

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT’S QUAY, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026 AT 9:45 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Leas-Cathaoirleach, Councillor Sarah Kiely.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillors Beasley, Benson, Butler, Daly, Donoghue, Doyle, Gavan, Hartigan, Hickey-O’Mara, Kilcoyne, Leddin, McSweeney, O’Donovan, O’Hanlon, O’Sullivan, Pond, Reale, Secas, Slattery, Talukder.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Services, Metropolitan District of Limerick (Mr. K. Lehane), Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries (Ms. S. Reidy), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Foley), Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Ms. C. Sheehy), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services and Governance (Mr. T. Cronolly), Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Mr. M. Foley), Executive Architect, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Ms. J. Earley), Head of Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. B. Troy), Night-Time Economy Advisor, Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. C. Power), Administrative Officer, Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. E. Crimmins), Administrative Officer, Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. D. MacGrath), Staff Officer, Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. S. Feane), Staff Officer, Economic and Tourism Development (Ms. K. Conlon), A/Staff Officer, Economic and Tourism Development (Ms. A. Peters), Senior Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. S. McGlynn), Executive Planner, Active Travel (Ms. R. O’Donnell), A/Senior Engineer, Central Services, Traffic and Roads (Mr. J. Sheehan), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), Administrative Officer, Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action (Ms. S. Hourigan).

**1. Minutes**

Circulated copy of draft Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Pond;  
Seconded by Councillor Doyle;  
And Resolved:

“That the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed”.

## **2. Declaration of Interest**

The Meetings Administrator stated that, in line with Part 15 of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, and the Code of Conduct, she was inviting those present to notify the Cathaoirleach of any declaration of interest in any item due for discussion at the Meeting.

No such interests were declared.

## **3. Limerick City Centre**

### **(a) Update on Public Realm works such as the Market Quarter and Cruises Street, Limerick Laneways Programme and Greening Georgian Limerick**

The Senior Executive Engineer and the Executive Architect, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking provided an update to Members on the Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Project, Limerick Laneways Programme and Greening Georgian Limerick.

Members were informed that the Market Quarter and Cruises Street public realm project has progressed, with funding secured under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the Part 8 process had been completed, noting that a detailed design for the project was underway with construction expected to commence in 2027, subject to further approvals.

The Senior Executive Engineer provided information on proposals for a canopy on Cruises Street, advising that public consultation on the proposals was scheduled to take place in June 2026, followed by a Part 8 process, which would be brought to the Elected Members later in 2026 for their consideration.

Members were updated on the Limerick Laneways Programme and advised that work was ongoing on the design of Theatre Lane. It was noted that a Part 8 submission was planned for 2026.

The Senior Executive Engineer outlined that the Limerick Laneways Programme was guided by a number of factors, including improving footfall, supporting local business, enhancing safety, and delivering environmental and heritage benefits. He also provided an update on the Greening Georgian Limerick initiative, including the delivery of a pilot scheme at Davis Street and Baker Place, and highlighted plans to progress further greening works at Glentworth Street during 2026.

Members expressed their appreciation to the team for the presentations and for the ongoing improvements to the city's public realm. They acknowledged the team's engagement with businesses and residents in the city centre and noted the value of continued engagement.

The Director of Services, Metropolitan District of Limerick commended the Members and staff of Limerick City and County Council for their commitment to investing and improving Limerick city centre.

## **(b) Review of Riverfest 2026**

The Head of Economic and Tourism Development delivered a presentation on Riverfest Limerick 2026. He advised Members that the festival comprised of a wide range of new and returning events across the city, with a strong emphasis on music, arts, sport and family-friendly activities, noting that some of the highlights included Twilight Thursday events, the new music trail, Fashion Fest and the Riverfest HYROX fitness event.

The Head of Economic and Tourism Development highlighted the strong attendance throughout the festival, including significant footfall at the Riverfestival Village and the fireworks display, outlining that over 20,000 participants took part in the Great Limerick Run, marking it a historic milestone for the event. He further noted that the Run for Fun and naval ship visit reached full capacity.

Members were informed that marketing efforts included digital campaigns, print media, radio advertising, and social media engagement, which generated strong public interest and high levels of attendance. The Head of Economic and Tourism Development highlighted how successful Riverfest 2026 had been, particularly in terms of participation, visitor numbers, and its overall contribution to the local economy.

