

Mayoral Executive Report

Contained within this document is the Mayoral Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

It details the execution of executive duties over the past month, encompassing the enactment of policies or other directives issued by the Council as part of its reserved powers, as well as the Council's continued service delivery.



Mayor of Limerick

March 2026

Walking and Cycling Index highlights that Active Travel takes up to 33,000 Cars off the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Roads Daily

New Moyross Link Road and Dual Carriageway Opens to Traffic

Mural Project Seeks Interest from Limerick Property Owners

Legends of Limerick Take Over the City Streets as Thousands attend St. Patrick's Day Parade and Live Stream

New Discounted Homes for First Time Buyers Available in Kilfinane under Incremental Purchase Scheme

Limerick City and County Council Launches "PAWS – Pets Are Welcome" Initiative to Support Pet-Friendly Businesses

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March was a pivotal month closing out Q1, with programme definition converting into tangible delivery on the ground. Housing again dominated the Mayor's agenda, reflected in near-daily sessions with Grant Thornton to finalise the structured review of the Mayoral Programme and to sharpen 2026 deliverables and resource prioritisation across all 24 focus areas.

Progress on each of the Mayor's chosen focus areas is captured below. The month was characterised by intensive engagement with Government Departments, national agencies and international partners. The SMART Housing Pathfinder continued to advance, with the AG1 Preliminary Business Case for the 151-unit Mungret pilot submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 31 March. Progress was made on the Housing Delivery Action Plan, supported by detailed planning and commencement data, alongside ongoing analysis of the loans needed to scale affordable and cost rental delivery. The Mayor also officially opened the new Dual Carriageway from Cratloe Road to Knockalisheen Road, including the Moyross Link Road, on 9 March, a landmark moment for connectivity on the City's northside.

The Mayor undertook a substantial programme of national and international engagement during the month. Multiple sessions with Grant Thornton ran through every week of March to complete the Mayoral Programme Review, alongside meetings with the Director General, the Deputy Director General, and Directors across every Directorate. The Mayor hosted the Ambassador of Colombia to Ireland, met a member of the French Parliament, welcomed the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Global Exchange delegation to Ireland 2026, and travelled to Brussels to join the City's St Patrick's Day Parade and address the Committee of the Regions-UK Contact Group on the local and regional dimension of EU-UK relations post-Brexit. High-profile domestic engagements included the Central Bank of Ireland Commission Dinner, the official opening of Bon Secours Hospital Limerick, the Limerick Chamber Business Luncheon 2026 and the Engineers Ireland Thomond Region Gala Dinner.

Other notable successes for the month of March were:

- **Moyross Link Road and Dual Carriageway:** The new Dual Carriageway from the Cratloe Road Roundabout to the Knockalisheen Road Roundabout, including the newly constructed Moyross Link Road, opened to traffic on 9 March, a major milestone in the programme to enhance connectivity, accessibility and transport safety in the City's northside. The opening enabled the next phase of works, including the demolition of the Ballynanty Rail Bridge on 27/28 March under a night-time rail possession.
- **Cleeves Riverside Quarter:** Cleeves Heritage Stabilisation Works at Flaxmill commenced, with a decision on Phase 2 and the wider public realm for the Cleeves site due in May 2026.
- **Towerfield, Croom:** The Mayor officially opened Phase 3 Houses and Apartments at Towerfield, Croom, delivering new homes to the community.
- **Pet-Friendly Initiative:** Limerick City and County Council launched "PAWS - Pets Are Welcome," supporting pet-friendly businesses across the City and County.
- **Abbeyfeale Plan:** Part VIII was lodged for the former Bank of Ireland, Abbeyfeale, to change the use of the building to a Tourist Hostel.
- **St Patrick's Festival:** The Mayor represented Limerick at parades in Limerick City, Abbeyfeale and Brussels, and joined the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass and Battalion Commander's Address at Sarsfield Barracks, with an excellent turnout at the Limerick City Parade, drawing thousands of attendees and strong engagement via the live stream.
- **Bon Secours Hospital Limerick:** The Mayor delivered the address at the official opening of Bon Secours Hospital Limerick

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- **Mid-West Health Infrastructure (HSE Lands Acquisition):** Government approval secured for the HSE acquisition of strategically located lands adjacent to UHL, marking a key step in addressing regional healthcare capacity. The site aligns with clinical needs, LCCC growth plans, and transport links. This represents the most significant health infrastructure advancement to date, supporting a wider vision of a connected Mid-West with rail-linked access to services.
- **URBACT ReDAN:** The Mayor launched the URBACT Transfer Network ReDAN (Reviving Degraded Areas for Nature and People), reinforcing Limerick's leadership in European urban regeneration networks.

Civic leadership continued throughout the month. The Mayor represented the City and County at a wide range of cultural, sporting, educational and community events, including the Limerick Opera Festival Gala at St Mary's Cathedral, the Irish Chamber Orchestra at University Concert Hall, the Limerick Musical Society's "Michael Collins - a Musical Drama," the Torch Players' 50th anniversary production of "Dancing at Lughnasa," the College Players Limerick Centenary book launch and history exhibition, the Banogue NS Fashion Show Fundraiser, the Down Syndrome Limerick "Great Limerick Bake Off," the Network Ireland National Celebration of International Women's Day, the Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ 180th anniversary, the Garda Youth Awards, and the TUS Community and Industry Scholarship Awards. Tree plantings at City Hall Gardens and in Rathkeale marked National Tree Week 2026. These engagements reflected the breadth of the civic role alongside the sustained focus on strategic programme delivery.

March - Key Actions

- **Housing Plan and Target Delivery Transparency:** Strategy is being progressed to embed ED (neighbourhood-level) objectives relating to housing to ensure areas reach balance across tenure, bed-type and specialist provision, with housing acceleration to 2,600-4,000 units per annum to be delivered in partnership with the private sector (through a live competitive dialogue e-tender) and directly by the Council. Work continued to replicate the process agreed with the Mayor for King's Island across all EDs in the City and County, with immediate focus on the City. KPMG is providing granular data on planning application activity, commencements and non-commencements. Investment analysis is advancing in parallel on the quantum of loans required (a reserved function) on a multi-annual basis to deliver affordable and cost rental housing. On Forward Planning, work progressed on proposed Variation No. 3 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 to comply with Section 28 guidelines, covering residential zoning changes to the City and Environs, Core Strategy update, density update, Building Height Strategy update, an updated Settlement Capacity Audit, updates to a number of Development Plan objectives, and an update to Development Management standards.
- **SMART Homes:** Engagement with the EIB on financing beyond the State-funded Pathfinder continued, with an in-person meeting to take place. The AG1 submission (in alignment with Infrastructure Guidelines) to DHLGH on the 151-unit Pathfinder at Mungret was submitted on 31 March. A listening exercise took place regarding Boro Field with the local community and key stakeholders. The HNDA is being updated to give policy support to co-living for workers in alignment with Action 9 of the European Affordable Housing Plan (published December 2025). M&E, Town Planning Consultancy, Arboricultural and other environmental surveys were approved in March to advance the Pathfinder and other sites.
- **Voids:** The Mayoral Voids Initiative 2026 continued, with the dedicated team and delivery plan confirmed in February driving onward progress toward the target return of vacant units to use. Further detail is provided in the Housing Directorate section of this Executive Report.
- **Vienna Housing Model (Kilmallock, Abbeyfeale, Hyde Road, AHB Protocol):** Draft SLA text has been issued by LCCC Housing to LTT on how Housing interacts with LTT to advance Vienna, with the formal SLA by LTT awaited for Mayoral sign-off. Properties advanced for Vienna include a 3-bed property at the city-side of Hyde Avenue and two 2-bed city-centre properties at Roches Row, currently sale-agreed with Mayoral Fund support for acquisition and refurbishment as a pilot. Properties in Rathkeale, including the old bank building of heritage value, are advancing for Vienna co-living and infill, with Design Team appointment to

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progress. A meeting took place with Robert Nicholson of DHLGH on the Abbeyfeale portfolio, the grant conditions require Abbeyfeale to be sold on the open market, but DHLGH is open to an Affordable sale with an equity-share arrangement for first-time buyers, and a further meeting was agreed.

- Core City Centre Plan (3–4 Years):** 122 non-routine activities have been identified across the organisation for the Core City Centre based on the six neighbourhoods of Waterfront, Englishtown, Irishtown, Central Core and Eastern Gateway. A meeting of the City Centre Revitalisation Steering Group was held. The Mayor attended a Mayoral Programme Objective Workshop with Grant Thornton, an operational meeting on the St Patrick's Day Festival, the Twilight Thursday Grant Scheme Workshop, the Christmas 2026 Sub Group meeting, and CoPlan meetings.
- Northside Park:** A Northside Park Workshop was held in the Council Chambers, Dooradoyle, to progress initial design ideas ahead of presentation to the Mayor. Confirmation of further funding from the Mayoral Fund for 2026 work remains the enabling step to advance design work at pace.
- Georgian Limerick Greening:** Concept design development continued, with Part 8 development (including non-statutory public consultation) being progressed, noting that alignment with the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan is required ahead of Part 8 submission. Procurement of planters and associated trees and shrubs advanced, and the Mayoral Funding 2026 allocation was approved.
- LDA Sites (Colbert Quarter, Gas Works):** The Infrastructure Delivery Office continues to scale up. Design, site clearance, procurement and planning-preparation tracks continue to advance across the LDA portfolio. Further detail is provided in the Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup Directorate section of this Executive Report.
- Limerick Twenty Thirty (Opera Square, Cleeve's):** At Opera, the OPW & Granary contract has commenced, work continues to finalise the Hotel contract, and funding streams for Contract C and the Georgian Houses are required. At Cleeves Riverside Quarter, the Cleeves Heritage Stabilisation Works at Flaxmill have commenced, and a decision is due in May 2026 on Phase 2 and the public realm for the Cleeves site.
- City Centre Transport Plan:** The Limerick City Centre Transport Plan is at an advanced stage of development following internal consultation and final refinement with the NTA and their appointed consultants, Jacobs. Public consultation is expected to take place in Q2 2026.
- Rail (Moyross, Adare, Colbert Spur):** Key rail initiatives include new commuter stops at Moyross, Parkway, Corbally, Ballysimon and Adare, plus reinstatement of the Foynes rail line for freight and future services. Irish Rail has advised a funding requirement of €14 million for Moyross and confirmed that works will commence in Q4 2026. Irish Rail is progressing a Limerick Commuter Rail Study, which is expected to be finalised before the end of Summer 2026.
- Active Travel (TUS, South Circular Road):** The TUS construction contract is ongoing, with completion expected in Q4 2026. Eleven tender submissions have been received for the South Circular Road scheme and are under assessment, with contractor appointment expected in Q2 2026 and an estimated 24-month construction period. On St Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout, contractors were appointed in March with a nine-month construction period. Section 38 has been completed for the Hyde Park/Wickham Street Active Travel scheme, with construction on site expected in April 2026 and an estimated two-month construction period.
- Roads (University Way, Adare Bypass):** Non-statutory consultation on University Way is ongoing, with two new proposed options open until 1 April 2026. The Adare Bypass (7km), part of the Foynes to Limerick Scheme, has transitioned decisively into its final construction stages: bulk earthworks are substantially complete; rock excavation is largely complete; approximately 85% of the mainline is capped and 80% of drainage and ducting installed; the River Maigue Bridge foundations are complete and beam installation is commencing; Clonshire River Bridge deck construction is advancing with pours scheduled; and overburden excavation at Croagh Cut is complete with drainage mitigation underway. On the Adare to Attyflin section (3.5km), embankment widening and bulk

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filling are complete with finishing works progressing, key utility diversions are complete, procurement is advancing, earthworks approvals are underway, and the Adare-Attyflin contract is out to tender with a return date of 10 April.

