

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK AND ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2026 AT 9:45 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:**

Cathaoirleach, Councillor Joe Pond.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Service, Metropolitan District of Limerick (Mr. K. Lehane), Meetings Administrator (Ms. C. Sheehy), Senior Executive Officer, Metropolitan District of Limerick (Ms. S. Reidy), Administrative Officer, Metropolitan District of Limerick (Ms. A. Potter-Cogan), Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. T. Cronolly), Director of Service, Housing (Mr. V. Murray), Project Manager, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Mr. A. Doyle), Senior Executive Architect, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance (Ms. A. Donegan), Administrative Officer, Housing Strategy and Mixed-Tenure Partnership (Mr. D. O'Grady), Senior Executive Officer, Housing Support Services (Ms. M. Hayes), Senior Engineer, Active Travel (Mr. S. McGlynn), Senior Executive Technician, Active Travel (Ms. C. Gallagher), Senior Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Mr. J. Gannon), Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking (Ms. N. McGarry), A/Senior Engineer, Central Services, Traffic and Roads (Mr. J. Sheehan), A/Senior Executive Engineer, Central Services, Traffic and Roads (Mr. J. Moylan), Staff Officer, Mid-West National Road Design Office (Mr. D. Bourke), Senior Engineer, Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action (Mr. A. Finn), Head of Property Services (Ms. J. Leahy), Staff Officer, Property Services (Ms. R. Ross), Administrative Officer, Economic and Tourism Development (Mr. D. MacGrath), Administrative Officer, Sport and Recreation (Ms. L. Magner).

The Cathaoirleach opened the meeting by extending congratulations to the Limerick Senior and Minor Hurling Teams on their All-Ireland Championship victories.

The Cathaoirleach also congratulated Council staff on the excellent organisation of the homecoming celebrations, noting the tremendous effort involved in delivering such a successful and memorable event. Members also acknowledged the World Cup Final watch party, which was described as a wonderful cultural occasion and contributed to the vibrant atmosphere of the celebrations across the city. Members noted the great sense of pride and celebration that was evident throughout Limerick.

**1. Minutes**

Circulated, copy of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
- (b) Annual Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.
- (c) Special Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Proposed by Councillor Slattery;  
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. Disposal of Land**

### **General Disposal**

- (a) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 setting out proposals for Disposal of Property plus Right of Way at Unit 13 Galvone Industrial Estate, Limerick to GRS Ventures Ltd.

The Report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (b) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 setting out proposals for Disposal of 0.0101 Acres (0.0041 Hectares) of Land at Greenmount Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston, Limerick to Córas Iompair Éireann.

The Report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

- (c) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Services dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 setting out proposals for Disposal of 2 Portions of Land at the Railway Crossing, Childers Road to Córas Iompair Éireann.

The Report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

### **Derelict Disposal**

- (d) Circulated, Report of the Head of Property Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026 setting out proposals for Disposal of Property at 26 Clare Street, Limerick to Emma Varley.

The Report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

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

Circulated, Report of the Director of Service dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026, setting out the proposals for the Community Initiative Scheme 2026 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA), which allowed for the sum of €35,604.57 for each Member, as follows:

##### **LIMERICK CITY NORTH**

|                                                                                                     |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Abbey Rovers AFC                                                                                    | €1,000.00  |
| Caherdavin Active Retired                                                                           | €2,000.00  |
| Caherdavin Celtic AFC                                                                               | €5,000.00  |
| Dance Limerick                                                                                      | €2,000.00  |
| Every Child is Your Child Ireland (ECIYC)                                                           | €1,000.00  |
| Fairgreen Residents Association                                                                     | €1,000.00  |
| Flawless Dance School                                                                               | €1,000.00  |
| Garryowen CCE                                                                                       | €1,604.57  |
| Garryowen CDP                                                                                       | €7,500.00  |
| Geraldines AFC                                                                                      | €7,400.00  |
| King's Island Family and Community Resource Centre<br>(formally Limerick Island Community Partners) | €5,000.00  |
| LCCC Parks Department Projects – Limerick City North                                                | €32,604.57 |
| LCCC Roads Department Projects – Limerick City North                                                | €11,604.00 |
| Limerick Youth Service                                                                              | €1,000.00  |
| Midwest Model Railway Club                                                                          | €1,000.00  |
| Moyross Utd Football Club                                                                           | €10,000.00 |
| MRA Garden Committee                                                                                | €1,000.00  |
| Northside Family Resource Centre                                                                    | €3,500.00  |
| Pennywell Day Centre                                                                                | €2,000.00  |
| Richmond RFC                                                                                        | €15,000.00 |
| St. Brigid's NS                                                                                     | €1,000.00  |
| St. Johns Senior Citizens Club                                                                      | €1,000.00  |
| St. Mary's National School                                                                          | €1,000.00  |
| St. Mary's RFC                                                                                      | €10,000.00 |
| St. Munchin's Boxing Club                                                                           | €6,000.00  |
| St. Munchin's Community Centre                                                                      | €5,000.00  |
| St. Patrick's GAA                                                                                   | €8,000.00  |
| Star Rovers AFC                                                                                     | €5,000.00  |
| Take A Bow Theatre Company LTD                                                                      | €1,500.00  |
| Twilight Thursday                                                                                   | €5,600.00  |
| Woodview Residents Association                                                                      | €4,000.00  |