Members expressed their appreciation to the Festivals and Events and Night-Time Economy teams for their work in making Riverfest 2026 a success, noting the significant number of visitors to the city and the positive atmosphere throughout the weekend.

### **4. Community Initiative Scheme 2025 and 2026 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA)**

Circulated, Report of the Director of Services, Metropolitan District of Limerick dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026, in relation to an amendment under the Community Initiative Scheme 2025 and 2026 – General Municipal Allocations (GMA).

It was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, seconded by Councillor Beasley, and agreed to approve the change of name for the funding allocation from Ferndale Residents Association to Ferndale Action Group.

### **5. Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings Directorate**

Circulated, Report of the Head of Economic and Tourism Development outlining the allocation of grants for March and April 2026 under the Night-Time Economy Pilot Programme Scheme via Twilight Thursday initiative.

The Report, as circulated, was noted by the Elected Members.

### **6. Date for Annual Meeting**

It was proposed by Councillor McSweeney, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, and agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick at 9:45am on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

## QUESTIONS

### **7. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in light of my representation to have a road safety scheme installed at Bengal Terrace, what is the up-to-date plans from Active Travel.***

**REPLY:** Active Travel is currently developing preliminary design from the Ballysimon area, that includes, Ballysimon Road from Garryglass Roundabout to Childers Road, Ballysimon Road from Childers Road to Greenhills Road (The Fairgreen) and the Kilmallock Road that includes Bengal Terrace.

The Kilmallock Road section will include improved footpaths, junction tightening, raised tables and reduction in width of the carriageway.

The entire scheme will be presented as a Part 8 in the coming weeks when the layouts and cross sections have been finalised.

### **8. Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in light of my representations and meeting with the road engineer and residents to continue the footpath at Drombanna, what are the up-to-date plans to proceed with this scheme.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council has committed to Active Travel works in the village of Drombanna in 2026. The planned works this year include the provision of footpath, drainage and public lighting to McCarthy's garage. Furthermore, Traffic Calming will be placed in the vicinity of the pelican crossing to reduce traffic speeds. These works are currently being planned, and a Section 38 application will occur within the next 2 weeks.

Limerick City and County Council will plan for works toward Robin Hill junction this year with a view to getting the works funded for the 2027 Schedule of Municipal District Works.

### **9. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the safety audit of the Parkway roundabout that I brought forward in a motion on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.***

**REPLY:** The Active Travel team has now taken on the responsibilities for reviewing accessibility at the Parkway Roundabout. This includes conducting Road Safety Audits to ensure that our strategies effectively promote safe and inclusive travel options.

We anticipate a concept to be completed in Q3 2026 and will brief councillors once this is completed.

**10. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Active Travel scheme for the Annacotty village to link Avista Centre and the Ashgrove-Dublin Road junction.*

**REPLY:** A consultant has been appointed to develop options to connect the Annacotty Roundabout with Annacotty Village and tie-in to the Cappamore junction.

The options will include improved pedestrian facilities, traffic calming measures and public bus enhancements.

When the emerging preferred option is developed elected members will be briefed on the layouts.

**11. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the provision of pedestrian crossings on Groody Road by each housing estate.*

**REPLY:** There are currently two pedestrian crossings on this section of road. A meeting on site can be facilitated to discuss this matter further.

**12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the traffic plan for the new housing development on School House Road.*

**REPLY:** The estate referred to is called the Orchard and is considered to be a Large Residential Development on School House Lane, Monaleen. The planning for this development is now fully approved. During the assessment process of this planning application the Roads, footpaths, public lighting, services and pedestrian crossing points were assessed and approved.

The applicant provided a 'Traffic & Transport Assessment (TTA)' and a Road Safety Audit as part of the planning process and these documents were assessed and approved by the Planning Authority.