- **Arthur's Quay (Tourism Office, Game Cube):** The remaining Phase 1 works on the Tourism Office approved in 2025 are progressing to completion, with Game Cube to be delivered through the Discover Limerick DAC service level agreement funded by the Mayoral Fund.
- **Christmas 2026:** A Christmas Subgroup meeting and a Metropolitan District of Limerick Christmas Subcommittee meeting were held during the month, continuing to develop a more ambitious vision for Christmas in Limerick.
- **Upcoming Events (Ryder Cup 2027 and EuroPride 2028):** Planning, detailed design and procurement are being finalised for all Park & Ride sites. Facilities are currently under development at the four LSMATS locations: Coonagh, Raheen, Mackey and Ballysimon. With the NTA expected to seek planning permission for the Coonagh Park & Ride in May 2026. The Mayor received multiple Ryder Cup briefings during the month.
- **SME Action Plan (Innovate Limerick DAC):** Follow-up from the February visit to Station F in Paris continues to inform discussions on the strategic plan for Innovate Limerick DAC, with further detail provided in the Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings Directorate section of this Executive Report.
- **King's Island Pilot (Flood Protection, Regeneration, Bloomberg/LSE):** King's Island Flood Relief Scheme works are progressing along the Quays, with the current programme targeting completion by July 2027. The King's Island delivery team continues to work with Bloomberg/LSE mentors on the holistic plan, and engagement continues with the HSE to resolve GDPR issues around data access for families with young children. A meeting with the Regeneration Team on the Regional Educational, Employment and Equine Therapy Facility on the Northside took place during the month.
- **Fashion Incubator:** The Fashion Incubator Steering Group continued, with plans in development for collaboration with the Fashion Incubator in Austin, Texas and for participation in Riverfest festivities.
- **Kilmallock - Merchant House and Land Purchases:** A Design Team (Cotter & Neassaun/Fourmn, architect-led) has been appointed to progress the Merchant House proposals to Shovel-Ready stage. Legal issues have been addressed to close the purchase of two nearby properties, alongside the Merchant House. Meetings with the Office of Public Works and National Monuments Service have taken place to progress the project.
- **Abbeyfeale Plan:** Part VIII has been lodged for the former Bank of Ireland, Abbeyfeale, to change the use of the building to a Tourist Hostel, capital costs to redevelop remain to be secured. A Design Team has been procured to progress the redevelopment of JD Daly's and will be appointed in April (€25,000 allocated from the Mayoral Fund against an estimated €70,000 to progress to Shovel-Ready (Part VIII and Detailed Design); capital costs to redevelop remain to be secured). Proposals for the former Goods Shed on the Limerick Greenway are progressing to detailed design with funding to follow.
- **Transport-Oriented Development (Patrickswell, Southill):** Contract signing was prepared in line with the public consultation on Patrickswell lands. Other projects continue to await Government publication of final Limerick TOD projects to enable funding of works.
- **Health Equity Project:** A Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group meeting was held during the month, advancing data-gathering and working-group objectives on the Health Equity Project.

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02 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Meeting with Southern Regional Assembly regarding the Regional, Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region and the Metropolitan District of Limerick Strategic Plan
- Received a Ryder Cup briefing
- Attended a Council briefing for Parliamentary Members
- Delivered a speech at the Central Bank of Ireland Commission Dinner

03 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Meeting with Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Meeting with Crystal Lean Solutions
- Met with the Director of Environment, Climate Action and Fire
- Attended the Local Community Development Committee and Local Action Group meeting
- Attended The Limerick Chapter of the Irish Georgian Society - Knight of Glin Memorial Lecture

04 March

- Held an introductory meeting with Dean of the Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD)
- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Delivered a speech at the launch of the URBACT Transfer Network ReDAN, Reviving Degraded Areas for Nature and People
- Attended a meeting regarding the Theatre Royal
- Attended a SMART (Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition) Housing Design meeting
- Bilateral meeting with a Councillor
- Attended an Annual Service Delivery plan meeting
- Hosted a Mayoral Reception for Limerick Sports Stars
- Attended the University of Limerick Musical Society "All Shook Up" launch party

05 March

- Held a bilateral meeting with a Councillor
- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Held a Mayoral Programme Board Meeting
- Attended a Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group meeting
- Officially opened Kelliher's Electrical new premises on the Dock Road
- Visited Thomond Park Rugby Football Club (RFC) for the demolition of the Moyross Wall
- Visited Shannon Airport for the "Explore Engineering" Showcase 2026
- Attended the Limerick Strategic Partner Dinner

06 March - Based in Municipal District of Newcastle West Office

- Received a briefing regarding the Ryder Cup Limerick Campaign
- Bilateral meeting with a Councillor
- Meeting with the Housing Team
- Bilateral meeting with a Councillor
- Attended the Irish Chamber Orchestra (ICO) performance at University Concert Hall

07 March

- Delivered a speech at the Network Ireland National Celebration of International Women's Day Event 2026

08 March

- Attended the Limerick Opera Festival Gala Performance, St. Mary's Cathedral

09 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Delivered a speech at the official opening of the Bon Secours Hospital Limerick
- Attended the Limerick Sports Partnership photocall launching the European "Sport for All" Games
- Attended the Party Leaders Meeting
- Attended a Christmas Subgroup meeting
- Attended the official opening of the Knockalisheen Road

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10 March

- Bilateral meeting with a Councillor
- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Meeting regarding the Mayor Fundraising Dinner arrangements
- Received a presentation on the ORCA system from Business Improvement Team
- Attended the Torch Players, 50th Anniversary production of Dancing at Lughnasa

11 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Attended a meeting on Housing Delivery
- Met with the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm and the head of Property Services
- Meeting regarding Colbert Quarter Project Delivery
- Hosted the Ambassador of Colombia to Ireland
- Planted a Tree in City Hall Gardens to mark National Tree Week 2026
- Received a briefing on University Way plans

12 March

- Visited the Presentation National School, Limerick
- Attended a Shareholder Support Unit meeting
- Held a meeting with the Deputy Director General
- Attended a Housing meeting
- Met with the Garryowen Community Centre Working Group
- Met with the Director of Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development

13 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Investor meeting regarding Housing Delivery
- Joined the Southern Regional Assembly meeting
- Attended the Irish Chamber Orchestra, Youth Orchestra St. Patrick's Festival Celebrations
- Travel to Dublin for flight to Brussels

14 March

- Travel to Brussels
- Joined the Brussels City St. Patrick's Day Parade of Regions and Nations
- Private Dinner with two Director Generals of the EU Commission and others

16 March

- Delivered a speech at the CoR-UK (Committee of the Regions-UK) Contact Group regarding the Local and Regional Dimension of EU-UK Relations Post-Brexit

17 March

- Joined the Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass and Battalion Commander's Address at Sarsfield Barracks
- Marched in the Limerick City St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Marched in the Abbeyfeale St. Patrick's Day Parade

18 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Attended the Community Integration Forum
- Attended Briefing on the new City Centre Transport Plan
- Met with the Director of Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup

19 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Hosted the Mayoral Programme Board meeting
- Meeting regarding Croom Medical
- Meeting regarding the Mayor's Fundraising Dinner 2026
- Joined the March Monthly Meeting of the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
- Meeting with Grant Thornton
- Met with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance
- Attended the Banogue National School, Community Creche and Afterschool Fashion Show Fundraiser

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20 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Visited St. Joseph's Boys National School, Rathkeale
- Meeting with the Regeneration Team in relation to Regional Educational, Employment and Equine Therapy Facility – Northside
- Signing of Mayoral Orders at the Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock office
- Planted a tree in Rathkeale to mark National Tree Week 2026
- Met with representatives of Rathkeale Community Council
- Call with the Director of Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
- Launched the College Players Limerick Centenary Book publication and History exhibition

21 March

- Met with freelance journalist
- Bilateral meeting with a Councillor
- Called to Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ to mark the 180th Anniversary celebration
- Attended the Limerick Musical Society performance of "Michael Collins – a Musical Drama"

23 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Attended "The Edge - 2026" Conference in Castletroy Park Hotel
- Attended the March Corporate Policy Group meeting
- Joined the Special meeting of the Plenary Council regarding the Strategic Infrastructure Development for proposed Water Supply Project for the Eastern and Midlands Region

24 March

- Attended a breakfast briefing in relation to the Home Building Finance Ireland (HBFI), Accelerating New Home Delivery in Limerick and the Mid-West
- Met with the Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Welcomed the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and Global Exchange Participants to Ireland

- Met with the Deputy Director General
- Spoke at the Technical University Shannon (TUS) Community and Industry Scholarship Awards
- Attended the Management Board Meeting
- Attended a meeting in Castleconnell in relation to the proposed extension to Castleconnell playground and community park

25 March

- Meeting with Limerick Sports Partnership in relation to "Sports For All" Games
- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Gave the opening address at the Social Care Ireland Annual Conference 2026
- Held a meeting regarding the Mayoral Fundraising Dinner 2026
- Meeting with Grant Thornton
- Met with the Director of Housing
- Met with a member of the French Parliament - Deputy Vincent Caure, Member of the 3rd Constituency representing all French Citizens living in Ireland, UK, Scandinavia and Baltic States - with the Limerick French Honorary Consul
- Attended a public consultation for the proposed "University Way" at Thomond Community College
- Attended a SMART Homes Consultative Community Meeting, Janesboro

26 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Attended a Northside Park Workshop, Council Chambers, Dooradoyle
- Meeting regarding Mayoral Programme objectives with Grant Thornton
- Attended the Metropolitan District of Limerick Christmas Sub Committee
- Attended the Down Syndrome Limerick, Great Limerick Bake Off charity event
- Gave a speech at An Garda Síochána, Limerick Division, Garda Youth Awards

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27 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Meeting regarding Mayoral Programme objectives with Grant Thornton
- Attended the Technical University Shannon (TUS), Access to Apprenticeship Mid-West Awards Ceremony
- Attended the Limerick Chamber Business Luncheon 2026
- With Taoiseach Micheál Martin, launched official opening of Phase 3 Houses and Apartments at Towerfield, Croom
- Attended the Engineers Ireland Thomond Region Gala Dinner and Awards Night in partnership with Explore Engineering, celebrating Engineering and Industry in the region

28 March

- Spoke at the International Youth Cinema Network (YCN) Conference

30 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Attended a photoshoot to launch the Pet Friendly Initiative, with Henri
- Met with the Director of Housing
- Attended the March Plenary Council meeting

31 March

- Mayoral Programme meeting with Grant Thornton
- Met with the Director General and the Deputy Director General
- Met with the Director of Environment, Climate Action and Fire



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Finance, Investment and Governance

1. Digital Services and ICT

- **ICT – Data Centre Refresh / Hybrid Cloud Call for Tenders (CFT):** Tender submissions received and evaluation underway, including mandatory documentation checks and follow-up clarifications where required.
- **ICT – Phone System / Contact Centre Upgrade (Cisco -> Teams):** Requirements gathering and vendor engagement underway to progress a transition from the current Cisco/Finesse environment to a Teamsbased telephony solution with a suitable contact centre platform; indicative costs being compiled to support internal approvals.
- **ICT – Copilot / AI Governance:** AI Acceptable Use Policy rollout and staff acknowledgement in progress, with enforcement actions where policy is not acknowledged; AI Oversight Committee governance in place (including Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) work for M365 Copilot) and Copilot pilot/training activity being coordinated.
- **ICT – Cyber Security Awareness Training:** Mandatory awareness training and policy acknowledgement being issued and tracked through the training platform; monthly awareness content and periodic training campaigns being rolled out, with completion reporting and escalation where training remains outstanding.



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Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm

1. Transportation, Public Realm and Place-Making

Place-Making

Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road

Limerick City and County Council is pleased to confirm that the new Dual Carriageway from the Cratloe Road Roundabout to the Knockalisheen Road Roundabout, including the newly constructed Moyross Link Road, which was opened to traffic on 09 March. This marks a major milestone in the ongoing programme to enhance connectivity, accessibility and transport safety in the City's northside.

The opening of this significant new road infrastructure enabled the next phase of works, including the full demolition of the Ballynanty Rail Bridge, which will be reconstructed to include new footpaths and cycleways.

To facilitate these essential works, Knockalisheen Road was fully closed, with traffic diverted via the newly opened Moyross Link Road. Preparatory works began on the 09 March, with the demolition of Ballynanty Bridge on 27 and 28 March under a night time rail possession from Irish Rail.

Manor Fields Road

The Manor Fields Road in Adare was formally taken in charge at the March meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale.

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

33 and 34 Thomas Street

- Works Contractor PBC continued construction work on a development to provide 13 residential units. Monthly site meeting held on 27 March.

Croom Former Post Office Town Square Project

- Mark Lynch appointed to carry out painting and remedial works to the exterior of the building.

Arthurs Quay Framework Plan

- Report on Sarsfield House being prepared.

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement

- Third Party Survey Tender Documents prepared.
- National Monuments Service Application prepared for archaeological excavations around the City Wall adjacent to the Market.
- Technical Working Group set up for this and similar public realm related projects. First meeting held on 25 March.