### **LIMERICK CITY EAST**

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| Ahane Camogie Club                                  | €2,000.00  |
| Ahane LGFA                                          | €1,000.00  |
| Aisling Annacotty AFC                               | €1,000.00  |
| Castleconnell Scout Group                           | €4,000.00  |
| Claughaun GAA                                       | €3,000.00  |
| Evanwood Residents Association                      | €1,000.00  |
| Glenside Residents Association                      | €3,000.00  |
| Granville Rangers                                   | €10,000.00 |
| LCCC Parks Department Projects – Limerick City East | €28,604.57 |
| LCCC Roads Department Projects – Limerick City East | €25,604.57 |
| Limerick Garden Festival c/o Milk Market Trustees   | €1,000.00  |
| Lisnagry FC                                         | €1,000.00  |
| Mid-West School for the Deaf                        | €1,500.00  |
| Monaleen Community Games                            | €1,000.00  |
| Montpelier Community Centre                         | €1,000.00  |
| Old Christians GAA Club                             | €3,000.00  |
| Roskeen Annacotty Residents Association             | €1,000.00  |
| Southill Afterschool Club                           | €1,000.00  |
| St. Brigid's NS                                     | €5,000.00  |
| Tall Trees Childcare                                | €2,000.00  |
| Twilight Thursday                                   | €4,000.00  |

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| All Bangladeshi Association of Ireland | €5,000.00  |
| Ballinacurra Gaels GAA & LGFA          | €3,000.00  |
| Doneen Athletics Club                  | €3,000.00  |
| Dooradoyle Raheen Men's Shed           | €2,000.00  |
| Ghousia Masjid                         | €3,000.00  |
| Irish Aerial Creation Centre           | €5,000.00  |
| Limerick Dementia Social Club          | €1,000.00  |
| Limerick Feral Cats                    | €5,000.00  |
| Limerick Golf Club                     | €7,000.00  |
| LCCC Limerick Laneways Project         | €10,104.57 |
| Limerick Pride                         | €1,000.00  |
| Living Waters Ministries Limerick      | €4,000.00  |
| Patrickswell GAA & Camogie             | €4,500.00  |

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| Patrickswell National School                      | €12,104.57 |
| Patrickswell Community Playschool and Afterschool | €4,500.00  |
| Patrickswell Tidy Towns                           | €2,000.00  |
| Redemptorist Centre of Music                      | €3,000.00  |
| Summerville Rovers FC                             | €5,000.00  |
| Swap 'N' Serve                                    | €2,604.57  |
| Thursday Club Clarina                             | €1,500.00  |
| Twilight Thursday                                 | €1,604.57  |

It was proposed by Councillor Beasley, seconded by Councillor Gavan and agreed, to approve the proposals under the Community Initiative Scheme 2026 – General Municipal Allocation (GMA), as follows:

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## **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 June 2026 under the Night-Time Economy Pilot Programme Scheme via Twilight Thursday initiative.

The Report, as circulated, was noted by Members.

Following Item 5, the Cathaoirleach informed Members that he had received representations from local traders regarding the road closures at the Crescent. Members expressed support for the Cathaoirleach's concern, particularly in relation to the lack of consultation with traders and other relevant stakeholders prior to the implementation of the closures. Councillor O'Donovan and Councillor Hickey-O'Mara indicated their support for the road closures in principle but expressed concern regarding the absence of stakeholder consultation.

The Administrative Officer, Economic and Tourism Development advised the Members he would bring their concerns back to the Head of Economic and Tourism Development and revert on the matter in due course.

## **6. Housing Directorate**

### **(a) Part 8 Procedure – Knock Hill, Ferndale, Caherdavin, Limerick**

Circulated, Report of the Senior Executive Engineer, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance, dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 and enclosed Mayor's Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 setting out details in relation to the proposed development of 6 no. dwellings and associated site works at Knock Hill, Ferndale, Caherdavin, Limerick. The Report had been prepared in

accordance with Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Beasley and seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, the Mayor's Report, as circulated, was accepted without variation or modification.