**13. Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley**

*I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Council provide clarification on the decision to impose a blanket ban on dogs within the Riverfest Village at Arthur's Quay during Riverfest 2026, including:*

- *The rationale behind this decision;*

- *Whether any consultation took place with dog owners or animal welfare stakeholders prior to implementation;*
- *Whether dogs were subject to a similar ban in previous years of Riverfest;*
- *Whether this blanket ban will remain in place for future Riverfest events.*

*This decision has caused significant frustration among responsible dog owners who have traditionally attended Riverfest as a family event in a public park. Given that the Control of Dogs Act already provides for responsible ownership through control and leashing requirements, can the Council explain why a blanket exclusion was deemed necessary rather than implementing reasonable control measures.*

**REPLY:** The policy referred to here is in its third year of implementation. It was introduced in 2024 following consultation between the Event Management Company and LCCC on health and safety and hygiene grounds. It has been in place since, including this year. The policy was originally introduced following a number of complaints regarding dogs not being kept under proper control. This included incidents of excessive barking, aggression between dogs and failure to clean up after them at the 2023 festival. While we fully acknowledge the majority of dog owners are responsible there have been repeated instances of inappropriate and erratic behaviour that impacted the safety and enjoyment of the event for other attendees in the past. The festival village attracts circa 67,000 people over the 4 days. The policy on dogs (excluding guide/assistance dogs) is implemented as a proportionate risk control measure in order to ensure public safety, effective crowd management, and general event management compliance in crowded confined spaces.

From an animal welfare point of view the primary focus relates to having dogs in very confined crowded spaces with loud often amplified noises.

However it is worth noting that the Economic and Tourism Development Department are a pet friendly team and we will raise the issue at the stakeholder event debrief for review going forward and investigate how it might be possible to accommodate responsible dog owners in future years without compromising public safety, animal welfare or the success of the event.

#### **14. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the delivery of affordable housing up to the end of 2029 in Limerick City West be presented in tabular form to include expected delivery dates.*

**REPLY:** Estimated completion date for delivery of Affordable Housing up to end of 2029 in Limerick City West is as follows:

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Substantial Completion Date</b>
Affordable Cost Rental	Speakers Corner	18	Q1 2027

Affordable Purchase	Ballykeefe, Raheen Phase 1	36	Q3 2027
Affordable Cost Rental and Affordable Purchase	Thomas Street, Limerick	13	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Mungret Lands, Phase 1	60	Q4 2027
Affordable Cost Rental	Mungret Street, Limerick	40	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Ballyvelogue, Patrickswell	14	Q4 2027
Affordable Purchase	Marian Park, Patrickswell	5	Q1 2028
Affordable Cost Rental	Upper Mallow Street, Limerick	21	Q1 2028
Affordable Purchase	Glenwood, Ballyanrahan, Partickswell	33	Q1 2028
Affordable Purchase (Part V)	Glenwood, Ballyanrahan, Partickswell	4	Q1 2028
Affordable Purchase	Lord Edward Street, Limerick	7	Q2 2028
Affordable Cost Rental	Alphonsus Street, Limerick	50	Q2 2028
Affordable Purchase (Part V)	Ballycummin Road, Limerick	2	Q2 2028
Affordable Purchase	Mungret Lands, Phase 2	60	Q2 2028
Affordable Purchase	Rathmale, Mungret	46	Q3 2028
Affordable Purchase	Ballykeefe, Raheen Phase 2	50	Q4 2028
Affordable Purchase (Part V)	Barnakyle, Patrickswell	5	Q4 2028
Affordable Cost Rental	Greenpark, Dock Road	52	Q1 2029
Affordable Purchase	Mungret Lands Phase 3	61	Q2 2029
Affordable Cost Rental	Ballykeefe, Raheen Phase 3	58	Q3 2029
Affordable Purchase	Ballykeefe, Raheen Phase 3	59	Q3 2029
Affordable Cost Rental	Dock Road, Limerick	228	Q4 2029
Affordable Cost Rental	Dock Road, Limerick	28	Q4 2029

Note: Substantial completion dates are dependent on timely approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Housing Finance Agency where relevant.

**15. Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from the housing team on the derelict housing units at the entrance to Marian Park, Patrickswell.***

**REPLY:** The Housing Directorate has engaged with the Property Services Unit of Limerick City and County Council to understand the legal issues related to this derelict site. Limerick City and County Council's legal representatives are seeking Senior Counsel opinion on matters relating to this complex site.

The intent is to bring the part of the estate, which is not subject to legal issues, back into use as a first phase - whilst legal issues are being resolved on the remaining homes. The intention is for the first phase to consist of 5 units with an estimated completion in Q1 2028.

