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**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
To be held on Monday 15th June, 2026**

Question submitted by Councillor Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick which action plan is currently in place to treat Japanese knotweed in the Boro Park and in other areas in the Metropolitan District, by electoral area and in tabular format.

Response:

All Japanese knotweed identified in the Metropolitan District is reported to an appointed specialist Contractor. It is subsequently treated until it has been successfully destroyed (a period of 5-6 years generally).

Boro Park is currently on this list and continues to be treated.

Please note that during treatment, and while treatment is in hand, living parts remain visible for a number of years.

Limerick City and County Council urges all members of the public to refrain from interference with invasive species, and to report any instances immediately.

Regards,

Aidan Finn Senior Engineer.
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action Dept.
10th June 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor Beasley

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council provide a breakdown of how Local Property Tax revenue was allocated and spent in each of the years 2024, 2025, to date, including which services and projects were funded from this revenue stream in each of those years.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council received the following Local Property Tax (LPT) income in the years 2024, 2025 and 2026:

Year	LPT Income
2024	€21,329,589
2025	€21,405,939
2026	€22,691,264

Local Property Tax forms part of the Council's general revenue funding alongside commercial rates, grants and subsidies and goods and services income. LPT contributes to day-to-day (revenue) expenditure across local authority services rather than being ring-fenced to specific individual projects. The main areas supported by LPT funding are as follows:

- Road maintenance and improvement works (local and regional roads)
- Footpath improvements
- Street cleaning
- Environmental services including fire services
- Parks, playgrounds, open spaces and recreational amenities
- Festivals and Events
- Library services
- Local economic and community supports

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Matthew White,
Director of Finance

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK to be held on Monday, 15th June 2026.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, over the past three years, how much has Limerick City and County Council spent on providing emergency accommodation for homeless persons (including hotels, bed and breakfasts, and other emergency housing arrangements), and how much revenue has the Council received from persons accessing this accommodation through rental agreements or payment arrangements based on their circumstances.

Please provide the figures broken down by year (2024, 2025, to date).

REPLY:

The information around spend is publicly available on GOV.IE as Limerick City and County Council return their financial information to the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage.

In 2024 the total amount spent on Emergency Accommodation in Limerick City and County Council was €11,322,793.

In 2025 the total amount spent on Emergency Accommodation in Limerick City and County Council was €16,937,214

2026 figures are not accurately available at this time, but an estimated spend figure for Q1 2026 is in the region of €3.7m.

Limerick City and County Council allow the accommodation providers of family hub and STA (Short Term Accommodation) hostels to retain these payment charges that they have received from clients who have been referred by the Homeless Action Team. These payments have been used by the service providers to offset the amount of section 10 funding required to operate those services.



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Question submitted by Councillor Beasley

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when dogs are released from Limerick pound, are they microchipped and neutered as mandatory processes, and is the microchip registered in the owner's name.

Response

All dogs leaving Limerick Dog Shelter are microchipped prior to rehoming. Each dog is registered either to the new owner or to the charity that has agreed to rehome it.

Dogs are not neutered at the shelter as it does not have the staff resources or facilities required to carry out medical procedures such as neutering. In addition, the shelter environment is not suitable for post-operative care and recovery.

The priority of staff is to rehome dogs as quickly as possible to good homes, ensuring their welfare by minimising the time spent in the shelter.

Regards,

Aidan Finn Senior Engineer.
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9th June 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the boules area in the Pocket Park on Parnell Street and if those wishing to use the boules area can hire boules for use.

Response

The Boules area in the Pocket Park on Parnell Street is now open for general use. Limerick City and County Council is currently exploring with nearby commercial premises the possibility of establishing a system for hiring of boules sets to members of the public.

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Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on work undertaken at the Corbally Baths considering water quality consistently does not satisfy the limits set out in the Bathing Water Regulations and what work is required to ensure regulations are met for bathing.

