

CORRESPONDENCE
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
20TH APRIL 2026

- Email dated 3rd March 2026 from Uisce Eireann in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that this District 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.
- Email dated 6th March 2026 from the Office of the Minister for Education and Youth in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that this District 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.
- Email dated 7th March 2026 from Iarnród Eireann in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that this District work with the Department of Transport to call for additional services on Castleconnell rail line, improving connectivity to the city.
- Email dated 25th March 2026 from the National Transport Authority in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that this District write to the NTA, TFI and Bus Eireann to request that the TFI 90 minute fare system is expanded to Limerick, as changing buses would be very beneficial for uptake, given the length of bus routes in the city.
- Letter dated 8th April 2026 from the National Transport Authority in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that this District write to TFI to officially add the bus stop at the Penneywell/Clare Street/Dublin Road junction to its route on the 304A service coming from University of Limerick to Mungret Park and that bus stops markings be added here also.
- Letter dated 13th April 2026 from the National Transport Authority in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that this District write to the NTA, TFI and Bus Eireann to request that the TFI 90-minute fare system is expanded to Limerick, as changing buses would be very beneficial for uptake, given the length of bus routes in the city.

From: councilmeetings <councilmeetings@water.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 3 March 2026 14:12
To: Foley, Aedin <aedin.foley@limerick.ie>
Cc: councilmeetings <councilmeetings@water.ie>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Letter: Limerick City and County Council

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Dear Aedin

Thank you for forwarding on the recent notice of motion from the Metropolitan District Of Limerick on 03/03/2026.

As per the recent note to your Chief Executive and Director of Services Corporate Affairs (please see attached copy for info), Uisce Éireann has updated our process for responding to Notices of Motion.

From October 2025 onwards, Notices of Motion received from Municipal Districts or area committees, will be forwarded to our Local Representative Support Desk (LRSD) by email to localrepsupport@water.ie for a formal written response directly back to the Councillor who raised it, rather than providing a response through our Notices of Motion process. Should a Notice of Motion be passed at full Council and forwarded to us, using the councilmeetings@water.ie email, we will continue to provide a formal response to the meeting administrator through the existing Notice of Motion process before the next meeting is due to take place.

In order to process the query, could you please advise of the Cllr's name who raised this query, so that we can issued a response directly via the LRSD channel?

The LRSD is a dedicated and highly valued service for elected representatives, which we are committed to continuing and improving. We also use the LRSD to issue all proactive infrastructure project updates and press releases to elected representatives across the country every day. Outside of usual business hours, LRSD calls are directed to the 24/7 customer care line where they are prioritised. Contact details for our LRSD are as follows: Email: localrepsupport@water.ie; Phone: 0818 178 178 Post: Uisce Éireann, PO Box 860, South City Delivery Office, Cork. Councillors can raise a query at any time through our Local Representative Support Desk.

Kind regards,

Luke Beese
Customer Operations – LRSD/ERSD & Complaints Support

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Uisce Éireann

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From: Correspondence Unit <education-correspondenceunit@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: Friday 6 March 2026 12:23

To: Customer Services <customerservices@limerick.ie>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]DES-CU-02113-2026

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Aed n Foley

Meetings Administrator

Limerick & City County Council

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PLEASE QUOTE REF NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

Our Ref: DES-CU-02113-2026

Dear Aed n Foley,

The Minister for Education and Youth, Ms. Hildegard Naughton TD, has asked me to acknowledge your recent correspondence in relation to changes to the teaching of Irish in primary and secondary schools.

The contents have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Eimear Kavanagh

Private Secretary

From: IE Oireachtas Liaison <oireachtasliaison@irishrail.ie>
Sent: Saturday 7 March 2026 15:17
To: Metro Meeting <metromeeting@limerick.ie>
Cc: IE Oireachtas Liaison <oireachtasliaison@irishrail.ie>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: Notice of Motion - January Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Dear Ms Foley,

Thank you for your email & I hope you are well.