For your information the following surveys have been completed or are ongoing as part of the preparatory work towards advancing the project/preparation of the required AHF application:

- Jetting, CCTV of drainage and utilities complete and received - April 2026.
- Ground penetrating radar and Topographical Survey of site complete and received - April 2026.
- Structural and Cost estimate ongoing. To be completed - May 2026.

Once all the surveys are complete, an Affordable Housing Fund application will be prepared and should this confirm the scheme as viable, an application will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for subsidy approval.

**16. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how frequently all public waste bins are emptied and dog foul removed from footpaths.***

**REPLY:** In Limerick City Centre, there are approximately 200 waste bins. The Cleansing Department attends to these bins, emptying them daily. Bins outside the City Centre are emptied every two days.

Dog foul is removed when identified by Cleansing staff as they become aware of it. Dog foul is often removed by road sweepers in their normal operation, and directed removal occurs when a Dynamics case is raised, or a Supervisor is made aware of it.

Limerick Civic Trust attends to the Three Bridges Walk daily as part of its Service Level Agreement with Limerick City and County Council. Staff of the Trust are required to walk the route, picking litter and removing dog foul.

**17. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to set out what controls are in place to manage the exempted development of converting commercial premises to residential units.***

**REPLY:** Statutory Instrument No. 30 amended Article 10 of the Planning & Development Regulations to provide an exemption for the change of use and related works of certain vacant commercial premises to residential use without the need to apply for planning permission. The exemption related to existing buildings that have a current commercial use and which fall under Class 1, 2, 3, 6 or 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 2 of the Regulations. The change of use, and any related works, must occur between when the 2018 Regulation came into operation on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2028.

In order to obtain the exemption, any interested party must notify the Planning Authority in writing 14 days prior to the commencement of the works. The development is required to comply with the criteria set out in Article 10(6) of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

**18. Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the issue of low levels of public lighting that was raised previously at a Special Meeting.***

**REPLY:** I wish to advise that the National Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project (PLEEP), delivered through Cork County Council as lead authority for the South West Region, is now at completion stage.

The locations referenced at the special meeting, where concerns were raised regarding low levels of public lighting, were included within the PLEEP contract. At these locations, the existing nonenergy efficient SON/SOX lanterns have been replaced with modern LED lanterns as part of the upgrade programme.

All works carried out under the PLEEP scheme have been designed and implemented in accordance with the relevant national public lighting standards. The lighting levels provided are therefore compliant with these standards. In this context, there are no proposals to replace the newly installed LED lanterns with alternative fittings.

This programme forms part of the Government's National Energy Efficiency Plan, which sets targets for improved energy performance. The replacement of older SON/SOX lanterns with energy-efficient LED technology is a key measure in achieving these objectives and has now been substantially delivered across Limerick City and County.

Should specific locations give rise to ongoing concerns, these can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the installed lighting is operating as intended.

**19. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown on the number of CCTV cameras in Limerick City West, East and North electoral areas respectively and the locations of any further CCTV.***

**REPLY:** After conducting a review of the Community CCTV and Waste CCTV initiatives, a detailed summary has been prepared outlining the quantity of CCTV cameras installed across the Limerick City North, Limerick City East, and Limerick City West electoral districts. This breakdown also includes cameras that have received approval from the Garda Commissioner and are currently in the construction planning phase.

Local Electoral Area	Waste Enforcement CCTV	Community CCTV	New Community CCTV (Approved)	Total
Limerick City East	4	103	13	120
Limerick City West	2	31	6	39
Limerick City North	5	132	29	166
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>325</b>

**20. Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the average waiting time for housing applicants for 1 bed, 2 bed and 3 bed houses.*

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council undertook a comprehensive review of housing allocations for 2024, which indicates that the average waiting time for applicants across 1-bed, 2-bed and 3-bed accommodation is as follows: -

1 bed	5.25 years
2 bed	5.38 years
3 bed	4.73 years

It is important to note that waiting times can vary significantly depending on areas of choice selected by applicants. In particular, areas with high demand and limited social housing supply can result in longer waiting periods.

The Allocations Team is currently planning to roll out the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system. This system will provide applicants with greater autonomy to express interest in available properties across a wider range of areas, which is expected to support more efficient allocations and may help to reduce overall waiting times

**21. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the public toilet map as requested is forthcoming and listed on Limerick.ie.*

**REPLY:** A map is currently being prepared for publication, and will be listed on Limerick City and County Council's website on completion.

