



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae Luimnigh

Limerick City
& County Council

Director General Report on the Licence for Riverfest Limerick 2026

Prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 238 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 193 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Name of Applicant: Limerick City & County Council

Proposed Event: Riverfest Limerick 2026

Location of Event: Limerick City Centre

Dates: Friday 1st May to Monday 4th May (inclusive)

ASSESSMENT: Riverfest Limerick

The audience profile will range from young children to elderly persons with approximately 140,000 people expected to attend over the 4 days.

Key Activation Areas:

1. Arthurs Quay Park - Riverfest Village

The Riverfest Village in Arthurs Quay Park is a central hub for Riverfest Limerick 2026, offering a diverse range of activities and events. Visitors can enjoy a variety of craft and artisan food stalls, vintage amusements and live music. The Riverfest Village transforms the area into a vibrant marketplace, where attendees can immerse themselves in Limerick's local culture and community spirit. The capacity of Riverfest Village is capped at 3.5k after a capacity analysis was carried out in the area as part of the Event Management Plan. There are crowd control procedures in place.

2. Fashionfest

Fashionfest is a high-end indoor fashion event located in a suitable city centre location (TBD) to showcase and enhance Limerick's international reputation as a creative hub of fashion excellence. Consideration is given to partnerships with industry, retail and the creative educational institutions in the city and region.

This was referred to An Garda Síochána, the HSE, the Chief Fire Officer (LCCC), the Environment Section (LCCC) and the Roads Department (LCCC) for observations. A stakeholder meeting was held on Wednesday 25th February 2026. Prescribed Bodies have no concerns of note and are satisfied subject to the finalisation of the Event Management Plan.

Limerick City & County Council published notice of their intention to hold an event in the Irish Independent on Thursday 29th January 2026 and the Limerick Leader on Friday 30th January 2026, inviting public submissions or observations up until the 19th February 2026.

No submissions were received during the statutory timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION:

Having considered the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and the submitted documentation, it is recommended that the proposed Riverfest Limerick 2026 event should be held and licence for same granted by the Limerick City Metro Members.

Signed:



Stephane Duclot

Director of Services, Planning and Ryder Cup

Date : 25/02/2026