**(b) Part 8 Procedure – Quarry Road, Thomondgate, Limerick**

Circulated, Report of the Senior Executive Architect, LA Housing Construction and Maintenance, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 and enclosed Mayor's Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 setting out details in relation to the proposed development of 13 no. housing units at Quarry Road, Thomondgate, Limerick. The Report had been prepared in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

On the proposal of Councillor Beasley and seconded by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara, the Mayor's Report, as circulated, was accepted without variation or modification.

**QUESTIONS**

**7. Question submitted by Councillor Slattery**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many properties have Limerick City and County Council purchased through the Turnkey Acquisition Expression of Interest (EOI) process in the Metropolitan District. Can they be listed, along with how much the builder purchased them for and how much they were sold to the Council for.***

**REPLY:** Since 2024, the Council has delivered 7 turnkey properties in the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

Please see breakdown below:

| Bed type | Number of units | Site cost/Property Cost                     | All in cost               | DHLGH Build Unit Cost at time of completion | Below DHLGH Build Unit Cost? | Approved by DHLGH |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1-bed    | 4               | €24,291.67<br>(averaged for site)           | €303,000.00<br>(averaged) | €384,000.00                                 | Yes                          | Yes               |
| 2-bed    | 1               | €162,764.00<br>(fire damaged property cost) | €345,000.00               | €370,300.00                                 | Yes                          | Yes               |

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|-------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| 3-bed | 1 | Unknown as property delivered as a new build completed unit | €335,000.00 | €359,000.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 4-bed | 1 | €21,286.22 (site cost)                                      | €431,795.11 | €440,910.00 | Yes | Yes |

### ***Background to Government's Turnkey Delivery Stream***

- The acquisition of turnkey properties is an established Government social housing delivery mechanism operated by local authorities in accordance with Department of Housing Circular 31/2019 – “Arrangements for the Provision by Local Authorities of Social Housing through Turnkey Projects”.
- Under this delivery model, local authorities acquire completed residential units from developers or builders on a turnkey basis. The total acquisition cost comprises both the site or property acquisition cost and the vouched construction and development costs, inclusive of VAT, required to deliver the dwelling to a fully completed turnkey standard.
- In accordance with Circular 31/2019, all project costs are independently assessed and validated by a Quantity Surveyor appointed by the local authority. The independent Quantity Surveyor reviews the vouched costs submitted by the developer and confirms that the costs associated with each construction element are reasonable and appropriate.
- In addition, turnkey projects are required to comply with the Department’s prescribed Build Unit Cost (BUC) limits for the relevant local authority area and dwelling type. These limits vary depending on the size and configuration of the dwelling (e.g. one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units).
- As turnkey acquisitions involve the delivery of new-build homes, significant construction and upgrade works are often required to bring properties to a modern housing standard, including full compliance with current Building Regulations, particularly the energy efficiency requirements to meet an A BER rating in energy efficiency. In many cases, properties acquired through this stream have been vacant, derelict or fire-damaged and require substantial remediation and reconstruction works before they can be occupied.
- All turnkey funding applications are submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for assessment. As part of this process, the Department’s Technical Unit, including Senior Quantity Surveyors, reviews the cost plan and project details before funding approval is considered.
- No acquisition can proceed until the Department has completed its assessment and formally approved the project. Contracts for purchase are only finalised following receipt of Departmental approval and completion of the associated legal processes.

#### **8. Question submitted by Councillor Leddin**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much revenue is outstanding to date from derelict site levies to owners of properties in the Metropolitan area.***

**REPLY:** The total amount of Derelict Sites Levies imposed by Limerick City & County Council from the years 2022 to 2025 is €4,701,545. The total amount collected in this period is €1,974,105. This is detailed as follows:

Derelict Site Levies Year Net Invoiced Amount 2022 719,539 Receipts 2023 271,622  
1,279,605 2024 286,076 1,482,136 2025 1,220,264 585,915 830,492 4,701,545  
1,974,105

| Derelict Site Levies |                     |           |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Year                 | Net Invoiced Amount | Receipts  |
| 2022                 | 719,539             | 271,622   |
| 2023                 | 1,279,605           | 286,076   |
| 2024                 | 1,482,136           | 830,492   |
| 2025                 | 1,220,264           | 585,915   |
|                      | 4,701,545           | 1,974,105 |

There is a total amount of €3,489,993 outstanding to date. A breakdown of these amounts by Metropolitan Area is not available.

If payment is not received within 2 months of getting a notice or if there is no approved payment plan, interest is charged at a rate of 1.25% per month on the outstanding amount.

Where the Derelict Sites Levy is due and owing, the local authority will take further action including placing a charge on the relevant urban land.