**22. Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what enforcement has there been on the back alley in Parnell St, in terms of parking fines, parking on double yellow*

***lines as well as drivers going up the wrong way and totally blocking the lane from the Parnell side entrance.***

**REPLY:** Arising from the taking in charge of the laneway its surface has been upgraded and line marking work has begun and is currently awaiting completion. Enforcement will be arranged on an ongoing basis to enforce the new parking arrangements on this laneway. It is a matter for An Garda Síochána to enforce traffic offences (including driving the wrong way) under the relevant road traffic legislation.

**23. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on the decision to research and prepare a draft policy regarding the use of glyphosate and other herbicides and alternatives.***

**REPLY:** The Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC is currently developing its proposed programme of work for the year. The development of a policy on the use of glyphosates and other pesticides will be included in this programme of work. This policy will be developed in consultation with all relevant operational areas of the Local Authority.

**24. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the agreement to assess this District's request to install communication boards in libraries, museums, galleries, and other LCCC owned and operated buildings. Have service owners, as well as the organisations and charities who promote this initiative, been consulted to date.***

**REPLY:** Communication boards are specific to the service being provided. That is to say that each service such as libraries, museums and galleries requires a specifically designed communication board.

Following the initial request we have contacted the three library authorities that have introduced this service the past year. The advice provided based on their experience to date is that it is recommended that two types of communication boards are suitable for cultural services. Firstly, a fixed internal wall mounted sign clearly visible at the reception area primarily advertises the availability of this service. Secondly, that an A4 laminated board be made available for individuals to use. These A4 boards provide the flexibility for use by people of different abilities throughout the building. The A4 boards are given to the users when they arrive to the building and returned as the users exit the building. A similar site-specific approach is being taken in other LCCC owned and operating buildings.

The charity organisations who promote this service have been consulted and samples of their products have been received and reviewed. Following this an order has been placed for a compliment of products to meet the anticipated need. We are awaiting

the delivery of these products and on receipt of same this service will be rolled out across our public buildings and will be monitored/reviewed after a settling in period.

**25. Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the bus shelter that was due to be installed on the Old Cratloe Road in Q3 of 2025 to be shared with members.***

**REPLY:** The proposed bus stop enhancements/bus shelter installations planned for the Old Cratloe Road form part of the Old Cratloe Road Cycle Lanes Project. This project is at construction stage. It is envisaged that bus shelters will be installed on the Old Cratloe Road before the end of August 2026.

**26. Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the delayed works for Shelbourne Park of basketball court, pétanque pistes and further sports amenities will commence.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council wishes to advise that there have been delays to the commencement of the sports facilities in Shelbourne Park due to issues with funding.

Due to the time that has elapsed since the project was tendered, the contractor has advised that he can no longer stand over the tender amount.

The contractor has been requested to provide a breakdown of additional costs which may be involved, and we await a response.

A start date for the works will be identified when the additional costs are known, and a source identified for the balance of funding required.

**27. Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of applications the local authority has received in 2026 to date for local authority second hand acquisition tenant in situ.***

**REPLY:** In 2026 to date, Limerick City and County Council have been notified of 129 notices of termination issued to tenants. See breakdown of these below:

Owner re-occupying: 4

Tenant over income limits: 7

Withdrawn due to the following reasons: tenant not in receipt of HAP/RAS supports, landlord did not want to engage, alternative social property sourced for tenant, fire safety/pyrite issues with property: 72

Could progress under Tenant in Situ Scheme if further funding becomes available: 46

**28. Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale**

**I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of Notices of Termination received by the local authority for 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date.**

**REPLY:** Since 2024, 642 Notice of Terminations have been received. Please see breakdown by year below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Notice of Terminations received</b>
2024	238
2025	275
2026 to date	129

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the green space between car parking spaces at Glasgow Park be removed in light of the fact that over 70 houses out of 100 signed the petition to have the green space removed.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Kiely and agreed.

**REPLY:** A review of the car parking provision within the estate is currently ongoing. This assessment is being carried out in accordance with the car parking standards as set out in the Limerick City and County Council Development Plan 2022 to 2028. An update will be provided when the assessment/ review is completed.

Following discussion, the A/Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic and Cleansing agreed to meet with Councillor Slattery on site to review the matter.