Milk Market Food Hub

- Old Windmill Road property was taken off the market. Search for a suitable property continues.

Limerick Laneways

- Multi Criteria Analysis completed for the laneways except for safety statistics from Gardai.
- Technical Working Group set up for this and similar public realm related projects. First meeting held on the 25 March.
- First Workshop regarding Theatre Lane, held with businesses and residents of the lane on the 25 March.

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Greening Georgian Limerick

- Mayoral approval has been received to proceed with procurement of Contractor for the Pilot Project received on 23 March. Letter of Interest issued.
- Meeting was held with the Gardai of Henry St. and Roxboro Divisions on the 11 March after the stakeholder feedback received.

Transportation

Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan

- Grove Crescent carpark link. Works commenced.
- Design review and cost exercise progressing for the Phase 1 Killarney Road.

Mungret Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) Road Stage 3

- Mott Mac Donalds issued draft preliminary design of the surface water drainage.
- Commenced traffic modelling for scheme.
- Issued tender documents for Property Valuation Services.

2. Active Travel

Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) to City Centre Active Travel Scheme

Construction activity continued during March along the TUS to City Centre corridor. Works between O'Callaghan Avenue and Hasset's Cross progressed well, with the inbound side nearing completion and excavation, kerbing and surfacing is advancing on the outbound side. Construction also moved through the future plaza area between Cross Road and Fraser's Corner, supporting the delivery of wider footpaths, cycle lanes, on street parking and an improved public realm. Works are ongoing in Bellefield Gardens between Heritage Close and the Maternity Hospital.

Corbally Road Safe Routes to School

Works on the Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme continued to progress from Clonile toward TUS. Construction activity focused on footpath upgrades, including excavation, new kerbing and concrete pours, alongside service ducting and drainage works to support subsequent surfacing and cycling infrastructure delivery.

Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme

Works on the Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme continued to progress from Clonile toward TUS. Construction activity focused on footpath upgrades, including excavation, new kerbing and concrete pours, alongside service ducting and drainage works to support subsequent surfacing and cycling infrastructure delivery.

Garryowen Pedestrian and School Safety Improvement Scheme

The Garryowen scheme continued to advance, with junction and pedestrian crossing improvements delivered and further works ongoing in the area.

St. Paul's Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout Active Travel Scheme

A contractor was appointed during March, allowing the project to progress to the construction phase, this will commence in April.

Boher Bus Stop Upgrade

Construction of a new pair of upgraded bus stops on the N24 at Boher was completed. The installation delivers improved accessibility, safety and comfort for public transport users and supports the introduction of a new service stop on Bus Éireann Route 347 between Limerick and Tipperary.

Communications

The Active Travel section of the Limerick City and County Council website was refreshed during March, introducing a fresh layout, improved navigation and a shorter, easier-to-share web address. The updated structure

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provides a clearer presentation of projects, programmes and resources, with further content reviews and updates planned for the coming months.

NetZero Cities Twinning Programme

Active Travel staff participated in a site visit to Tampere, Finland, as part of the NetZero Cities Twinning Programme, focusing on sustainable mobility, youth engagement and behavioural change. The visit provided opportunities to share Limerick's experience in delivering Active Travel infrastructure and safe routes to school projects, with learning from the programme to be reflected in future stakeholder engagement and communications activity.

Walking and Cycling Index 2025

The National Transport Authority launched the Walking and Cycling Index 2025 for the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area during March, providing a strong evidence base on travel behaviour and public attitudes. The Index shows that 51% of adults walk or wheel five or more days per week, 69% of residents support the delivery of cycle tracks physically separated from traffic, and that walking and cycling activity delivers an estimated annual economic benefit of €145 million to the region and removes 33,000 cars from our roads every day.

3. Mid-West National Road Design Office

Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)

Key milestones of note achieved during March include:

- The arrival and unloading of steel beams for the River Maigue Bridge (RVB04) at Shannon Foynes Port. 24 of the 54 steel beams have been delivered to the west bank of the River Maigue where they are being assembled into braced pairs in preparation for final inspection and lifting into position.
- The bridge deck for the Clonshire River Bridge (M21-C3) was poured on the 19 March, with deck waterproofing and protective sand carpet applied to the adjoining Underbridge (UB07). The Contractor installed the Hydraulically Bound Material (HBM) batching plant on site and completed pavement trials to a very good standard. The HBM material will be used on the base/subbase layers of the mainline pavement, utilising site-won aggregate.
- Paving works to the Adare roundabout and link road are complete with tie-in works to the existing N21 in Adare commencing on 30 March, for one week between 10pm and 6am nightly to avoid traffic disruption. Approximately 70% of the overall drainage and ducting is now installed across the scheme. Further information is available at www.adarebypass.ie

4. Central Services, Traffic and Roads

Roads

- Department of Transport (DOT) Road programme finalised and submitted MapRoad Asset Management System (AMS).
- Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) schemes for Limerick City and County Council have been approved by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCG). Letters of offer currently with scheme applicants.
- Winter Maintenance:
 - Four runs since the 01 March with 344 tonnes of salt used.
 - Weekly Tide and Weather Assessments undertaken in March.
- Speed Limit Phase 2 progress:
 - Progressing draft bye-law.
- Bridge Rehabilitation Works progressing on three bridges in March.
- Roads team surface dressing third meeting undertaken mid-March 2026 with actions identified for 2026 season.

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Traffic

- Plans for automatic bollard repairs for Bedford Row and Henry Street underway.
- Planned repairs on pedestrian crossing at Pery Square and Upper Mallow Street underway.
- Automatic bollards on Fox’s Bow have been repaired.

Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Road Maintenance/Improvement Works

Description of project: Sightline Improvements
Funding: General Municipal Allocation
Location: Liscreagh, Murroe
Cost of project: €20,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council and Cusack Plant and Tree Services

Description of project: Bus Shelter
Funding: National Transport Authority (NTA) Active Travel
Location: N24 Boher
Cost of project: €75,000
Contractor: Tallybrook Civil Engineering Limited

Description of project: Footpath Restoration Works
Funding: General Municipal Allocation
Location: R512 Bruff
Cost of project: €25,000
Contractor: Alan O’Connell Developments

Description of project: Resurfacing of Laneway
Funding: General Municipal Allocation
Location: Riverview Estate, Kilmallock
Cost of project: €3,500
Contractor: English Tar

Description of project: Litter Bins Provision
Funding: General Municipal Allocation
Location: Kilmallock
Cost of project: €11,657
Contractor: Kilmallock Roads Team

Description of project: Drainage Works
Funding: Drainage Works Programme
Location: L5073 Killuragh Cross Pallasgreen
Cost of project: €39,000
Contractor: Limerick City and County Council

Description of project: Litter Bins Provision
Funding: General Municipal Allocation
Location: Kilmallock
Cost of project: €11,657
Contractor: Kilmallock Roads Team

5. CFRAMS (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study)

King’s Island Flood Relief Scheme (KIFRS)

- Site works ongoing across all work areas but primarily along the Quay and Sir Harrys Mall.
- Temporarily handed back the seated area at Locke Bar/Olive Tree on the 13 March.
- Commercial Meetings were held on the 12 March and 27 March with the Office of Public Works (OPW).
- Monthly Progress Meeting was held on the 18 March.
- Public Information Event held for Sir Harrys Mall (Phase 2) 12 and 13 March.
- Attended meeting of Kings Island Community Group with project update on the 24 March.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group Meeting held on 13 March.
- Meeting and Site walkover with Senior Counsel on Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Process on 19 March.
- CPO drawings for final review received on the 27 March.

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Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 10 March.
- Maritime Area Regulatory Authority (MARA) Maritime Area Consent (MAC) final determination received on the 27 March.

Athea Flood Relief Scheme

- Review of Planning requirements for gravel removals.
- Correspondence with Minister on Scheme Progress.
- Receipt of final draft planning documentation on the 27 March.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group meeting held on the 11 March.
- Meeting with Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) on Annacotty Weir proposals on the 04 March.
- Attendance at Northside Park workshop on the 26 March.
- Ecology Surveys review for 2026 undertaken.
- Meeting with IFI on Limerick City FRS on 30 March.



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Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings

1. Economic and Tourism Development

Economic Development

- Met with Brian Marrinan to help finalise Draft Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) Action Plan.
- Continued development of City Centre Retail Strategy.
- Attended Local Enterprise Office's Beyond Borders – The Mid-West Export Drive which took place on 05 March at the Castletroy Park Hotel.
- Met with the Ambassador of Colombia at the office of the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 11 March.
- Attended The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA) European Sports for All Organising Committee Meeting at University of Limerick (UL) Sports Arena on 19 March.
- Attended the briefing on The Limerick City Centre Transport Plan on 23 March.
- Attended the technical working group meeting on the Market Quarter and City Centre related Public Realm Works on 25 March.
- Attended the Limerick Chamber Business Luncheon on 27 March.
- Attended The Limerick Chamber Macroeconomic Briefing 2026 update with Carl Tannenbaum, Chief Economist of Northern Trust.
- The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, launched the petfriendly business initiative PAWS – Pets Are Welcome for Limerick on 31 March. This initiative is designed to support local retailers and enhance the experience of pet owners across the city and county. The scheme provides branded window stickers for participating businesses to indicate they are petfriendly and allows them to register to be listed as a petfriendly business on [Limerick.ie](https://www.limerick.ie).
- Attended the Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE) National Organising Committee.
- Attended meeting on Ryder Cup with Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment.
- Reported on 59 Mayoral Objectives assigned to the team.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

- As part of the Limerick St. Patrick's Festival, the NTE advisor worked closely with colleagues in the Festivals and Events Section to deliver the "Legends of Limerick Stage" open-air gig at Arthurs Quay Park.
- The NTE advisor also met with the Italian Consulate regarding an upcoming event in May 2026.
- The NTE Advisor successfully ran our 10th edition of Twilight Thursday with over 45 events in the city centre on 26 March.

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European Union (EU) PROJECTS

EU Projects

- EU Project Office strategic review - the research phase of the diagnostic and benchmarking study has now been completed, including all interviews and the staff survey.
- Staff from Limerick City and County Council attended the URBACT-European Urban Initiative (EUI) information day at the Richmond Education and Event Centre, Dublin on 25 March.

Tourism Development

Network Ireland – International Women’s Day

- On 07 March, members of the Tourism Development Team attended the Network Ireland International Women’s Day event in the Strand Hotel in Limerick.
- Limerick City and County Council were one of the main sponsors at the event which focused on connection, conversation, and inspiration.
- Those in attendance were able to participate in networking with other attendees and female founded businesses and listen to guest speakers and wellness exhibitors.

Fáilte Ireland Limerick Champions Workshop

- The Tourism Development Team attended the Fáilte Ireland Limerick Champions Workshop held in King John’s Castle on 04 March.
- The Fáilte Ireland Champions Programme in Limerick focused on strengthening local tourism by enhancing customer service skills and deepening product knowledge among frontline staff.
- The workshops were tailored to focus on the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands teams within Fáilte Ireland, focusing on turning visitor interactions into positive experiences.

Domestic Tourism Campaign

- Fáilte Ireland’s new national domestic marketing campaign, “Find Yourself on a Short Break”, designed to strengthen year-round domestic demand and support sustainable growth across Ireland’s tourism sector was launched on 03 March and was attended by the Tourism Development Team.

SLOWTOUR EU Project

- SLOWTOUR Monthly Meeting took place on 05 March. Introductions to different project partners and the project managers took place.
- A review of submissions took place on 06 March for the SLOWTOUR project under the Interreg North-West Europe (NWE) Programme.
- On 10 March the Tourism Department hosted an internal workshop to discuss the SLOWTOUR (food festival) project under the Interreg NWE Programme.
- The Tender Assessment Panel Meeting in relation to the “Request for Tenders for the Provision of Services for a Community-Led Design and Delivery of a Multi-Day EU Funded Food Heritage Festival Under the SLOWTOUR Project Delivered by Limerick City and County Council” took place on 25 March in Merchant’s Quay.
- Members of the Tourism Development Team met with the Marketing and Communications Team to discuss potential options for a SLOWTOUR Food Festival Website. It was agreed that the website will be developed once a successful tender has been awarded.

Walking Tour 2026

- The Request for Quotation (RFQ) for “Walking Tour Services for Limerick City in 2026” was sent out on 06 March. The deadline for queries was 13 March, and the submissions deadline was 20 March.

