

MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL to be held on Monday, 13th July 2026.

Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for the Housing Directorate to provide the source of funding and rationale for the recently published request for tender seeking a communications advisory service to deliver an integrated Public Relations (PR), Digital Marketing and Social Media campaign in support of the Council's Housing Programme.

REPLY:

The rationale is we need to be open and transparent with the public regarding housing delivery in Limerick, including where the city currently stands, the factors that have contributed to the present position, and the measures being implemented to improve housing delivery outcomes.

In 2023, 788 homes were delivered in Limerick against an identified requirement of 2,599 homes. In 2022, 672 homes were delivered. Addressing both existing unmet demand and future housing need will require a significant increase in annual housing delivery, with output needing to rise to approximately 4,000 homes per annum to achieve a normally functioning housing market in Limerick.

Achieving Limerick's housing ambitions across all tenures will require sustained capital investment of approximately €1.6 billion per annum. Over the lifetime of the housing strategy, the total investment requirement is expected to be in the region of €20 billion.

Achieving this level of delivery will depend on maintaining public confidence, securing investor engagement, and fostering strong partnerships across the public and private sectors. Clear, professional and transparent communication is an important component of this effort.

The proposed communications activity should therefore be viewed as a strategic intervention intended to address an identified weakness and support the delivery of Limerick's housing objectives. In the context of an investment requirement of approximately €20 billion, the communications expenditure is proportionate. Even if it contributed to securing only €1 billion of the investment required, an expenditure of €100,000 would represent a substantial return.

There should be no apology for communicating and promoting a programme of this scale and importance. Any organisation seeking significant investment in a product or service would expect to invest in communicating its plans to the market and the public. A motor company seeking to sell vehicles would advertise them; similarly, a local authority seeking to attract investment, build confidence and deliver thousands of homes must communicate clearly and professionally.

A number of local authorities with strong housing delivery records, including Fingal County Council and Dublin City Council, have invested in dedicated communications campaigns to support their housing programmes. These initiatives help inform the public, build stakeholder confidence, and increase awareness of housing delivery objectives and progress.

The funding source is the Mayoral Fund.

John Moran,
Mayor of Limerick,
10th July 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council for a) the number of operational data centres currently operating in Limerick, b) the number of planning applications received since 2024 by Limerick City and County Council for data centre developments (c) whether the Council holds information on whether existing or proposed data centres are located adjacent to, or are intended to be powered by, renewable energy sources.

REPLY:

The Council does not keep specific records of data centres that are operational in Limerick City and County.

The Council does keep records of planning applications where data centres formed part of the proposed development. From a review of the historical planning register, five number data centres were identified, that were permitted and particularly associated with existing employment facilities.

No planning applications for data centres were identified to be received since 2024.

The Council does not hold specific records on the nature of the power supply to data centres; however, such information may be included in the planning application details pertaining to the site and development.

Signed:

Nuala O'Connell,
A/Director of Service,
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July Meeting of Plenary Council be held on 13th July, 2026

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council how many parking tickets were issued to vehicles illegally parked in accessible parking spaces on a yearly basis since 2022 and that this information is broken down in tabular form by local electoral area.

Reply

The number of parking tickets issued in accessible parking spaces from 2022 to 2026 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Tickets Issued</u>
2022	345
2023	455
2024	549
2025	449
2026 to date	205

A breakdown by local electoral area is not available.

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Irene Griffin,
Financial Accountant
Finance Department

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council if the Council engages with people with disabilities and lived experience when making provisions for people with disabilities and making decisions in the area of accessibility.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council acknowledges the importance of engaging directly with people with disabilities, their representative organisations and service providers when making decisions that impact accessibility, inclusion and service delivery. This is embedded through the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty Implementation Plan.

The Council engages with people with disabilities, representative organisations, community groups and specialist service providers through a range of consultation processes, partnership structures and stakeholder forums. This engagement supports the development of policies, services, housing provision, public realm projects and infrastructure, and helps identify and address barriers to accessibility. This approach is guided by national disability policy, Universal Design principles and local strategies such as Age Friendly Limerick Strategic 2024-2028 and Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2028.

The Council works with organisations such as the Disability Federation of Ireland and Ability Focus to provide disability awareness, accessibility and inclusion training for staff, helping to ensure that accessibility and reasonable accommodation considerations are embedded across Council services.

The Active Travel Team actively engages with people with disabilities and disability advocacy organisations to inform accessibility-related initiatives and decision-making. In May 2026, Active Travel worked in partnership with the Step Forward Disability Advocacy Group and Hospital National School to deliver a Make Way Day accessibility awareness project. The initiative included an accessibility audit and empathy walk, where pupils, Active Travel staff and members of the Step Forward group examined barriers to movement such as obstructed footpaths and accessibility challenges

experienced by wheelchair users and people with visual impairments. Feedback and lived experience shared through this engagement informed discussions on accessibility and public realm improvements while helping to raise wider community awareness of inclusive mobility. In addition, the Active Travel Team's Master Plan for Walking workshop specifically sought input from people with disabilities and disability advocacy organisations. The workshop was designed to gather lived experience of walking and wheeling in Limerick, identify barriers to movement, and help prioritise improvements to create a more inclusive and accessible pedestrian environment.

Housing meets directly with housing client to examine any design needs and engages quarterly with disability agencies through their Disability Housing Strategic Stakeholder Group to support the identification and prioritisation of housing needs.

Through these ongoing engagements, the Council aims to ensure that the lived experience of people with disabilities informs the planning, delivery and continuous improvement of services, policies and infrastructure throughout the county.

Ciara Farrell,
Senior Executive Officer,
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10th July 2026