**30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council expand the successful Bulky Waste Collection service currently operating in St. Mary's Park, Ballinacurra Weston, Moyross, Southill, Kennedy Park, Glasgow Park and Galvone to all communities across the Metropolitan District on a rolling or rotational basis.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Beasley, seconded by Councillor Secas and agreed.

**REPLY:** Over the past two years, a limited number of subsidised Bulky Waste collection events have been provided in targeted areas across the city and county. These bulky waste collections are funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative, supported by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment.

The events were focused on areas identified by the Litter Management Team as experiencing persistent issues with illegal dumping, backyard burning, and burning in public areas.

The initiative aims to reduce illegal dumping by offering householders in these areas a practical and accessible disposal alternative, while also discouraging illegal dumping and burning practices. More generally, the Council promotes waste management in line with the *polluter pays* principle, whereby those who generate waste are responsible for its proper disposal.

Following discussions, Members were advised that the Motion would have budgetary implications not currently provided for.

### **31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

***I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to the working group that was set up with officials from the Departments of Children, Housing and Education, to review planning guidelines for childcare facilities to ensure childcare spaces are provided and put to use when a housing development is built.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Slattery, seconded by Councillor Secas and agreed.

In moving the Motion, Councillor Slattery noted that while childcare units are being provided as part of housing developments, some are not becoming operational.

Following discussions, it was agreed to seek an update from the Planning Department in relation to the issue.

### **32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Beasley**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council call on the Director General to immediately appoint an authorised officer under Section 37 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 to enforce animal welfare provisions within the Limerick City and County Council functional area.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Beasley, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

**REPLY:** The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is the lead State authority with overarching responsibility for animal welfare. DAFM enforces the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 and related legislation through its Veterinary Inspectorate and welfare officers, including a team of vets based in Limerick who carry out inspections and investigations. Reports of Animal Welfare concerns to the Council are referred to this team.

Following discussions, it was agreed that a workshop would be arranged for the Elected Members with relevant stakeholders to discuss the issue of horse control in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

### **33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District:*

- *Initiate immediately a formal Section 38 procedure to assess and design a suitable traffic calming scheme for the Ballyvara Junction on Cappamore Road-R506;*
- *Undertake any necessary traffic studies or safety assessments;*
- *Consider funding allocation or inclusion in upcoming road safety or active travel programmes.*

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Secas, seconded by Councillor Pond and agreed.

**REPLY:** The section of R506 in question is within a 60kmph and speed surveys in the past have indicated that this speed limit was exceeded.

- A speed survey is currently in place and the results will be available shortly. If there are a number of violations of the 60kmph speed limit this survey will be forwarded to the Gardai for enforcement purposes.
- There are a few driver feedback signs along this route and Limerick City and County Council have cut back hedgerow to make these more visible.
- Further improvements carried out include improving sightlines at junction, cautionary road markings and advance warning signage.
- Traffic behaviours in the vicinity of this junction will continue to be monitored throughout 2026.

### **34. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a City Centre Manager is recruited to curate and manage the retail offering in Limerick city centre.*

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Donoghue, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed.

Following discussions, it was agreed to amend the Motion to the following:

*"I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a Retail City Centre Manager is recruited to curate and manage the retail offering in Limerick city centre."*

**REPLY:** Bannon Property Consultants were appointed in February 2026 to carry out a Vision and Options Report on the Future of Retail in Limerick City Centre. This final draft of this report is due in Quarter 2 2026 and will make recommendations to ensure that the vitality and viability of the city centre is maintained and enhanced.

### **35. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the former Creative Limerick initiative is updated and re-established to see the occupation of vacant premises across the city centre by the creative industries.*

*Creative Limerick was a previous partnership initiative that Limerick City Council engaged with third level institutes, creative industries and commercial property owners to activate vacant properties while promoting the creative industries. The Council acted as a facilitator between landlords and creative practitioners via a licence agreement to enable short term and temporary use of vacant commercial premises between leases during a downturn in the economy.*

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

**REPLY:** The Creative Limerick initiative and subsequent schemes including the Limerick Business & Retail Incentive Scheme had limited impact and led to the current suite of incentives on offer to support the consistent principal aims of:

- Reducing vacant property in the city centre
- Increasing footfall
- Increasing diversity of offer in the city centre
- Reduce financial barriers to new starts.

