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Reply to Notice of Motion

Meeting of the Cappamore – Kilmallock Municipal District to be held on Thursday 18th
June 2026

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Stokes

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that an exact time frame commitment be given to deliver General Municipal Allocations projects still outstanding from 2025.

Response:

The Municipal District Office for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District have reviewed their 2025 Roads GMA programme and confirm that of the 29 projects adopted for 2025, that 10 of these remain to be fully completed.

Some of these projects require the completion of additional task items before works can be scheduled and include landowner agreement documentation, completion of road safety audits, or other statutory requirements.

This has resulted in some projects being carried forward into 2026 while the poor weather conditions in late 2025 and early 2026 has also contributed to the outstanding completion of some projects to date.

It is the intention of the Municipal District Office for the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District to complete all outstanding 2025 projects by year end.

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**Meeting of the Cappamore -Kilmallock Municipal District of Limerick
To be held on Monday 15th June, 2026**

Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Carey

I will move at the next Meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that designated casual trading license areas be extended to include the town of Kilmallock.

Response

Casual Trading in Ireland is governed by the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and associated regulations and by-laws (made by the local authority).

The purpose of the legislation is to regulate casual trading, which is defined as the selling goods at a place (including a public road) to which the public have access as of right or at any other place that is a casual trading area.

The designation of a casual trading area is a reserved function of the elected members and would require extensive consultation with the public, residents and traders in any proposed location having regard to the potential implications for any of the preceding, e.g. potential displacement effects for existing retailers who are ratepayers. In this regard, casual trading areas are usually designated where there has been a tradition of this activity over many years.

There are further implications such as the impact on parking and traffic management issues that may be associated with any proposed location. Any person who applies for a casual trading licence in a designated area is usually accommodated once they meet the requirements for the licence.

At present there are 3 designated areas for casual trading in Limerick, viz: Limerick City near the Milk Market, Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale. The operation of these markets is supervised and regulated by Council staff who ensure compliance with the requirements of the Council's bye-laws.

The Council is not aware of any demand for an area in Kilmallock for casual trading and any proposal would have to be considered very carefully in the context of the retail profile of the town and potential impacts on same.

Signed

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**MEETING OF THE CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2026**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Conway

I will move at the next meeting of Cappamore Kilmallock Municipal District that Limerick City & County Council provide access to public libraries in areas with Deis schools in the evenings for exam students to study for the duration of the state exams perhaps up to 9:00pm approx. from 1st June to 15th

REPLY:

The remit of Public Libraries has evolved significantly over the past two decades, largely as a result of successive National Public Library Strategies. These strategies have increasingly emphasised the role of the Library Service as a central hub within the community.

Public Libraries now fulfil a range of diverse and multifaceted functions, including:

- The development of the library as a multi-purpose educational and social space that is accessible to all members of the community.
- The organisation of ongoing events and activities for children, such as the Children's Book Festival and the Right to Read programme. These initiatives drive increased footfall and are directly associated with improved literacy outcomes and higher levels of reading engagement.
- The provision of events and activities for individuals and community groups, contributing to enhanced usage and greater overall engagement with library services.
- The development of programmes aligned with the national "Skills for Life" framework, with particular emphasis on digital literacy, financial literacy, sustainable living, and environmental awareness.

With regard to study spaces, the Library Service has consistently supported students by providing such facilities where feasible. However, the proposed focus of the Library as an exam study space would have a detrimental impact on the delivery of other



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essential library services, events, and activities. The availability of study spaces varies considerably between library branches depending on their size and even in the larger branches is quite limited.

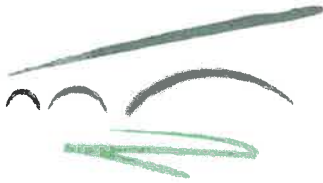
While the Library Service remains committed to supporting students, it is not practicable to dedicate the building primarily to exam study purposes without significantly affecting access for a wide range of other users and community groups. The primary responsibility for the provision of exam study spaces should rest with schools.

Libraries are no longer silent places and therefore the quiet that may be needed for study purposes can in no way be guaranteed. Libraries are vibrant spaces, often with multiple activities taking place simultaneously. These activities can range from books clubs to conversation groups and training classes.

The period in question, in the motion, of the 1st to the 15th June would represent a challenge as this is the actual exam period. Libraries generally experience a drop-off in the number of students using facilities once the exams start. To be in any way beneficial it would have to be brought in from the Easter terms onwards, which would have severe impact for a prolonged period on other library users, library activities and programming. This post-Easter period is busy from a programming perspective as it encompasses Spring into Storytime, Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival and Cruinniú na nÓg as well as other events.

The focus on DEIS schools, is not an easy construct. Schools are assigned as DEIS based on a Department of Education Identification Model that assesses the socio-economic and demographic profile of their student body. In terms of secondary schools, students often travel outside their own area to attend school. Therefore, providing access to the nearest library to the DEIS school may not benefit the students attending that school, as they may live elsewhere and are commuting to and from the DEIS school on a daily basis.

There are currently twenty-eight post-primary schools in Limerick, eight of which are DEIS schools. The argument to focus only on DEIS schools would be difficult to sustain. Therefore, it would not be feasible to cater for the study needs of exam students in twenty-eight post-primary schools across the city and county.



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The repurposing of a public library for exam study purposes would present a **staffing challenge** with the expectation that facilities would be available up to 9pm. All our branch library staff are fully rostered to manage a frontline service including daily openings from 10am, two late evenings to 8pm and Saturday opening. To expand this service to 9pm on a daily basis would require a significant additional staff resource and extra security costs, to safely manage this function.

In conclusion, given the extensive range of community services that our public libraries are already providing, the limited size of our libraries to meet this exam study need and the additional staffing and security requirement involved, it is not possible to repurpose the library service as an exam study space.

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