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Lough Gur Steering Group Committee Meeting

- A meeting of the Lough Gur Steering Group Committee took place on 23 March.

Meitheal (Fáilte Ireland Trade Event)

- Members of the Tourism Development team attended Meitheal in Killarney. They participated in face-to-face workshops that give the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business.

International City Managers Association

- US Delegates came to Limerick City and County Council on 24 March. The Tourism Development Team were in attendance and provided information and leaflets to the US Delegates in attendance.

Lunch and Learn - Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings Directorate

- The Tourism Development Team attended the Lunch and Learn session led by the Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings Directorate. The event was hosted by the Director of Service and its Senior Team and was held on 26 March.
- This session was open to all staff where they were presented with information regarding how the Directorate operates, while giving staff from Limerick City and County Council the opportunity to ask questions.

Distribution of Munster Vales Maps and Brochures

- Munster Vales provided maps and brochures to the Tourism Development Team in the first quarter of the calendar year (Q1). These maps and brochures have been distributed to hotels around the city during the month.

Festivals and Events

Limerick St. Patrick's Festival 2026

Limerick St. Patrick's Festival took place from 13 - 17 March and the Festivals Marketing Section worked with a new campaign management company Fuzion, to deliver the marketing campaign for this festival. Fuzion successfully curated a vibrant and rejuvenated version of the digital guide that was available on the dedicated [Limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival](https://limerick.ie/StPatricksFestival) landing page, along with other supporting digital assets and a robust social media strategy to attract our target audience.

This year's campaign was considered a great success for numerous reasons, and some of the key highlights were as follows:

- Marketing campaign: graphic design, digital assets and marketing collateral had a cosmetic uplift and the feedback was positive. We received a lot of compliments around the revised, more modern look and feel of the campaign assets.
- A total of 14 St. Patrick's Parades took place throughout the towns and villages of County Limerick over the St. Patrick's Festival.
- The Festivals and Events Section continued to support Féile Seachtain Na Gaeilge, which ran from 01 - 17 March, working closely with our colleagues in Comhluadar Luimnigh.
- The festival kicked off on 13 March with the "Museum of Memorable Trees" at the Hunt Museum Gardens, a miniature exhibition on wheels dedicated to preserving and cherishing a collection of stories about amazing trees. This was kindly sponsored by the Government of Wales.

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- 14 March featured a number of different Street Shows and Workshops, including: “Magic Windows’ Make Your Own Stained-Glass Art” in King John’s Castle, “Tales of St. Patrick” by the Limerick Fireside in Kilmallock Library and The People’s Museum of Limerick, “Go Fly Your Kite” workshops at Harvey’s Quay Bandstand and “Hand-Cranked Tunes Duo” performances on Cruises Street. The evening was topped off by an exceptional concert in Saint Mary’s Cathedral by the Hammonds Brass Band supported by Thomond Wind Ensemble.
- For the first time ever the International Band Championship and St. Patrick’s Day Parade were live-streamed and watched all over the world. There were over 15,000 views of both events over the two days, opening up the parades to a whole new audience, in particular the Limerick diaspora scattered all over the globe who were able to tune into YouTube and watch the parades, both in real time or on the playback facility.
- The “54th International Band Championship” that took place on 15 March attracted great crowds, with 14 bands participating from Ireland, US, and the UK. The atmosphere, particularly in Arthur’s Quay Park for the Jamboree afterwards, was electric with the streets of Limerick City hopping with a different kind of musical energy!
- It was the first time ever having a Limerick At Night, night-time economy event feature as part of the festival line-up. Featuring local musical talents on the eve of St. Patrick’s Day and headlined by Denise Chaila, the “Legends of Limerick” open-air gig on 16 March was the perfect way to bridge the gap between the International Band Championship and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The Arthur’s Quay Park venue was a great location, and the night was topped off by a short, beautiful fireworks display.
- The St. Patrick’s Day parade Grand Marshal, marathon sensation Ava Crean, walked the parade route along with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and Ava was also accompanied by her “Back 2 Boston” running team-mates. Ava is a great ambassador for young people all over the country and we were delighted to have her lead out the Limerick St. Patrick’s Day Parade 2026!
- The St. Patrick’s Day parade on 17 March was a resounding success, underpinned by a fantastic line-up of floats and participants that each paid tribute to the parade theme “Legends of Limerick”, the parade itself was a symbol for everything that is good about Limerick, championing inclusivity, community spirit and artistic flair, cheered on by a supportive crowd, with approximately 70,000 people lining the streets of the city.

Riverfest 2026

- The Grooveyard Company Limited were appointed as the Event Management Company for Riverfest 2026 following the competitive eTenders process.
- The Festivals and Events Section issued a Competitive Open Call for Riverfest Creative Programming (Family Friendly) and Riverfest Night-time Economy Event Programming, through Limerick.ie and our social media platforms, on 06 March. We welcomed proposals from cultural institutions, creative professionals and the wider community to enhance the programme offering for Riverfest 2026. The closing date for receipt of completed applications was 19 March. Following the Open Call assessment panel meeting held on 20 March, a total of €60,000 was allocated to successful applicants.

Christmas 2026

- Developed a strategic plan for the delivery of a Christmas Festival for Limerick 2026 – 2028. Agreed with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and Metropolitan Sub-Group.

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The Economic Development and Tourism Department supported the following Festivals and Events in March:

Limerick Early Music Festival 2026

The 2026 Limerick Early Music Festival ran from 18 - 22 March, focusing on the theme "MASKS & MASQUES". Based at venues including Saint Mary's Cathedral and The Belltable, the festival featured choral concerts, baroque theatre, dance and workshops exploring masked traditions in music, performance, and culture.

The festival launched at the People's Museum on 18 March, featuring Justyna Czwojdzńska on the role of masks in culture, followed by Billy Mag Fhloinn on Irish Ceremonial Masks and a performance on the Yaybahar, an acoustic instrument.

Some of the key performances included:

- "Concealed and Revealed" (20 March at Saint Mary's Cathedral)
- A choral concert that featured music by J.S. Bach and Purcell performed by Ancór Chamber Choir and Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir
- "Chaconnes, Charades and Chicanery" (21 March at the Belltable)
- Baroque theatre with dance specialists Mary Collins and Steven Player and "Wayfaring Pipers" (22 March at the Belltable)
- The closing concert featured medieval music with Ian Harrison and Poul Høxbro.
- There were also some Workshops and Family Events, including a family-friendly "Harpsichord Diaries" show and a "Masks and Gesture" workshop for ages 13+.
- Co-directed by Dr. Yonit Kosovske, the festival links historical traditions to modern issues like neurodiversity and digital life.

Fresh International Film Festival 2026

The Fresh International Film Festival 2026 marked its 30th anniversary this year, celebrating three decades of promoting and encouraging young filmmakers in Ireland and internationally. The 2026 festival ran from 23 - 28 March and featured screenings, workshops, industry events, and the culmination of the Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year awards.

The festival opened on 23 March at the Omniplex Cinema in Limerick with a screening of the 2024 French comedy-drama "Marching Band", in collaboration with the Irish Film Institute (IFI) Education.

Animator Freya Porritt Wessman led paper stop-motion animation workshops for primary and secondary schools.

Young Filmmakers Day on 28 March was held at the ENGINE Collaboration Centre, featuring a masterclass with director David Gleesson, a pitching workshop, and competition.

The festival included the Youth Cinema Network Conference from 26 - 29 March, hosting international youth film organisation leaders for discussions on supporting young creators.

The festival also showcased the "HotHouse 2025/2026" programme, which provides mentoring and funding for eight young Irish filmmakers to create short films, which were premiered at the Dublin International Film Festival (DIFF).

The Awards Ceremony was held on 26 March at the Mansion House, Dublin, to showcase finalist films and announce winners. The 2026 Ireland's Young Filmmaker of the Year (Senior) was awarded to 18-year-old Liam Raymond, while the Junior award went to 12-year-old Fionn Barra Raymond, both brothers from County Cavan. The 2026 awards saw over 1,500 entries, with 60 films shortlisted.

The festival continues to be supported by the Arts Council of Ireland, Screen Ireland, and local partners (including Limerick City and County Council), reaffirming its place as a crucial stepping stone for young filmmakers in Ireland.

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2026 Top 8 Hip Hop and Street Dance Festival

The 2026 Top 8 Hip Hop and Street Dance Festival returned to Limerick from 26 – 29 March, the fifth edition of this celebration of street culture. The festival featured international street dance legends, top-tier street dance battles, graffiti jams, and workshops in Breaking, MCing, and DJing across city venues like Dance Limerick and Wickham Way.

Some of the key 2026 Festival Highlights included:

- The Top 8 Street Dance Battle which took place at The Crescent Shopping Centre (12:00 – 16:00) with the finals at Dance Limerick (19:00 – 21:00) on 28 March.
- Beginner Hip Hop, Breaking, and DJ workshops at Dry Lane Studios and Dance Limerick.
- Free Beatbox Battle at Wickham Way, Graffiti Jams, and a launch event featuring pioneering artists at the Hook & Ladder café and a Festival Closing Party held at The Record Room on 29 March.
- This festival brings together national and international artists to showcase all elements of hip-hop culture, from graffiti art to competitive breaking, aimed at fostering community spirit in Limerick.
- The Register of Electors Franchise Team held a public clinic on 23 March as part of their outreach to update the voter's register.
- On the 26 March the library hosted a Menstrual health workshop with registered nurse and midwife Christine Lane for secondary school students from Coláiste Nano Nagle.
- For World Book Day, 05 March, the Library welcomed several school groups throughout the week. There were visits from two classes from the Presentation Primary School, two classes from An Mhodh Scoil, one class from St. John's and the pre-schoolers from Poppins all of whom were keen to celebrate the joy of reading on their library tour.
- Also in March, there were additional class visits from Park Childcare, St. Mary's, Scoil Íosagáin and Scoil Íde.
- On 10 March, the students from Year One Art and Design at the Limerick School of Art and Design visited to register for membership and get a tour of the library.
- Library tours and new memberships were also offered to the English language learners of both Student Campus and Limerick City College on six different visits during the month.
- There were 14 book club meetings at the City Library across the month with regulars such as the University of the Third Age (U3A), First Thursday, Second Wednesday, Phoenix, Spiral, Health Service Executive (HSE), Young Adult, Teen and Kids book clubs.
- The University of the Third Age's (U3A) Irish and Spanish Language Conversation and Crafting groups all held their regular meetings at the City Library on various dates across the month and the U3A Philosophy Group met at the Library on two dates, the 05 and 12 March.
- Age Action Digital Skills weekly training classes for people wanting to get more from their online devices continued every Tuesday morning.
- Weekly toddler story times continued to draw a big family audience every Wednesday.
- Our monthly story time with author Róisín Meaney was also much enjoyed by families and children when it took place on 21 March.

2. Culture

Libraries, Gallery, Museum and Arts Office

City Library at Barrow House

- A series of weekly personal development classes organised by Limerick City Partnership began on 02 March and afterwards took place on every Monday of the month.
- On 09 March, Limerick Mental Health Association held a special event to mark International Women's Day.
- Building Wellbeing was the subject of a well-attended workshop from Mental Health Ireland on 12 March.

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Kilmallock Library

- To celebrate World Book Day on 05 March, a total of 371 pupils from National Schools in Kilmallock, Kilbehenny, Bruff and Effin visited Kilmallock Library. Activities included enthusiastic and interactive book browsing, storytelling, riddles, quizzes and crafts.
- On 11 March, an outreach information session for Meanus Morning Group was held to highlight the wide range of library resources available.
- “St. Patrick was a Gentleman – Tales of St Patrick” with renowned storyteller Daithí Collopy took place on 14 March. This family-friendly storytelling session brought the life and legends of St. Patrick to life with tales, songs, and verse.
- To celebrate Astronomy Week, Derek O’Keeffe of Cork Astronomy Club gave a wonderful talk, on 24 March, introducing the sixth-class pupils of Scoil Mocheallóg to the world of astronomy and the wonders in the night-time sky.
- On 24 March, a gentle and accessible guided meditation was delivered by meditation teacher Gráinne FitzGerald in both English and Irish, followed by “caife agus caint”.
- A music camp for children aged 9 - 12, facilitated by Ballyhoura Development and Music Generation Limerick County, was held on 31 March.
- Weekly English Conversation Club facilitated by Ballyhoura Development continued each Wednesday.
- The “Walk and Talk” group, facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership, continued to meet at Kilmallock Library on Wednesday mornings for a guided walk followed by refreshments and chat in the Library, with an average of 18 participants at each session.
- Weekly Kilmallock Library Craft Group sessions continued each Thursday morning with crafters connecting over a cuppa and working on various projects from needlework to weaving with an average of 20 participants at each session.