#### **9. Question submitted by Councillor Leddin**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress is being made with the removal of outdated digital signage and poles no longer required, so as to declutter our city.***

**REPLY:** The Council has recently run a tender for the provision and maintenance of variable messaging signs which includes for the removal of old, end of life, parking guidance signage in Limerick City.

Confirmation of mayoral funding will facilitate and prioritise the awarding of the contract.

#### **10. Question submitted by Councillor Slattery**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council contact Bus Eireann to ask if bus shelters can be established at already existing bus stops, such as on Childers Road across from Claughaun GAA Club and on the Ballysimon Road at the stop on the Woodlawn Park side.*

**REPLY:** The Active Travel Team will liaise with the NTA in relation to the installation of bus shelters at Childers Road (across from Claughaun GAA Club) and Ballysimon Road (Woodlawn Park side) under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme and will revert in due course.

#### **11. Question submitted by Councillor Gavan**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what measures are planned to encourage and facilitate cycling along the R445 corridor between Limerick City and Castleconnell/Annacotty/Castletroy. Are there plans for segregated cycling infrastructure/orcas and safer junction treatments on the route.*

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council is committed to delivering a safe, segregated cycle network and enhanced public transport facilities along the R445 arterial corridor, in line with the Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS) and the NTA's Bus Connects Limerick programme.

Key planned and ongoing completed measures include:

- **BusConnects & Segregated Infrastructure (Dublin Road STC):** The R445 is designated as a key Sustainable Transport Corridor (STC) under BusConnects. This major project aims to deliver continuous, dedicated bus lanes running in tandem with high-quality, fully segregated cycling infrastructure. This is complemented by the proposed **Limerick City Greenway (UL to Annacotty)** and the **Castletroy Urban Greenway** schemes.
- **Safer Junction Treatments:** Protected junction designs systematically integrated into all new schemes. Specifically, major upgrade at the **R445 / R506 (Cappamore Road) junction**, featuring dedicated pedestrian/cyclist Toucan crossings and segregated cycle tracks to safely manage movements.
- **Castleconnell Greenway Connection:** A UL to Castleconnell & Montpelier Feasibility and Options Study is currently underway. This study is actively identifying the safest route to extend the active travel network from Annacotty out to Castleconnell.
- **Interim Light Segregation:** For sections of the R445 where major reconstruction is not immediately scheduled, the Active Travel team continuously evaluates rapid-build measures including light segregation like bollards or orcas to quickly improve safety on existing lanes, subject to design and safety audits.

The Council and its Active Travel Team continue to work in close partnership with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to coordinate the design and delivery of these integrated transport schemes.

**12. Question submitted by Councillor Gavan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick does Limerick City and County Council have any plans for a secure box-up facility for Castletroy Playground, similar to O'Brien's Park, for the safe storage of sport equipment and use with the park going forward.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council are actively seeking funding to install this box up facility. It will be installed as soon as funding is secured.

**13. Question submitted by Councillor Gavan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council confirm if it can engage with Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure that the necessary depot capacity and charging infrastructure will be in place to support the operation of the additional battery-electric bus fleet required for the implementation of BusConnects in Limerick?***

***Can the Council also confirm whether the planned BusConnects network for Limerick will be supported by a "Tap and Go" payment system and the integrated 90-minute fare structure currently available in other urban areas, to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the enhanced bus services when BusConnects is introduced in Limerick.***

**REPLY:** The Travel & Transport Strategy Section will engage with both Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority (NTA) respectively and revert in due course in relation to;

- EV Bus charging infrastructure capacity for the Limerick fleet as required for the implementation of the BusConnects Project
- contactless payment and
- the use of technology to support integrated sustainable travel.

**14. Question submitted by Councillor Reale**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the festoon lights along Arthur's Quay and Clancy Strand that have not been working for a number of months and what this Council is doing to ensure that they are brought back to working order.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City & County Council, through its appointed maintenance contractor, has completed repairs to all identified faults within the festoon lighting network along the Three Bridges Walk. As of the week ending 10 July 2026, all sections of the lighting

installation are operational, with the exception of the section adjacent to Arthur's Quay Park.

The Arthur's Quay Park section remains out of service pending the provision of a new ESB power supply connection. The process of securing this connection has commenced; however, it is expected to take some time before it can be finalised and the lighting reinstated.

The festoon lighting along the Three Bridges Walk continues to experience recurring faults due to a combination of infrastructure upgrade requirements and the highly exposed environmental conditions along the route. These factors have contributed to repeated failures across the network and necessitate ongoing maintenance interventions.