Limerick City and County Council now offers the Vacant Business Premises Rates Incentive Scheme. This Scheme launched in 2026 is intended to incentivise and encourage reoccupation of vacant retail/commercial properties to combat vacancy in the core retail area of Limerick City Centre providing support over a 4 year period to a maximum value of €30,000.

There are additional financial supports available under national grant programmes administered by Limerick City and County Council to assist in the refurbishment of vacant properties to bring them back into use (e.g. Living City Initiative and Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant).

The Economic Development Department are currently preparing the terms of a forthcoming High Street Innovator Competition that will further support the use of a

commercial premises in partnership with the property owner through the provision of a defined rent free period and assistance with fit out costs. This competition has a finite budget provision.

Any expansion of the High Street Innovator Competition, the Vacant Business Premises Rates Incentive Scheme or other additional initiative would require additional staffing and financial commitments through the forthcoming Workforce Plan and future Budget allocations and is therefore not a matter that can be progressed through a Notice of Motion in the absence of these requirements.

### **36. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for this Council to complete a review of the 30km/h speed limit in the city centre including effectiveness, public awareness and enforcement of same.*

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Donovan, seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara and agreed.

**REPLY:** Limerick City & County Council has not, to date, undertaken a post-installation review of the 30 km/h speed limit within the city centre.

The Roads, Central Services Team will now progress traffic speed surveys at appropriate locations within the 30 km/h zone. These surveys will assess compliance by road users, thereby informing an evaluation of the operational effectiveness of the reduced speed limit and the level of public awareness associated with it.

Enforcement of the 30 km/h speed limit is a matter for An Garda Síochána. In this regard, once the traffic speed survey data has been collated and analysed, it will be shared with the relevant Garda Division to support enforcement considerations.

### **37. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan (to be referred to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the weekly rent for emergency accommodation to be reduced to new rates based on individual circumstances.*

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Home and Social Development Strategic Policy Committee.

### **38. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Kiely**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we request the LDA attend the next council meeting in June to share their housing delivery plans.*

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Kiely, seconded by Councillor McSweeney and agreed.

In moving the Motion, Councillor Kiely stressed dissatisfaction with the progress of housing delivery on a number of LDA sites, noting the current housing crisis in Limerick and emphasised the need to deliver more housing.

#### **39. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a speed survey is carried out in Fortmary Park between the Ennis Road and North Circular Road as a first step in addressing residents' regular reports of speeding on the road and it's being used as a 'rat-run'.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor Hickey-O'Mara requested that the speed survey would be carried out before schools closed for the summer holidays to ensure accurate data is captured during peak traffic times.

**REPLY:** Arrangements will be put in place to undertake a speed survey in this area. It is noted, however, that there are currently three existing sets of ramps, evenly spaced, along this stretch of road. The section of road experiences significant on street parking, combined with a relatively narrow carriageway, which already contributes to reduced vehicle speeds.

#### **40. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

***I will move at the next meeting of this district that a Limerick City Animal Welfare Committee is set up to examine enforcement challenges, improve multi-agency co-operation and co-ordination, and promote public awareness of welfare standards and responsible animal ownership in our city.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Hickey O'Mara, seconded by Councillor Beasley and agreed.

**REPLY:** The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) is the lead State authority with overarching responsibility for animal welfare. DAFM enforces the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 and related legislation through its Veterinary Inspectorate and welfare officers, including a team of vets based in Limerick who carry out inspections and investigations. The establishment of a Limerick City Animal Welfare Committee, as proposed in this motion, could provide a forum to examine enforcement challenges, improve multi-agency cooperation and coordination, and support consistent messaging around animal welfare standards and responsible animal ownership within the city.

In this context, the Council may write to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to formally request consideration of establishing a Limerick City Animal Welfare Committee, in line with the objectives set out in this motion.

**41. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council take action on vape shops using child-targeted signage. Furthermore, that this Council write to Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill requesting a national ban on vaping indoors in public places, workplaces and public transport.*

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Beasley and agreed.

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Sullivan highlighted the dangers associated with vaping and expressed concern regarding signage and packaging designed to appeal to young people.

**42. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan (to be referred to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee)**

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council create a Dog Park Policy for the city.*

It was agreed to refer this Notice of Motion to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee.

**43. Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

This concluded the meeting.

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