- Bridge classes continued each Thursday of the month with an average of 11 participants.
- “Little Readers”, aimed at preschoolers, met on 19 March for a fun-filled interactive session of rhymes, songs, stories and crafts.
- Kilmallock Library’s Irish Conversation Circle met on every second Tuesday evening of the month for an informal, fun Irish language conversation.

Newcastle West Library

- There was ongoing use of the Sensory Space at the Newcastle West Library.
- Regular visits from The Brothers of Charity and Rathfredagh Cheshire Home residents continued throughout the month.
- Headway Ireland met in the Library every Friday morning 10am to 11am.
- The Knitting Club continued to meet every Friday morning from 11am to 1pm.
- The Children’s Book Club met on the second Thursday of the month.
- The Adult Book Club met on the last Thursday of the month.
- To celebrate World Book Day, on 05 March, the Library hosted the “My Favourite Book” Craft session attended by Mahoonagh National School.
- Senior Infants from Courtenay Boys National School visited the Library for a story time session on 10 March.
- A Ukrainian Craft Workshop with St. Patrick’s Day themed thread doll making was held on 14 March.
- A Register of Electors information and edit the register event was held on 27 March.

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Dooradoyle Library

- Dooradoyle Library's "Close knit friends" knitting and craft group met every Wednesday to create and chat.
- The Pop-Up book club discussed "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman. The Last Thursday book club discussed "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V.E Schwab. The Whodunnit book club had a lively discussion on the merits of Jane Harper's "The Lost Man" and "The Potting Shed Murder" by Paula Sutton.
- The Limerick Health Service Executive (HSE) Training Services had 40 visits to the library throughout March.
- Helium Arts continued to hold their free art workshops for children with long-term physical health conditions, on Saturdays during March.
- On 03 March, Cute and Clever Pre-school visited the library and enjoyed a story time and craft session based on the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".
- On 06 March, Our Lady of Lourdes senior infants and first-class attended "The Gruffalo" story time and created shamrock flags for Saint Patrick's Day.
- For World Book Day, Dooradoyle Library had displays celebrating books and the joy of reading from around the world. Fourth Class from Scoil Mháthair Dé National School enjoyed a book hunt and a word maker activity.
- To celebrate International Women's Day, the library hosted a presentation on famous Limerick women by celebrated historian, Sharon Slater.
- Doon Men's Shed held the opening of their "Arts and Crafts" exhibition in the library on 12 March. The exhibition includes paintings, sculptures and wood crafts.
- On 13 March, ALONE, a charity that offers advocacy and support for the elderly held an Information workshop for potential clients and those wishing to volunteer.
- "Limerick Writes" creative writing classes continued in the gallery space throughout March. Those attending the classes learnt how to develop their writing skills with guidance from tutors.
- On 18 March, library staff visited Caherline National School.
- On 19 March, Limerick City and County Council Active Retirement group attended a Tai Chi class in the library.
- Monaleen National School visited the library on 20 March. The third-class pupils created lovely Easter wreaths and listened to a reading of "All I Said Was..." by Michael Morpugo.

Adare Library

- On 10 March, students from the Equestrian Breeding programme at Croom College of Further Education and Training attended a Toastmasters public speaking workshop. The session introduced participants to practical tools and techniques to build confidence and develop their public speaking skills.
- On 18 March, as part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, pupils from St. Nicholas' National School enjoyed a yoga class facilitated by Joanne O'Callaghan.
- On the same day, members of the 2020 Club and the Adare Community Group also took part in a relaxing and accessible chair yoga session, again led by Joanne O'Callaghan.
- Students from Croom College of Further Education and Training visited the library on 24 March.
- The six-week Smartphone Technology Classes concluded on 26 March. These sessions supported participants in developing their digital literacy skills.
- Throughout March, Adare Library welcomed five class visits from local primary schools, with over 100 pupils visiting to borrow books.

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- The Parent, Baby and Toddler Group met four times during the month.
- The Library Crafters continued their regular Tuesday and Wednesday meetings working on a range of creative projects.
- The Irish Language Group completed their sixweek course on 26 March.
- 2020 Book club meet on the last Thursday of the month.

Watch House Cross Library

- The library had regular visits from Little Seeds Childcare during March. Children enjoyed story-time, colouring and a visit to the Sensory Room.
- Third and fourth-class pupils from Corpus Christi Primary School attended a series of World Book Day themed activities throughout the month.
- Students from the ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) unit in Thomond Primary School were invited to the library for World Book Day. Children were given a tour of the library and spent time in the Sensory Room.
- On 06 March, the library hosted a LEGO Marble Maze activity for kids to celebrate Engineer's Week.
- Eight junior and senior classes from Gaelscoil Sáirséal enjoyed a series of paired reading sessions at the library for Seachtain na Gaeilge.
- On 14 March, Colm Galvin of Living Woodlands hosted an information session on biodiversity havens and mini woodlands. The event was organised to mark National Tree Week.
- To celebrate Irish Astronomy Week, amateur astronomer David McDonald gave a fascinating talk on planets and asteroids on 24 March.
- An eight-week course of creative writing classes hosted by tutor Niamh Bowen finished on 25 March. Classes were funded by the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) Community Education Partner Programme.

- Age Action Ireland completed their latest digital literacy course on 26 March.
- Several classes from Corpus Christi Primary School and Thomond Primary School were invited to the library for story time sessions and LEGO workshops over the course of the month.
- The weekly Parent and Toddler group met each Friday morning.
- Two adult book clubs and a junior book club all met at the end of March.
- Weekly events including Story-time Thursday and Crafty Saturday continued.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 58 bookings and 208 visitors during March.

Local Studies

- There were 44 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection, and 39 remote queries.

Abbeyfeale Library

- The Abbeyfeale Art and Craft group met in the Library on 05 March to work on acrylic paintings of cherry blossoms.
- On 11 March, to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, Abbeyfeale hosted Comhrá sa Leabharlann (Conversation in the Library), a coffee morning as Gaeilge.
- On 13 March, the library held a children's craft session where the kids made flowerpot cards for Mother's Day.
- The Abbeyfeale Art and Craft group met again on 20 March for an introduction to mosaics.
- Fifth and sixth-class students from St. Mary's National School visited the library to browse and borrow books on 20 and 24 March.

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- The Library knitting group met on 25 March for a coffee and craft morning.

Other Branches

- **Roxboro** – Roxboro Library welcomed visits from Our Lady Queen of Peace School and Le Chéile National School during the month. In total 59 pupils visited which included 17 pupils from the schools' ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) units.
- **Rathkeale** – Rathkeale Library hosted the “Wild Trees” art exhibition throughout the month of March. Launched on 18 March, the exhibition featured works by current students, past pupils, parents, guardians and teachers from the Coláiste na Trócaire Fainleog Campus. During the month the branch welcomed visits from fourth-class St. Anne’s Primary School, the Special Education Class in St. Anne’s Primary School, and Coláiste na Trócaire, with 31 pupils visiting in total.
- **Glin** – Glin Library welcomed the Limerick Local Studies Librarian on 27 March for a talk on “Local Studies Online Resources”. On 10 March, the Community Singing Group celebrated the feast of St. Patrick with a rendition of songs in both Irish and English. Throughout the month, the branch welcomed the regular meetings of the Craft Club, Scrabble Group, Book Clubs and Community Singing with over 130 people attending. After the Bell, a local after school club, continued their regular visits enjoying storytelling and craft sessions. The pupils from St. Fergus National School ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) class visited four times during the month, while sixth-class St. Fergus National School visited on 04 March.
- **Cappamore** – The Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme continued in Cappamore Library during March. On 25 March, 35 pupils from Scoil Chaitríona attended “Yoga with Joanne” and on 26 March, 25 pupils from Scoil Chaitríona attended a talk on nutrition and physical activity facilitated by Limerick Sports Partnership.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- “Clann Miotlantach / Mythlantics” by artist Alice Rekab, a touring exhibition produced by Sirius Arts Centre and curated by the Director Miguel Amado continued during March.
- Two separate exhibitions from the Permanent Collections took place in March, the “Selected works as requested by visitors to LCGA” exhibition, featured works by Séan Keating, Paul Henry, Grace Henry and Jack B. Yeats. The other exhibition from the permanent collection in the Carnegie gallery featured more contemporary abstract works with recent donations and acquisitions.
- LCGA concluded the OPEN CALL for the 2026 TEST SPACE Residency with the selection of four successful residencies awarded from the open callout. The open call had over 60 applicants, the highest to date.
- LCGA continued to collaborate with the Limerick School of Art & Design (LSAD) Ceramics department with the exhibition of Third Year Graduates. The exhibition featured works by four ceramic students and was officially launched on 09 March with an attendance of 50 people, the exhibition ran for 10 days.
- LCGA continued to liaise and work with the Arts Office and hosted a lunchtime concert for Seachtain na Gaeilge, on 11 March, featuring Emer O’Flaherty, Philip Fogarty on accordion/piano and Etain McCooey, Arts Officer on whistles and oboe.
- LCGA continued to liaise and work with local community groups and organisations. University of the 3rd Age (U3A) held five meetings in the Gallery throughout March. On 21 March, LCGA hosted a weekend workshop by Helium Arts for children with long-term health conditions. On 23 March LCGA facilitated a symposium by Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD) for Fine Arts post-graduates and visiting lecturers, with an attendance of 50 people.

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- LCGA hosted two musical and performance events on 21 and 28 March in association with Alice Rekab's "Mythlantics" exhibition, with local Limerick artists and performers including Alice Rekab, Olan Monk, Tobi Balogun, Tobi Omoteso, Isac Kossiwi, Risteárd Ó hAodha, Boy Lucid, Bob Quinn, Michael Rekab, Maïa Nunes with Brendan Jenkinson, Gweynn, Jasmine Wood and Spaces. The performance had an attendance of 320 people over the two weekends.
- LCGA hosted local artist Mary Nagle's exhibition MURMURARE within the HUB gallery with the official launch/opening on 26 March with an attendance of 60 people.
- Recipient of the Shinnors Scholarship 2025-2027, Adela Passas, continued her research and collaboration within the outreach programme with workshops held around the Alice Rekab's Clann "Miotlantach / Mythlantics" exhibition for local primary schools. 200 children from four schools attended these guided tours and workshops. A specific exhibition displaying the works produced during the school's workshops was exhibited, giving an opportunity for the children who participated to show their families and friends.

Limerick Museum

- On 12 March, Councillor Maria Donoghue, performed the official opening of "Deep into the Psyche of the Land, Mo Anam Cara", an art exhibition by Mary Doyle Burke, curated by Maurice Quillinan in Limerick Museum.
- In relation to her exhibition "Enlacement", which continued in Limerick Museum until 07 March, artist Jelena Stamenković gave a public lecture on 06 March.
- On 11 March, the Curator gave a tour of the Museum to a party of retired Revenue Commissioners staff.
- On 13 March, a delegation from Limerick Township, Pennsylvania visited the Museum and presented us with books and pamphlets on their township's history.

- On 24 March, artist Mary Doyle Burke gave a lunchtime talk in Limerick Museum about her exhibition "Deep into the Psyche of the Land, Mo Anam Cara" currently showing in the Museum. The event was hosted by Aideen Barry, renowned Irish artist, lecturer, and member of the Royal Hibernian Academy (RHA).

Limerick Arts Office

Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

Creative Ireland Live Music in Residential Healthcare Scheme

Creative Ireland Limerick secured €45,000 funding from the Creative Ireland Live Music in Residential Healthcare Scheme for Musicians on Call - a collaborative project with Tipperary and Clare. The project provides a music sharing experiences for residents, putting their interests and choice at the heart of live on-site music making.

Cruinniú na nÓg X Night Time Economy (NTE)

Creative Ireland Limerick, in collaboration with Limerick NTE secured €3,000 additional funding from the Department of Culture Communications and Sport to deliver an evening event aimed at teenagers (14 - 18) on Cruinniú na nÓg 2026.

Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts

Limerick Arts Office manages the 2026 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to maximise and support the leveraging of funding into Limerick from national and international sources and to support a vibrant creative culture.