#### **15. Question submitted by Councillor Reale**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many Local Authority inspections of private rental properties have been carried out by the Council in each of the previous two years (2024 and 2025), and how many of these inspections identified breaches of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019.***

**REPLY:** The Private Rental Inspections Unit is responsible for inspecting 25% of all private rented tenancies annually to assess compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019.

Details regarding private rented inspections can be found on gov.ie Website at the Link Below:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/publications/private-housing-market-statistics/#private-rented-inspections>

#### **2024 - Limerick City and County Council Extract**

| <b>Local Authority</b> | <b>Dwellings Inspected</b> | <b>Total Inspections Carried Out</b> | <b>Dwellings inspected not meeting regulatory requirements on 1st inspection</b> | <b>Improvement Letters issued to landlords for improvements to be carried out</b> | <b>Improvement Notices served on landlords for improvements to be carried out</b> | <b>Prohibition Notices served on landlords</b> | <b>Legal Action initiated</b> |
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| Limerick City and      | 1,770                      | 1,955                                | 1,365                                                                            | 1,366                                                                             | 0                                                                                 | 0                                              | 0                             |

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**2025 - Limerick City and County Council Extract**

| Local Authority                  | Dwellings Inspected | Total Inspections Carried Out | Dwellings inspected not meeting regulatory requirements on 1st inspection | Improvement Letters issued to landlords for improvements to be carried out | Improvement Notices served on landlords for improvements to be carried out | Prohibition Notices served on landlords | Legal Action initiated |
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| Limerick City and County Council | 1,219               | 1,676                         | 1,003                                                                     | 1,000                                                                      | 1                                                                          | 0                                       | 0                      |

The most common areas of non-compliance relate to structural condition requirements and certification of gas, oil and electrical installations. Many structural condition breaches are minor in nature, examples include peeling paint, minor plaster defects, damaged floor coverings, windows requiring minor repair, missing door stops, defective internal doors, minor roof or gutter repairs, and other maintenance items requiring attention.

Where breaches are identified, landlords are issued with improvement letters outlining the required remedial works and are given an opportunity to bring the property into compliance. The majority of landlords engage positively with the process and complete the necessary works. In cases of significant non-compliance or where a landlord fails to engage, formal enforcement action may be taken, including the issuing of Improvement Notices.

**16. Question submitted by Councillor Hickey O'Mara**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many bat boxes have been installed in each Metropolitan Electoral Area to date in addition to the specific areas where they have been installed.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council does not have a program for installation of bat boxes in the Metropolitan District. Bat boxes may be installed on private property by owners but Limerick CCC does not record or map these locations. Therefore, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number or locations of bat boxes within the Metropolitan District.

**17. Question submitted by Councillor Hickey O'Mara**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what public consultation was carried out in advance of the installation of the Caherdavin Dog Park and what plans the Council has to ensure its upkeep and the amelioration of its ongoing drainage issues.*

**REPLY:** An online public consultation was carried out regarding proposed locations and design of dog parks on MyPoint between April 29, 2025 and May 27th, 2025, which included the Caherdavin Dog Park. This can be found online at mypoint.ie, referenced Dog Parks – Proposed Locations and Design.

Caherdavin Dog Park has been added to the programme of work for the grass cutting contractor, and drainage works are planned for the near future.

**18. Question submitted by Councillor Hickey O'Mara**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the full findings of the recent speed survey on Castle Street be shared.*

**REPLY:** The recent speed survey undertaken on Castle Street has been reviewed by the Roads Department. The survey findings indicate that 39.4% of recorded vehicles exceeded the posted speed limit during the survey period.

While the percentage of speed limit violations is a matter of concern, it should also be noted that 60.6% of motorists were travelling within the applicable speed limit. The survey data will be assessed in conjunction with other relevant factors, including traffic volumes, collision history, road geometry, and the overall road environment, to determine whether any further measures are warranted.

The full survey results can be circulated to Members of the Metropolitan District for their information and consideration. The findings will also assist the Council in engaging with An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders regarding speed compliance and any potential traffic management interventions at this location.

**19. Question submitted by Councillor Donoghue**

*I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how frequently the streets between Cecil Street and Punches Cross are cleaned and public bins emptied.*

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council's Cleansing Section undertakes mechanical and/or manual sweeping of the streets between Cecil Street and Punches Cross twice per week. Public litter bins located within this area are serviced and emptied on a daily basis.

**20. Question submitted by Councillor Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how frequently Traffic Wardens inspect traffic on Wolfe Tone Street and Henry Street, and how many Traffic Wardens are currently employed by Limerick City and County Council to manage parking in the Limerick Metropolitan Area.***

**REPLY:** Traffic Warden patrols on Henry Street are rostered daily, and Wolfe Tone Street is currently patrolled intermittently when resources allow.

Four Traffic Wardens are currently employed by Limerick City and County Council in the Limerick Metropolitan District.