Iarnród Éireann (ÍÉ) continues to keep its timetable under review on the Ballybrophy to Limerick (via Nenagh) line for opportunities for additional services subject to fleet, staff resources, and demand.

However, at this time, there are no imminent short-term plans for increased service levels on this route due to resource availability including gatekeepers and fleet availability. In the medium to longer term it is proposed to increase service levels.

Under the All-Island Strategic Rail review, there is an ambition to increase service frequency towards a two-hourly service in each direction on the Limerick to Ballybrophy (via Nenagh) line.

As well as addressing gatekeeper resources, one of the most significant issues currently is fleet availability.

Iarnród Éireann saw record passenger demand in 2025 of over 55 million journeys, a figure that is set to grow further in 2026.

To address this, we currently operate all available trains on a daily basis, outside of required maintenance cycles to ensure fleet reliability and any repair works which may be taking place. We are maximising use of our rolling stock as a result.

New trains will begin entering service from the first half of 2027, which will provide extra capacity on our network.

In total, 285 carriages have already been ordered for the Greater Dublin Area. These will begin entering service from Q2 2027 onwards, with 50 carriages expected to enter service in 2027 and the remainder in 2028 and 2029, and we intend to place subsequent orders of this fleet.

The first order of 95 carriages will directly benefit the Drogheda line (65 battery-electric carriages) and the existing DART (30 electric carriages). However, this will also allow Intercity and Commuter trains currently operating on the Drogheda line to be used on other routes around the network. Their deployment will be subject to review with and the approval of the National Transport Authority, subject to demand and infrastructure capacity at the time.

We appreciate that you do wish to see additional capacity as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience and understanding in the meantime, and look forward to adding more capacity and frequency to our services, both through investment in new trains, and through our investment in our network to increase the number of trains we are in a position to operate.

Regards,
IÉ Oireachtas Liaison

From: Info <Info@nationaltransport.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 25 March 2026 12:29
To: Foley, Aedin <aedin.foley@limerick.ie>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Talkdesk Case #662478 - Motion from Limerick CC re TFI 90 minute fare

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Hi Aedín,

JI wish to acknowledge your letter regarding the above which was forwarded to the National Transport Authority (NTA).

I have forwarded this letter to the relevant team in the NTA for their attention.

If you have any further questions on this, or anything else, please reply or email info@nationaltransport.ie, quoting this reference number : #662478 , to ensure a response.

We're here to help.

I hope that this is helpful and wish you safe onward travels

Kind Regards
Josephine
National Transport Authority

On Wed, Mar 25 2026 at 12:24 PM National Transport Authority <info@nationaltransport.ie> wrote:

Hi Richard,

See attached letter received via Talkdesk CRM system from Limerick City and Co. Council for direct action and response.

Kind regards
Josephine
NTA customer contact team



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8th April 2026

Ref: Bus Stop on Route 304a

Dear Ms Foley,

I refer to your correspondence dated 11th of March 2026 regarding a resolution that was passed at the March meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

In principle, the National Transport Authority (NTA) would support the installation of a new stop in reasonable proximity to stop 609761 on Pennywell Road to make up a matching pair to serve the local community. Funding for this new stop would be through the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme funding, which is an annual allocation of €500,000 per local authority. This is intended to enable each local authority, in collaboration with the NTA, to enhance bus stop facilities at bus stopping locations within its administrative area.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Deputy Chief Executive.



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13th April 2026

Ref: TFI 90 Minute fare

Dear Ms Foley,

I refer to your correspondence dated 11th of March 2026 regarding a resolution that was passed at the March meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

The National Transport Authority (NTA) intends to implement a 90-minute fare in the Limerick City area, in or around the time of the launch of the new Limerick BusConnects network which is currently targeted for 2028. An exact implementation timeline isn't yet available and depends on funding and operational readiness for the implementation of the new bus network.

I trust that the above information is of assistance and clarifies the current status of the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

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