- Recommendations for funding for seven applicants were referred to the Plenary Council for approval in March. The total award of €12,397 will facilitate leveraging of €123,971 from Arts Council and Culture Ireland grants into Limerick City and County.
- 10 letters of support were issued in March.

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Opportunities

Coordinator/Curator

Limerick Arts Office advertised a Request for Quotations for a Pop-Up Art Gallery Project Coordinator/Curator, to coordinate and exhibit the work of professional, emerging artists and collectives, who wish to showcase their art in two-three proposed exhibitions in Istabraq Hall.

Summer School Bursaries

The following summer school bursaries were advertised in March, which are funded under the Arts Council Partnership programme:

- A non-residential bursary to attend the Drama League of Ireland Summer School 2026 at the University of Limerick.
- Two bursaries to attend the Irish Youth Choir at the University of Limerick.
- One bursary to attend Meitheal Summer School 2026. The bursary will cover five days residential stay, meals, tuition, lectures and workshops. Meitheal Summer School allows students the opportunity to train with leading professionals during a residential summer course. Students live and breathe music for a week under expert guidance.

- Two bursaries to attend the Blas International Summer School for Traditional Irish Music and Dance at the University of Limerick. This bursary will cover a two weeks tuition only package (lectures, workshop, assessment and attendance at all concerts).

Tyrone Guthrie Centre Bursary

- Two bursaries for the Tyrone Guthrie Centre in 2026-2027 are being offered and have been advertised. This bursary covers all board and lodging expenses for one week, plus the use of a studio if necessary. The Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, the artist's workplace in County Monaghan, is a residential workplace and residency programme in Ireland for artists of all disciplines.



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Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development

1. Regeneration

Social Regeneration

Community Activities

King's Island

- The King's Island Community Centre continued to host the free dinner project. Up to 120 people attend the centre each Sunday. This sit-down meal serves a variety of people in the community, especially those isolated, economically challenged, homeless and some who have addiction challenges. This initiative is hosted by Limerick Island Community Partners and a team of volunteers.
- The Limerick Island Bike Hub was launched, which is aimed at recycling old bicycles and re-selling them at low cost, following repairs by locals from King's Island.
- Weekly groups who take part in a variety of activities continued to use the Community Centre during March. These activities included Craft Mondays, Family Learning, Drumming lessons and Lego Club.

Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) had a busy March with the centre home to a café, office and sports hall. The café's kitchen staff completed their Barista skills training course. This was delivered in partnership with Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.
- Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP) co-ordinated the delivery of a wide-ranging suite of exercise, fitness and wellbeing programmes to the community. MCEC, Moyross Youth Academy and Corpus Christi Primary School all hosted activities, including Good2Go, MoyFit and Ageless Strength. The Breathe Well programme concluded having been run weekly since January. This is a circuit class targeted at those living with medical pulmonary conditions.

- Pupils from Corpus Christi School, Moyross joined with staff from MCEC to undertake a litter picking afternoon in the community in advance of Team Limerick Clean-Up (TLC) which takes place on Good Friday.
- MCEC's Easter Camp saw youngsters travel to Tallaght, Dublin, as part of the Citywise project.

Southill

- Southill Hub hosted a Baby Breakfast event on 11 March. This was an educational event that also gave parents of infants time to chat and share their parenting experiences in a welcoming environment.
- Get Southill Moving continued throughout March. The inclement weather did not put off those of all ages in participating in this very welcome community initiative. This month had four weeks of activity as fitness levels continue to rise. The walking group head off each Thursday morning for a 1.5km walk while the running group undertakes a 5km loop each Thursday afternoon from Southill Hub.
- Southill Hub welcomed soccer to the sports hall for females aged 12-16 years.

Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) worked in partnership with Southill Hub on a youth exchange programme. Participants travelled to Lithuania for an educational trip. The exchange aims to enhance young people's personal and social development by providing opportunities to travel within Europe and to engage with peers from different communities and cultural backgrounds.
- International Women's Day was celebrated with guest speaker, Ruth Sheridan Cregg, who has extensive knowledge of trauma informed practices. The community companions at OLOL helped to co-ordinate the event, held on 09 March.

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- A group of young people from the community participated in a Padel taster session at Padel LK, contributing to the continued expansion of health and fitness initiatives delivered through Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL).
- Staff from OLOL CSG supported the delivery of the “Future Me” event, hosted by the Regeneration Department on 25 March. The event was aimed at providing primary school children from the local area with an opportunity to engage with employers and gain early awareness of potential future career pathways.

Economic Regeneration

Under Economic Regeneration, a range of targeted outreach and engagement activities took place to support employment opportunities and strengthen links between services, education providers and the community.

- The Department of Social Protection held their Work Placement Experience Programme, which helped promote practical pathways into employment and access to work experience.
- A “Future Me” Skills fair was held in Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership (LEDP) Roxboro for sixth-class students of Le Cheile, Our Lady of Lourdes and our Lady Queen of Peace Primary Schools. A large volume of education and training bodies as well as several local enterprises were present, the event aimed to raise early awareness of future opportunities and inspire possible career paths.
- A site visit to Atlantic Aviation Hangar and Shannon Aviation Museum for sixth-class pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School gave students a hands on look at careers in aviation, helping to broaden their understanding of employment opportunities and the skills required within this sector, which has direct access routes right here in the mid-west.

- The completion and distribution of the Employment Support Services Directory has improved awareness and accessibility of available supports, ensuring individuals can now easily connect with relevant services.
- Southill Targeted Youth Employment Support Initiative (TYESI) Steering Group meeting took place, this is a focused approach to helping young people access training and employment opportunities.
- There was engagement with Coláiste Nano Nagle and Coláiste Mhichíl secondary schools, Sexton Street, to promote the Precision Engineering Programme as an accessible pathway into engineering. This engagement highlighted practical entry routes, supporting skills development, and encouraging progression into areas with strong employment demand.

Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

- Project works were completed on 16 newly built residential homes located at De Vere Court, Carew Park. The development delivered eight three-beds and eight two-bed units. The properties have been completed to an A-rated Building Energy Rating, resulting in sustainable low energy consumption housing within the southside community. The project comprised of a mix of social housing units and incremental purchase units, with residents taking up occupation in late March.

Status of Thermal Upgrade Projects

- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 123 (53 houses in Southill) is progressing on site with the contractor.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 125 (26 houses in St. Mary’s Park) is nearing completion with snagging of completed units progressing on site.
- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 128/129 (25 houses in St. Mary’s Park) is progressing on site with the contractor.

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- Thermal Upgrade Contract No. 131B (16 houses in St. Mary's Park/Moyross) is progressing on site with the contractor.

House Refurbishments

Lot 4a Major Refurbishments

- Lot 4a Scheme 2 and 3 (six houses) - the remaining house in Lot 4a is progressing towards completion.

Minor Refurbishments

- Works completed on the following property:
 - 2 Galtee Drive, O'Malley Park.
- Works continued on the following property:
 - 43 Whitecross Gardens, Moyross.
- Department approval is awaiting for the appointment of a contractor for the following properties:
 - 2 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 116 Oliver Plunkett Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 3 Columcille Street, St. Mary's Park
 - 3 St. Bridget's Street, St. Mary's Park

Infrastructure Projects

Southside Connectivity Project

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme.

Moyross Avenue

- Consultants continued their activities in relation to the detailed design of the scheme.

Thomond Rugby Football Club (RFC) Extension

- Contractor, Martins Construction Ltd, continued works, including new boundary railing works and demolition of the existing boundary wall to the Thomond RFC grounds.

2. Sport and Recreation

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- The annual Sport Hall Athletic Blitz took place at University of Limerick. This high-energy event, with fun from start to finish, saw hundreds of youngsters participate in a variety of physical activities. This event included the delivery of an educational programme with key learnings being achieved by those involved.
- The "New to Tri" programme was launched on 14 March. The programme is specifically aimed at women, with Triathlon Ireland Coaches providing expertise to athletes participating in the course.
- LSP Staff worked with Sport Ireland, on a "Mapathon" event, designed to catalogue the sporting facilities available in each county. This is an ongoing project, designed to inform future national policy around sporting resource provision within communities.
- Other activities including Park Life, Activator Walking and Functional Fitness all took place during March. These programmes are key elements within the LSP's suite of physical activity and wellbeing programmes.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Local Sports Plan

- As per instruction under the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI No. 435 of 2004), as amended, Limerick City and County Council have notified the relevant environmental authorities of its intent to publish a Local Sports Plan for Limerick.
- The appointed consultants screened the draft Local Sports Plan to determine if there will be a need to undertake Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA).

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Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- The Limerick Regional Athletics Hub saw 43 new members sign up to the Sports Key platform.
- West Limerick Athletics Club hosted a Juvenile Club Day on 22 March. This saw more than 100 young athletes compete in fun events with focus on field events including shot put, long jump and turbo javelin. An ice-cream van complimented the day after some relays between the participants and coaches.

Rathbane Golf Course

- Members accounted for approximately 68% of all rounds during the month, with participation increasing as the weather improved.
- Staff attended an anti-racism and diversity training at Ballyneety Golf Club. This was hosted by Golf Ireland and the Immigrant Council of Ireland. This is aimed at making the facility more inclusive and diverse.
- Staff took part in “Future Me” Skills event, which involved local schools. An interactive golf demonstration gave primary school children a flavour of Rathbane Golf Club and helps them realise what different career opportunities are available.
- Two French students, from an agricultural college in Nantes, spent two weeks at the course. This was for them to gain knowledge of turf and machinery and how a course is maintained. This was part of the Erasmus+ programme.
- A member of Rathbane Golf Club attended the Golf Ireland Volunteer awards. Shortlisted in the final three of the “Women and Girls into Sport”, this volunteer was recognised for her long-term commitment to the sport and the course.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

- Lifeguard training was offered at the pool in Grove Island during March.
- The Level Two Swim Teacher course commenced on 28 and 29 March, with further days to conclude the course set for April.
- Other programmes including Swim - Baby and Tots, Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Lifeguard Training and Aura Flow Fitness Classes were advertised to members and Pay As You Go (PAYG) customers.

Sports Capital Projects

- Mungret Park Soccer Playing Pitch – Contractor (MI and S Boland Civil Engineering Limited) in process of being appointed for the works to upgrade the existing soccer pitch.
- Kennedy Park Floodlighting Project – The tender was advertised on 13 March, inviting suitable contractors to tender for the installation of the floodlighting.

Askeaton Pool and Leisure

- Life Lift Training – a 10-week course commenced on 23 March.
- Kids swimming lessons bookings opened online from 14 March.
- Limerick Sports Partnership delivered their Move Well: Aqua programme. This is designed for those who suffer with chronic pain and arthritis. This was delivered throughout March. It is an eight-week programme designed for individuals who are new to physical activity and those managing chronic pain and arthritis.
- On 30 March, an Aqua Fitness Certification course commenced. This is a blended learning course with a Level Two Award in water-based exercise for successful participants after two online and two in-person sessions.

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Housing

1. Housing Support Services

Housing Waiting List

Approved Housing Applicants	3,365
Approved Tenant Transfer Applicants	512

Applications Received

	March	Year to Date
Housing Applications	229	607

Transfer Forms Received

	March	Year to Date
Transfer Forms	12	29

HMD1 (Housing Medical/Disability Form 1) Forms Received

	March	Year to Date
HMD1 Forms	60	150

Permission to Reside (PTR) Forms Received

	March	Year to Date
PTR Forms	12	30

Mortgage to Rent (MTR) Applications Received

	March	Year to Date
MTR Applications	2	4

Appeals Received

	March	Year to Date
Appeals Received	6	21

Closed Housing Applications

	March	Year to Date
Closed Applications	64	182

Applications are returned/closed for the following reasons:

- Failure to satisfy the eligibility criteria for social housing support as set out in legislation.
- Failure to submit a complete application and/or further information required.
- Applicants who have been housed by Limerick City and County Council or an Approved Housing Body.
- Applicants who wish to apply to another local authority or are no longer interested in social housing support.

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Allocations

	No. of Units March	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	4	6
Newcastle West	2	7
Metropolitan District	40	94
Cappamore-Kilmallock	11	23
Total	57	130

Refusals

	No. of Units March	Year to Date
Adare-Rathkeale	0	0
Newcastle West	1	1
Metropolitan District	7	16
Cappamore-Kilmallock	0	0
Total	8	17

Rent Collection

Rent Collection Limerick City and County Council					
Opening Balance	Accrued Income	Total for collection	Receipts	Closing Balance	% Collection
€12,290,61	€6,821,733	€19,112,351	€6,340,668	€12,771,683	34%

Approved Housing Body Allocations 2026 (year to date)

Total Nominations	Successful Nominations	Nominations Pending	Unsuccessful Nominations
70	22	36	12

Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Private Tenancies	545
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)/RAS Tenancies	656
Part 5	0
New Private Tenancies	1
New Voluntary Housing Tenancies	16

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Limerick

1,635 active HAP Tenancies monitored, reviewed and maintained.