A recruitment process is currently underway to fill up to four vacancies in the Traffic Section.

**21. Question submitted by Councillor Donoghue**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the process involved in arranging a commemorative plaque is set out clearly and publicised on Limerick.ie, given the public's desire to formally mark places of social and historical interest.***

**REPLY:** Limerick City and County Council recognises that public commemoration and memorials offer opportunities to honour, celebrate or remember a person, group or persons or events of significance.

The Civic Memorial Policy sets out the process by which Limerick City and County Council will consider the commemoration of events or individuals who have shaped Limerick, either by naming of infrastructure or by the installation of monuments, memorials and plaques in the public domain.

The Civic Memorial Policy and application form is available on <https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/culture-and-arts/limerick-city-and-county-council-civic>

**22. Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a timeline setting out the development of the Oakview Drive/Ballinacurra Gardens Section 38 proposal, including when the proposal was first developed, who was consulted, when approval to advertise was given, why it was subsequently withdrawn, and what consultation took place with elected members at each stage.***

**REPLY:** The Oakview Drive/Ballinacurra Gardens proposal was developed by the Council's Active Travel and Roads Teams to bridge local network gaps identified during a June 2024 cycling audit.

The project aims to provide a safer, quieter alternative to the busy Ballinacurra Road, aligning with broader city-wide connectivity goals.

Following local feedback on an initial signage-based trial in summer 2025, the Council upgraded the proposal into a formal "quiet way" project.

This redesigned route will seamlessly link existing Childers Road cycle lanes with future infrastructure, ultimately improving the wider connection between the University of Limerick and Raheen.

After finalising works and environmental screenings, the statutory Section 38 public consultation was prepared for launch.

The process was paused until September at the request of local elected representatives, and the immediate next step is to brief these members before officially publishing the plans for public feedback.

### **23. Question submitted by Councillor O'Donovan**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that an update be given on the South Circular Road Active travel scheme***

**REPLY:** Sorensen Civil Engineering are now appointed as the contractor for the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme, works are scheduled to commence on Monday, 20 July 2026.

Initial works will commence simultaneously at two locations:

- On South Circular Road between Fennessy's and Scoil Mháthair Dé,
- On Henry Street between its junctions with St. Alphonsus Street and O'Curry Street.

Traffic management arrangements will vary throughout the construction period depending on the location and nature of works being undertaken.

An information leaflet has been delivered to residents and businesses along the project corridor this week. Residents and businesses will be notified in advance of significant changes to traffic management arrangements where practicable.

In addition, Sorensen Civil Engineering will issue regular project updates by email, and members of the public may subscribe to these updates directly. Project information and updates will also be shared through the biweekly Active Travel newsletter.

### **24. Question submitted by Councillor Slattery**

***I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick why the repair and lease scheme has stopped in Limerick.***

**REPLY:** There are currently 10 no. units being progressed through the Repair and Lease Scheme.

The Repair and Lease scheme has been paused for a few months as the current focus of delivery with the resources available is on the acquisition of units through the 2026 €17m fund for Tenant in Situ Acquisitions and Vacant Acquisitions for Homelessness.

The team resources are focused until October 2026 to sale close and draw down funding of this €17m allocation for Acquisitions. After this time, the Repair and Lease scheme can resume.

In the meantime, Repair and Lease applicants have been redirected to Limerick City and County Councils Expression of Interest webpage for vacant properties and a number of these are being acquired under the €17m fund.

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **25. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Leddin**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council acquire a mobile pool, in partnership with organisations such as Swim Ireland, to facilitate the growing demand for swimming, similar to pop-up pools in Dublin.***

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

**REPLY:** Swim Ireland currently owns and operates the pop-up swimming pools that have been piloted in the Dublin region, with two such facilities presently in operation nationally. Swim Ireland operate an Expression of Interest process in relation to the hiring of these pop-up pools and further assessment regarding associated operational, site and logistical requirements is needed, in advance of a proposal to acquire a pool.

While Swim Ireland operate the pool once in situ, there are number of factors to be considered and associated costs to the local authority;

- Identification & availability of an appropriate site with suitable ground conditions, electricity supply, water supply & suitable water discharge facilities.
- Costs associated with site preparation works.
- Costs associated with the transportation of the pool from its current location.
- Legal fees for the license of the land where pool would be located (the license is between the Local Authority & Swim Ireland).
- Site security to be provided by the local authority.

Subject to available funding Limerick City & County Council could explore the potential of a pop-up pool in Limerick in collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership and Swim Ireland.

