sports Policy.