

CORRESPONDENCE

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
ADARE-RATHKEALE**

14TH JULY, 2026

- Email received on 2nd July, 2026 from John O’Keeffe, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads – Central Services, Limerick City and County Council in reply to request from Elected Members for further funding be sought from the Department/TII to address the deficit in funding for maintenance of grass cutting at all junctions in the District, in the interest of road safety.

From: O'Keeffe, John
Sent: Thursday 2 July 2026 15:32
To: Butler, Karen
Cc: Liddy, Patricia; Gannon, John; Murphy, Kevin
Subject: FW: Request from the elected Members of Adare Rathkeale MD

Hi Karen,

Regarding the attached request, please find below the response on behalf of Patricia Liddy, DOS, Transportation & Mobility Directorate;

National Road Network

TII provide Ordinary Maintenance allocations on an annual basis to all local authorities for National Primary and National Secondary maintenance works. The Ordinary Maintenance allocations can be utilised by the Local Authority at their own discretion for various activities as outlined in the TII Chargeability of Expenditure Document including Minor Pavement Maintenance, Verge/Median Maintenance, Road Sweeping and Litter Removal, Footpath Repairs, Landscape Areas, Fencing & Walls, Drainage Systems and Emergency Works. In 2026 Limerick City and Council have been allocated under Ordinary Maintenance €202,876 and €66,044 for National Primary and National Secondary roads, respectively which has been apportioned, based on national route length to each district for use at their discretion and priority of need. In addition to the above annual maintenance allocation, in 2026 Limerick City & County Council have secured an additional €64,200 for dedicated verge maintenance on national routes which allows Limerick City & County Council to undertake two grass cutting and litter picking operations on all national routes, one being a targeted cut of junctions and bends in early summer and the second being a full cut in later summer. Following a request for additional verge maintenance funding, TII have confirmed that they are currently not in a position to accommodate this request.

Regional and Local Road Network

The annual funding allocation for roads general maintenance works activities is secured through the department of transport's discretionary maintenance annual grant allocation combined with the Limerick City & County Council own resources budget allocation that is approved by the elected members annually. Roads general maintenance works activities include for, but are not limited to, minor pavement maintenance, footpath repair, street cleaning requirements, drainage maintenance, emergency works, verge maintenance, etc. In 2026, an increase of the maintenance budget for local roads to the sum of €400,000 was approved by the elected members of LCCC, primarily to assist with continued delivery of existing maintenance service levels on local roads, the cost of delivery for which have been impacted significantly in recent years by cumulative annual inflation increases. Following the negative impact of poor weather conditions on the local and regional road network within Limerick City & County during the latter end of 2025 and the earlier part of 2026, an increased demand for road pavement patching maintenance and drainage maintenance works was experienced which has accounted for expenditure of the additional €400,000 budgetary

allocation for 2026. The delivery of general maintenance works programmes is managed by the district roads staff and delivered on a priority of need basis, including verge maintenance grass cutting activities. Currently, no additional roads general maintenance funding allocations are available for the remainder of 2026.'

Regards,

John

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