Following discussions, the Administrative Officer, Sport and Recreation, advised that they would engage with Swim Ireland but noted that costs can vary significantly and would have to take into consideration the feasibility of the investment

#### **26. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Benson**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council include kerb to kerb resurfacing on the Old Cratloe Road, from the junction at the new Coonagh Knockalisheen roundabout to Redgate, as part of the current active travel works.***

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

Members acknowledged the patience of residents throughout the development of the Coonagh Knockalisheen roundabout.

**REPLY:** The Active Travel Team will liaise with the NTA in relation to kerb to kerb resurfacing on the Old Cratloe Road, from the junction at the new Coonagh Knockalisheen roundabout to Redgate, under the current active travel works. The estimated additional funding required is approximately €250,000 Ex. VAT.

The Senior Engineer, Active Travel advised that he would inform the Members of the NTA's response as soon as it is received.

#### **27. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Leddin**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to the Minister for Justice to consider the introduction of a new bye-law to prohibit the use of e-scooters on public roads, footpaths and/or open green areas in the Metropolitan District.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Leddin, seconded by Councillor Kilcoyne.

Members acknowledged the challenges associated with enforcing regulations relating to e-scooter usage.

#### **28. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Reale**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council immediately engage with Active Travel and the National Transport Authority to carry out an immediate safety audit of O'Callaghan Avenue and Sexton Street***

***North Junction, otherwise known as Johnsey's Corner, concurrent to the completion of the rest of the TUS to City Centre Active Travel Scheme.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Reale, seconded by Councillor Beasley.

**REPLY:** Works at Johnsey's Corner are currently nearing completion, with final road surfacing, line markings, and outstanding footpath elements being finalised.

The scheme's layout is designed in full alignment with national urban design standards (DMURS).

To ensure safety from the outset, the project has already successfully undergone independent Stage 1 (Preliminary Design) and Stage 2 (Detailed Design) Road Safety Audits prior to construction.

To formally address local concerns regarding vehicle and pedestrian movements, the Council will launch the final Stage 3 Road Safety Audit (Post-Construction) immediately upon physical completion of the works.

This Stage 3 timeline is necessary because the audit must evaluate real-world, live traffic operations and road user behaviour under both day and night conditions.

In the interim, the Active Travel team is actively monitoring the junction, and the final audit findings will be shared with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to coordinate any required adjustments.

The Senior Engineer, Active Travel advised that he would inform the Members of the NTA's response as soon as it is received.

## **29. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Beasley**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council formally engage with the Active Travel section regarding the serious road safety concerns at the Johnsey's junction in the Thomondgate/Kileely area, where public bus services are regularly forced onto the footpath outside the shop, and where the footpath opposite, near the old woodworkers premises, is similarly compromised, posing an unacceptable risk to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists; and that this correspondence seek a permanent engineering solution to this junction, in consultation with the National Transport Authority where appropriate, a clear timeline for remedial works, and confirmation on whether any temporary safety measures can be put in place in the interim while a permanent solution is progressed.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Beasley, seconded by Councillor Reale.

**REPLY:** The Active Travel team is closely monitoring vehicle tracking at the specific pinch-points highlighted in the motion, particularly where public bus services are reportedly encroaching on the footpaths outside the local shop and near the old woodworker's premises.

To ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists while construction wraps up, the Council is currently assessing what temporary safety measures can be practically introduced at these locations in the interim.

A permanent engineering solution will be progressed in direct consultation with the National Transport Authority (NTA).

This will be guided by the upcoming Stage 3 Road Safety Audit, which will specifically analyse how public buses interact with these footpaths.

Once the audit is complete and the findings are analysed, a clear timeline for any required remedial works and permanent design solutions will be established.

The Senior Engineer, Active Travel advised that he would hold a briefing with Members once information is received from the National Transport Authority in relation to when the junction issue can be resolved.

### **30. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Reale**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to the National Transport Authority to implement a bus service on the Condell Road ahead of the rollout of BusConnects.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Reale, seconded by Councillor Benson and agreed.

### **31. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Hickey O'Mara**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council write to both Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan and Minister of State with responsibility for Sport, Charlie McConalogue, to request the reinstating and ring-fencing of funding for the Enjoy Tennis programme at Limerick Lawn Tennis Club.***

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

### **32. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Hickey O'Mara**

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that relevant Council personnel engage with residents living on the Old Cratloe Road, Pass Road and Willow***

***Grove and support them in their request that, as part of current roadworks on the Old Cratloe Road, a pump station be installed and that all 41 properties in the aforementioned areas are connected to this station and, through this action, to a public waste system.***

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

Members urged the Council to engage and support residents living on the Old Cratloe Road, Pass Road and Willow Grove.