Response

Water analysis has been ongoing at Corbally Baths since 2019 with sampling taking place during the bathing season. The bathing season runs from 1st of June to the 15th September each year with a requirement to meet a number of parameters. The microbial parameters governing bathing water quality are *Intestinal enterococci* and *Escherichia coli*.

Over that time 67 samples have been analysed. 26 of those failed one or both of the required parameters. Monitoring will continue over the bathing season in 2026 with a further review of the results there after.

Regards,

Aidan Finn Senior Engineer.
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action Dept.
9th June 2026

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 15th June 2026

Question submitted by Councillor Gavan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the dockless bike scheme in Annacotty/Castletroy with a view towards the September return of students to the area.

Reply:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is currently progressing the procurement of a national framework for the provision of dockless bike services. It is anticipated that this framework will be in place by Quarter 3 of this year.

Once established, Limerick City and County Council will be able to initiate a mini competition under this framework to appoint a provider for a Dockless Bike Scheme. The intention is that the scheme will serve a range of locations across the functional area, including Annacotty and Castletroy.

Further updates will be provided as the procurement process progresses and more definitive timelines become available.

**John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm,
10th June 2026.**

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 15th June 2026

Question submitted by Councillor Gavan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update following recent requests by Councillors in Limerick City East regarding movement on lane alteration requests (left lane for Bloodmill and Dunnes) and improvements to Childers Road, in light of increasing traffic congestion in these areas.

Reply:

The proposals referenced by Members in relation to lane reconfiguration, including the provision of a dedicated left-turn lane for access to Bloodmill Road/Dunnes Stores, as well as broader improvement works along the Childers Road corridor will require significant capital investment and must be progressed in line with appropriate technical assessments.

This will include detailed traffic modelling, junction capacity analysis, road safety appraisal, and alignment with current national and regional transport policies.

Given the scale and strategic importance of the Childers Road corridor, further design will be required to define the scope and feasibility of any proposed measures. The advancement of these proposals will therefore be subject to the availability of funding and will be considered as part of future submissions to the National Transport Authority, along with other relevant capital programmes.

In the interim, the Council will continue to monitor traffic conditions in the area, and Members will be kept informed as assessments progress and as funding opportunities arise to support delivery.

John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm,
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Question submitted by Councillor Donoghue

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full breakdown of footfall figures across Limerick City as previously presented by Limerick City and County Council, including days and times in certain locations, demographics, and events.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council utilises a combination of different technologies to monitor footfall and movement patterns across the city, including Micro-Radar sensors and third-party mobility data providers.

Footfall data is collected through anonymised, non-personal measurement technologies.

Micro-Radar sensors record movement counts only, and data is available for certain locations across Limerick City where these sensors have been installed. The locations were selected based on operational requirements, for example to monitor pedestrian and traffic activity, support urban planning and transport initiatives, and to measure economic activity in key areas.

In addition, third-party mobility datasets, generated based on mobile phone signals, have been procured by Digital Services that provide movement and dwell-time data for the city centre in aggregated and anonymised formats.

It is important to note that none of the footfall datasets capture personally identifiable information, while the Council also does **not collect demographic data** in any of its footfall datasets.

The data in these footfall datasets can be provided broken down by location, date, day of the week, and time of the day, while footfall trends can be analysed in the context of major events, seasonal variations, weather patterns, and city centre initiatives.

This enables the identification of peak and off-peak periods, and supports planning and event analysis where required.

Given the types of data sources, the variety of methods in which the data is collected and recorded, and the different structures of the datasets that we have available for the city centre, it is difficult to provide that data in a standardised single dataset broken down by location, events etc. Instead, Digital Services can provide reports and analysis of footfall data for specific locations and timeframes upon request, subject to the availability of valid data for those locations.

Meanwhile, Digital Services continues its efforts on behalf of the Council to enhance its data capabilities and make reliable data available on-demand through dashboards to support evidence-based decision making in areas such as urban planning, transport, tourism and economic development, while ensuring strict compliance with data protection requirements.



Rob O'Driscoll, Digital Services Program Manager

on behalf of

Alan Dooley, Head of Information Systems, Digital, Finance Investment & Governance