No. of HAP tenancies set up this month	7
No. of Amendments	200
No. of Cessations	41

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Home Improvement Schemes

March 2026		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	0	0	8	1	9
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€31,320.00	€1,800.00	€33,120.00
	No. Paid	0	0	5	1	6
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	7	6	13	2	28
	HAG Expenditure	€16,762.50	€39,362.50	€170,199.50	€15,157.30	€241,481.80
	No. Paid	2	5	17	2	26
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	19	1	42	14	76
	HOP Expenditure	€0.00	€33,300.00	€87,818.00	€0.00	€121,118.00
	No. Paid	0	5	17	0	22
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00	€0.00
	No. Paid	0	0	0	0	0

Total No. Approved	113
Total Monies Paid	€395,719.80
Total No. Paid	54

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Home Improvement Schemes

Year-to-date

January - March 2026		Adare-Rathkeale	Newcastle West	Metropolitan	Cappamore-Kilmallock	Total
Mobility Aid Grants	No. Approved	5	0	35	2	42
	MAG Expenditure	€0.00	€6,000.00	€132,778.51	€6,226.00	€145,004.51
	No. Paid	0	1	22	2	25
Housing Adaptation Grants	No. Approved	21	12	39	5	77
	HAG Expenditure	€67,120.00	€154,410.08	€258,953.59	€37,319.80	€517,803.47
	No. Paid	7	16	27	5	55
Housing Aid for Older People	No. Approved	35	16	67	25	143
	HOP Expenditure	€18,100.00	€82,972.90	€200,816.91	€5,400.00	€307,289.81
	No. Paid	2	16	38	1	57
Disabled Person's Grant	DPG Expenditure	€0.00	€0.00	€58,276.58	€0.00	€58,276.58
	No. Paid	0	0	4	0	4

YTD Total No. Approved	262
YTD Total Monies Paid	€1,028,374.37
YTD Total No. Paid	141

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Community Sustainment Unit

Tenancy Inductions

	March	Year to Date
No. of Tenancy Inductions	52	126

House Visits

	March	Year to Date
No. of House Visits	144	388

Sugar Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Cases

	March	Year to Date
Active cases at month-end	261	261
Cases closed during month	68	153

Repossessions

	March	Year to Date
Repossession of Council Properties	13	53

Garda Checks

	March	Year to Date
Garda Checks processed	68	221

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Limerick Homeless Action Team – Pathway Accommodation and Support System (PASS) Data

Date: 31.03.26		
Individuals		
Location	Description	Beds Used
McGarry House	Mixed Low threshold accommodation for singles	40
Oak Lodge	Adults without children accommodated in low threshold emergency accommodation	74
Thomond House	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	24
St. Joseph Street	Higher threshold accommodation for single females	7
B&B (no children)	Adults without children accommodated in B&B	96
Temporary Emergency Provision TEP 1 (Edenvilla)	Low threshold, night by night (9pm-9am) emergency accommodation. Mixed	15
Phoenix Lodge	Low threshold emergency accommodation for single adults	10
Total		266

Families				
Location	Description	Beds Used		
		Adults	Children	Families
Suaimhneas	Family Emergency accommodation	6	10	6
B&B/Hotel Accommodation	Families	258	265	163
Twin Oaks Family Hub	Family Hub	8	15	7
Totals		272	290	176

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	March	YTD
Tenant Purchase		
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Received	4	8
Tenant Purchase Applications: No. Approved	1	4
Local Authority Home Loans		
Loan Applications: No. Received	5	18
Loan Applications: No. Approved	1	2
Deed of Discharge		
Deed of Discharge Applications: No. Received	19	41
Consent to Sale		
Consent to Sale Applications: No. Received	5	13
Cottage Purchase Annuity		
No. of Cottage Purchase Annuity Applications	1	4
Ground Rent		
No. of Ground Rent Applications	7	12
Title		
Title Deeds Received/Requested	23	46
Title Rectifications Received	0	1
Private Rented Inspections		
No. of Inspections	352	1,383

Freedom of Information, Data Requests and Ombudsman

Freedom of Information Requests	9
Ombudsman Query Cases	0
Data Access Requests	2

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2. Housing Strategy and Mixed Tenure Partnership

Social Housing – Delivery for 2026

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.03.2026 is as follows:

As at 31.03.2026 (01.01.2026 – 31.03.2026)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	2026 Delivery Target
Build	2	209	211	562
Buy *	1	107	108	€17million funding allocation
Lease	0	10	10	21
TOTAL	3	326	329	

*Majority under the ‘Buy’ stream are Notice of Termination Properties.

Notice of Termination Figures

The following outlines the number of cases received in March and Cumulative to Date (CTD) in relation to Notice of Termination properties:

Category	Activity in March	CTD
Tenant Notification to Council – where a tenant contacts Limerick City and County Council regarding Notice-To-Quit (that meet eligibility criteria, should funding become available)	0	74
Proposals being reviewed	0	0
Sale Agreed	0	2
Purchase Completed	0	174
Withdrawn - e.g., Main reasons - vendor not accepting offer based on independent valuation or presence of deleterious material in property (e.g., pyrite) or Fire Safety issues	62	768
Owner Reoccupying - Notice of Termination comes into Limerick City and County Council – however, owner or family member wishes to reside in property	3	73
Income above social housing limit (i.e., Cost Rental Tenant-in-Situ)	1	71
Grand Total	66	1,162

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Social Housing/Affordable Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

Project Submissions sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in March

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 4 submission for the delivery of a five-unit Community Dwelling property at Ballykeeffe, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Revised Stage 3 submission for the delivery of three units at Doon, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)	Turnkey submission for the delivery of two Community Dwelling units in Croom, Co. Limerick.	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale
Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP)	Turnkey submission for the delivery of six housing units in Bruff, Co. Limerick	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock
Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF)	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 18 units at Speakers Corner, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility Scheme (CALF)	Turnkey submission for the delivery of 76 units at Ballykeeffe, Raheen, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Social Housing Capital Expenditure Programme - Availability Arrangements	Approval for the renewal of the availability arrangements for a period of two years for 10 units at Thomond Village, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick

Project Approvals Received from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in March

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 4 approval for the delivery of a five-unit Community Dwelling property at Ballykeeffe, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
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Affordable Housing – Delivery for 2023-2026

Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	31 (Phase 1)	Part 8 planning report was progressed during March to prepare for Part 8 planning submission.
Toppins Field Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	115 (Phases 2-4)	Design optioneering paused -Public Private Partnership Programme under review by Department Housing, Local Government and Heritage team with a view on determining the Public Private Partnership programme’s value for money. Finance and procurement strategy ongoing.
Guinness Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	TBC – under review	Work progressing on design to planning and coordination with adjacent park design.
Clonmacken Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Affordable Housing Fund	15	Design brief for design team progressed, tender pack for framework call off contract progressed.
Sonny’s Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	19	Work continued on planning pack for Part 10 submission, and additional reports required to make planning application to An Coimisiún Pleanála as robust as possible. Work continued on The Fosse, Phase 1, Local Authority Water Sustainable Urban Drainage System project.
Curragower	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Cost Rental Affordable Housing Fund	6	The planning pack is now under review by the Part 10 consultants. Part 10 planning pack was advanced through March.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
New Road, Thomondgate	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	23	Judicial review in progress. Project on hold.
Speaker's Corner	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	18	Work continued on progressing this scheme during March. Contractor has been appointed.
Ballygrennan Lands	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental Expression of Interest Site with Approved Housing Body	73	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.
Mungret Site	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund	181	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March. Meetings held with the Land Development Agency and Cluid every two weeks. Scheduled to start on site April 2026.
Knockhill, Ennis Rd	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	12	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.
Main Street, Rathkeale	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase	4	3D model of scheme costings and design was progressed to include for co-living scenario. Design brief for design team was progressed throughout March to include for this scenario.
Lord Edward Street, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase	7	3D model of scheme and design was progressed. Design brief for design team was progressed throughout March.
Advance Purchase Turnkey - Campaign 2	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Ballykeeffe	145	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during March.
	Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale	Affordable Purchase at Cois Srutháin, Croom	7	Work continued on the progression of this proposal during March.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 5	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Castle Place, Newcastle West	51	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer continued for Phase 2 of this scheme during March.
	Municipal District of Newcastle West	Affordable Purchase at Carraig Desmond, Newcastle West	3	Assessment of applications and issuing of letters of offer proceeded through March.
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock	Affordable Purchase at Glenfield Road, Kilmallock Co. Limerick	14	Work continued on the progression of this scheme during March.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 1	10	Work continued throughout March in closing the sales of 10 units in Phase 1.
	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Purchase at Newtown Meadows, Castletroy, Limerick Phase 2	6	Assessment of applications and issuing of offer letters continued through March.

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Scheme	District	Type	No. of Units	Proposal Updates in March
Advance Purchase Turnkey – Campaign 8	Short-term Modular Affordable Rental Transition (SMART) Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	<p>Working Group meetings with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage held weekly and ongoing.</p> <p>Feasibility study assessment for pilot of 150 units was completed in March.</p> <p>Updated Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage submission completed in relation to pilot site.</p> <p>Work with design team continued on initial site layouts for Phase 1 sites during March.</p> <p>Listening exercise event was held during March regarding proposed Janesboro site.</p> <p>Ecology inspections and surveys advanced during March.</p> <p>Procurement process continued to be advanced for the following services on Phase 1 site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topographical and ground penetrating radar • Planning consultancy • Acoustic Surveys • Invasive species management plan • Architectural Heritage Impact Statement • Arboricultural consultant • Archaeological Impact Assessment

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Finance (All Funding Streams)

- Claims totaling €5,111,082.60 were sent to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Claims totaling €9,738,928.58 were paid by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Conferences and Workshops

- An Approved Housing Body (AHB) forum took place on 26 March in Limerick City and County Council's Merchants Quay office. Staff from AHBs operating in Limerick were present. Another forum will be held in September 2026.
- A briefing took place with Elected Members on 31 March on the Acquisition Fund for 2026.
- A workshop was held by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on 30 March in Cahir, County Tipperary in relation to the new Single Stage approval process being rolled out on Local Authority and AHB construction projects.

Register Launches

New Build Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme:

Our 8th new Build Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme launched in Treada na Rí, Kilfinane, County Limerick on 19 March. There are five properties available under the scheme, prices ranging from €124,400 to €187,620. This scheme is open to households that have been assessed by Limerick City and County Council as being eligible for and in need of social housing support and households who are already in receipt of social housing support from Limerick City and County Council, i.e. existing Local Authority or Approved Housing Body tenants and households accommodated under the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme and the Long-Term Social Housing Leasing Scheme.



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Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup

1. Forward Planning, Urban Development and Heritage

Forward Planning

- Pursuant to Section 58 of the Planning and Development Act 2024, Limerick City and County Council, at their Full Council Meeting on the 30 March 2026, adopted Variation No. 2 to the Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 (as varied). The Variation is effective immediately. The reason for Proposed Variation No. 2 to Limerick Development Plan 2022 – 2028 was to remove text in Chapter 7, Objective TR O37 regarding access to substandard roads.

Urban Development

- Public engagement completed for Ballybrown/Clarina Proposed Public Realm Enhancement Plan.
- Application submitted for the 2026 New European Bauhaus Prize for the King's Island Walled Town Integrated Urban Strategy, which was developed under THRIVE Strand 1 funding.
- The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage conducted a pre-construction photoshoot at the Fireplace Site.
- The King's Island Walled Town webpage was developed and published.

Conservation

- Two Section 57 Declarations issued in March.
- One Built Heritage Investment Scheme Grant funded project has completed works and has been paid.
- 20 Planning Referral reports issued.
- Conservation Advice Grant Scheme has been launched – operated directly by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Advice and letters of support provided to numerous community groups in relation to their applications to the Heritage Council for funding under the Community Heritage Grant scheme (deadline was 20 March).

- Mural design guidelines have been circulated for comment.
- Currently reviewing the National Heritage Risk Mapping methodology and the Fingal Cultural Heritage and Climate Change Risk Assessment.

Heritage

- Section of logo for Limerick Irish Community Archive Network complete.
- Assisted colleagues lecturing in the Certificate in Environmental Planning legislation by giving lecture on practical ecological measures employed in Council works in Limerick. This was given in Roscrea and is run by the Southern Technical University and Local Authority Services National Training Group.
- Assisted community groups in their grant applications to the Heritage Council Community Grant Scheme. 10 groups in total.

Archaeology

- Planning engagement included processing 16 planning referrals, five compliance cases, one further information file, seven meetings, one enforcement matter, and 30 forestry files.
- Ongoing work on the Market Quarter, Cruises Street, including participation in the Technical Working Group on wider placemaking initiatives.
- Continued involvement in the Lough Gur Steering Group, with progress on the Walkway and Bird Hide projects.
- Submission of the Irish Walled Towns Network event application for the Dancing the Walls of Limerick Festival, along with attendance at Steering Group meetings.
- Coordination meeting held with the Office of Public Works and the National Monuments Service regarding the Merchant's House, Kilmallock.
- Ongoing liaison with Office of Public Works and National Monuments Service on Fuller's Folly, including attendance at project meetings.
- Continued engagement with the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE) programme.

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- Ongoing support for the Housing Smarter Homes initiative.
- Assistance provided to two community groups applying for Heritage Council Local Community Heritage Grants.

2. Ryder Cup Project Management

Ryder Cup Project Management

- Fanzone site visit with Ryder Cup Europe.
- Meeting with Golf Ireland and all Limerick Golf Clubs regarding Ryder Cup and launch of Golf Limerick brand.
- Meeting with Regeneration Community Centre Managers.
- Community engagement meetings regarding potential activations with Town Centre First Groups including Newcastle West, Patrickswell and Abbeyfeale.
- Meeting regarding Adare Village Hall project following the announcement from Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, TD delivering significant funding from his Department to support key legacy projects in Adare for the 2027 Ryder Cup. This funding aims to ensure lasting legacy for Adare and the wider Limerick region. The projects include a tree planting sustainability initiative and the refurbishment and extension of Adare Village Hall, among others.
- Site Visit meetings with Ryder Cup Europe and Government stakeholders regarding Park and Ride sites.



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Environment, Climate Action and Fire

1. Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

- Attended a Nature-based Solutions Course on Surface Water Management, Climate Resilience and Place Making for Limerick City and County Council Staff, in the South Court Hotel on 03 March.
- Participated in a workshop on the 'Bio Economy' at Trinity College.
- Hosted a Climate Champions meeting, a staff led programme focused on embedding climate action across Limerick City and County Council on 04 March.
- Facilitated the first meeting of the District Heating Feasibility Study steering group on 10 March.
- Attended a briefing on the Limerick City Transportation Plan on 23 March.
- Attended the International City/County Management Association exchange meeting in City Hall on 24 March.
- The Climate Action Officer attended a Wellbeing Committee meeting on 25 March.
- Attended a briefing workshop on European Urban Innovation and URBACT Programmes in Dublin on 25 March.
- Attended the Lunch and Learn session hosted by the Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings Directorate on 26 March.
- Held three one-on-one meetings with Climate Champions to get feedback on the Climate Champions programme and to better understand how the Climate Action Unit can support climate action in their work areas.
- Attended an Evaluation Briefing Session (online) on 26 March.
- Attended a Transforming Renovation in the Atlantic Seaboard South meeting which is a strategic initiative aimed at accelerating the retrofitting of public buildings in Ireland's Atlantic Seaboard South region. This meeting was held at the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) on 26 March.
- Met with Fáilte Ireland regarding a Global Distribution System Index submission on 27 March.
- Met with partners (online) on the HeriSol Project on 30 March, the project will see the installation of innovative solar panels and associated monitoring and sensor equipment on the roof of Limerick Gallery of Art.
- Received notification of a successful funding bid to the European Union Doctoral Network addressing crisis preparedness for climate events.

Citizen Innovation Lab

This month in the Citizen Innovation Lab we hosted:

- The Limerick Cycling Campaign Group held a meeting on 19 March.
- A visiting party of Councillors and Active Travel Engineers from Waterford on 24 March.
- The fourth meeting of the Transport and Mobility Forum Limerick took place on 25 March.

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Horse and Dog Control

Number of dogs processed in the Dog Shelter	10
Number of call outs to seize stray horses	6
Number of horses seized	7

A Day of Action by the Dog Wardens in co-ordination with An Garda Síochána in Newcastle West took place on 24 March, resulting in multiple dog seizures and the distribution of Section 16 notices.

Domestic Waste and Litter

Domestic Waste and Litter Team	
Cases received	186
Inspections undertaken	794
Warnings issued	149
Directions of Authorised Officer issued	2
Statutory notices issued	6
Prosecutions initiated	1
Fines issued	34

Clean Ups

The following clean-up was done during the month:

- Bog Road, Rathkeale, Co. Limerick

Environment Regulation and Enforcement

(Commercial Waste, Air, Noise, Water and Public Health)

Environmental Enforcement	
Cases received (Microsoft (MS) Dynamics)	64
Inspections undertaken (MS Dynamics)	44
Inspections - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	9
Warnings issued (MS Dynamics)	7
Directions of Authorised Officer issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Statutory notices issued (MS Dynamics)	0
Statutory notices issued - Domestic Wastewater Treatment Systems	2
Prosecutions initiated (MS Dynamics)	0
Fines issued (MS Dynamics)	2
Authorisations issued/reviewed/surrendered	5
Planning reports	93

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Environment Strategy

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
National Agricultural Inspection Programme Farm Inspections	21	Farm Inspections
Farm Re-Inspections	17	Re-inspection of Non-Compliant farms
Closing Letters	16	Letters issued to compliant farms following Inspection
Advisory Letters	2	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Warning Letters	8	Non-compliant issues detected during Inspections
Notification Letters	107	Notification regarding Farm Inspections issued to farmers in the Groody_010 Catchment
Review of Farmyard Management Plans	2	Farmyard Management plans submitted by non-compliant farmer
Dynamics CRM - Inspections relating to Water pollution incidents/complaints	4	Water Pollution Complaints investigated by Environment Strategy
Dynamics CRM - Number of Active Cases	3	Open cases in Dynamics CRM- Good Agriculture Practice and Non-Good Agriculture Practice cases
Dynamics CRM - Number of cases open longer than 30 days	0	Open cases in Dynamics CRM
Farm File Reviews	11	Review of open farm files to re-inspect and close
Planning Files	13	Review of agricultural planning applications and report to planning.
Forestry File referrals	30	Review of Forestry planning applications
River Monitoring	3	Biological Kick Sampling on the Groody River to check water quality
Cross Report to the Department of Agriculture	4	Farm not compliant with the Good Agricultural Practice Regulations
Poultry Dockets	200	Dockets submitted by Poultry farmers

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Environmental Awareness

Green Schools Programme

Visits to Limerick Primary and Secondary Schools continued during March with 27 schools in total aiming to renew their Green Flag.

Rubbish Film Festival

With the support of Limerick City and County Council, five Limerick secondary schools participated in the 2026 Rubbish Film Festival. These were Coláiste Mhichíl, CBS Sexton Street, Colaiste Nano Nagle, Sexton Street, Ard Scoil Mhuire, Corbally, Glenstal Abbey, Murroe and Coláiste Mhuire Askeaton.

We were delighted that Coláiste Mhichíl, CBS Sexton Street won the Regional Best Film category with their anti Fast Fashion film [“Stitch and Ditch”](#) [Stitch and Ditch I Limerick Winning Film I Rubbish Film Festival 2026](#)

Borrow Use Return Community Party Pack Launch

Limerick Communities are invited to submit an expression of interest for a limited number of free community party packs following the launch of this initiative in Limerick. [Limerick City and County Council launches “Borrow, Use, Return” party pack initiative to support circular community celebrations I Limerick.ie](#)

Biodiversity

- 03 March, Attendance at the launch of the Clare County Council Biodiversity Action Plan.
- 05 March, Interview with Joe Nash, Limerick Today Team, Live 95 on the “Hop to It” Frog Survey.
- 06 March, Biodiversity, tree and sound guided walk with the Film students and Bachelor of Education (BEd) students from Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and Limerick School of Art and Design (LSAD) in the beautiful Baggot Estate Nature Park. This event was in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council’s Executive Scientist and Tree Officer.
- 25 March, Engagement with sixth-class Students at the Southside Future Skills Workshop in Limerick

Enterprise Development Partnership. It was a pleasure to meet the Sixth Class Students from Le Chéile, Our Lady Queen of Peace, and Our Lady of Lourdes National School. Special thanks to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for providing the mini “dead zoo”. It captured everyone’s attention and sparked great conversations about nature and biodiversity.

- 27 March, Phone interview with Tara from Live 95fm regarding National Squirrel and Pine Martin Survey.

Laboratory/Rural Water

This month the Laboratory Rural Water Unit approved grant payments on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as follows:

Grant Type	Amount	Number of Schemes
Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme (MARWP) Capital funding 2024-2026 for Group Water Schemes (GWS)	€48,725.40	One GWS
Subsidy towards Group Water Scheme Operational Costs	€350,985.10	One GWS
Domestic Private Wells Financial Assistance Scheme	€28,434.32	Six Households
Domestic Lead Remediation Grant Scheme	€4,937.25	One Household

Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) undertook an on-site Accreditation Assessment of laboratory testing on 24 March. The Assessment Team recommended that the laboratory maintain its ISO17025 accreditation for its existing scope of tests subject to the successful clearance of non-conformances raised during the visit.

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2. Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries

Parks

- Grass cutting operations commenced in the city and county.
- Preparatory work for Bridges in Bloom Project and city flowers in Corbally Nursery.
- Site clearance and wall restoration works at Mungret Walled Sensory Garden.
- Site clearance and landscaping works at The Demesne Newcastle West.
- Abbeyfeale Playground refurbishment works are nearing completion.
- Meeting held with University of Limerick in relation to ARISE (Activity and Recreation in an Inclusive Sensory Environment) project in Mungret Walled Sensory Garden.
- Public information evening held on Castleconnell playground and community park.
- Public consultation in Patrickswell Community Centre on Part 8 application for Lisheen Park Sports and Community Campus.
- URBACT meeting in Dublin in relation to next call for networks and funding call for European Urban Initiative.
- Finalised design for Dromcollogher Memorial Garden and site meeting in relation to same.
- Consultation on natural play project in Baggott Estate and funding application to department.
- Progressed Ballynanty green space play project.
- Tree Planting at King John’s Castle and Rathkeale Community Park by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, as part of National Tree Week.
- Review of design options for pig sculpture for pocket park on Parnell Street.
- Tree surgery works in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- Presented two golf initiatives at Senior Capital Group and design in relation to same.
- Held sub meeting in the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale in relation to Mayoral Expert Group for Heritage and Green Spaces.
- Planning reports on three locations in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.
- Review design options for Meadowlands open space.

Cemeteries

- The Public Consultation in respect of Limerick City and County Council Cemetery Bye Laws review has been extended to April.
- Progressed Part 8 application for new Abbeyfeale Burial Ground.

Number of Burials in City Cemeteries in March

Mount Saint Lawrence	9
Mount Saint Oliver	13
Castlemungret	14
Kilmurry	6

City Centre Response Team (CCRT)

Corrective measures undertaken by the City Centre Response Team (CCRT) Crew throughout the city.

- Resetting of Pavers at various Locations throughout the City.
- Repainting and installation of picnic benches on Honan’s Quay.
- Replacement of damaged bins in the City Centre.
- Replaced damaged Life Buoy Boxes along the river.

Casual Trading

- 17 Licences issued for the Milk Market.
- 49 Special Event Licences issued.
- Two Section 38 notifications lodged for advertising in April for Glentworth Mews and Limerick Lane.
- Requisition of park benches for Arthur’s Quay Bus Stop completed.
- Shannon Street Footpath refurbishment underway and will continue into April.

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City Street Cleaning

- Large event cleanup undertaken after Saint Patrick's Day Festival.
- Deep clean of O'Connell Street undertaken after Saint Patrick's Day Festival.
- Deep clean of Cruises Street.
- Ongoing routine cleaning of streets.
- Bins.
- Focused cleanup of specific areas based on Customer Relationship Management cases.
- Laneway cleanups and removal of discarded bins.