**REPLY:** As part of the Coonagh Knockalisheen Distributor Road (CKDR) scheme, a foul network is being constructed along a section of the Dual Carriageway from Coonagh Cross Roundabout to approx. 180m north of the newly constructed Cratloe Road Roundabout which is fully funded by the Department of Transport. To make the foul network live, 2 pumpstations are required, one at Clonconane (near Tesco) and one near the entrance to Willow Grove Housing Estate. Connections to both locations have been included for in the CKDR contract. A spur to the boundary of each property along Cratloe Road has also been constructed to allow for future connectivity to the foul network.

Uisce Éireann are now the lead authority for the installation and maintenance of foul infrastructure. Uisce Éireann have committed to constructing the pump station at Clonconane and are working on submitting a planning application for this in the coming months.

Previous discussions with Uisce Eireann in relation to funding the second pump station at Willow Grove were unsuccessful. However, following reps from several elected members to UE, they have now agreed to give consideration to Wills Bros Ltd. constructing the pump station on their behalf. Costs for this are currently being drawn up for UE approval and we await their decision.

The Senior Executive Engineer, Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking advised that that the pump station currently being progressed does not, at this stage, include properties in Willow Grove or on the Pass Road, with the scheme presently focused on the Old Cratloe Road area.

### **33. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donoghue**

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council publish a dedicated page on Limerick.ie to launch, in January of each year, all funding opportunities arising over the calendar year for arts practitioners and event providers, to ensure arts and event providers are aware of forthcoming deadlines and can prepare in advance, similar to the approach taken by the Arts Council.

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

**REPLY:** Information on arts grants, bursaries and opportunities administered by the arts office are currently published on limerick.ie: [limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/culture-and-arts/](https://limerick.ie/council/services/community-and-leisure/culture-and-arts/).

Limerick Arts Office will undertake to provide information on arts funding opportunities due to arise over the calendar year, in December, to facilitate publication in January. It should be noted that it is possible that additional opportunities may arise during the year. Open Calls associated with these will be advertised as soon as the relevant details are available, on Limerick.ie, on Limerick Arts Office social media (Facebook and Instagram) and in the Arts Office e-newsletter, which can be signed up to by emailing [limerickartsoffice@limerick.ie](mailto:limerickartsoffice@limerick.ie).

The Festival and Events Grant Scheme call is now aligned with the calendar year. The current grant scheme offered the opportunity for funding under three Strands, for Festivals and Events taking place between **1st October 2026 and 31st December 2027** and has been determined by Council following independent assessment. Consideration will be giving to publishing the 2028 call in January that year.

The Economic and Tourism Development Team is not in a position to provide set dates for any Open Calls around Civic Festivals, as it is dependent on:

- Budget allocation.
- Resources and capacity.
- Market trends.

However, a link could be provided on the Limerick.ie website to eTenders, where interested suppliers can register on the platform and review funding opportunities as they arise.

For localised schemes, such as Open Calls, interested suppliers are encouraged to follow the Festival and Events social media channels and the Limerick.ie webpage, as these funding calls will be communicated through same.

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

***I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that all drains in urban streets are suction cleaned on a quarterly basis, to prevent leaf and rubbish congestion that leads to flooding whenever there are heavy rains.***

The Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Donoghue, seconded by Councillor Beasley.

The A/Senior Engineer, Central Services, Traffic and Roads advised that targeted cleaning is carried out in areas when it is most needed due to funding. He noted that a survey is currently underway, and issues identified within the city will be addressed. Members were requested to bring any issues they identify to the attention of the Roads Team.

**REPLY:** The Operations and Maintenance Team undertakes routine inspections to identify locations requiring surface water drainage cleansing and maintenance. Priority is

given to areas with a history of flooding and to locations where drainage issues have been reported.

A comprehensive survey of the surface water drainage network is currently underway. The findings of this survey will help inform future maintenance programmes and support a more targeted approach to drainage management.

Implementing a quarterly suction-cleaning programme for all urban gullies and drains would require significant additional resources and funding, given the extent of the drainage network across the county.

In the meantime, the Council will continue to carry out targeted maintenance works and respond to reported drainage issues as they arise, with the aim of minimising flood risk and maintaining the safety and functionality of the road network.

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

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council develop and adopt a standard consultation protocol for all Metropolitan Active Travel schemes, including proposals progressed under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, to ensure that elected members receive an early briefing before any public consultation commences, that meaningful engagement takes place with local communities at the earliest stage of scheme development, and that a report on public consultation is presented to the appropriate Municipal District or Metropolitan Members before a final decision is made.*

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

In proposing the Motion, Councillor O'Donovan highlighted the need for consistency when engaging with Elected Members and local communities, and to engage at the earliest possible stage.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor O'Donovan, it was agreed to amend the Motion to the following:

*I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council develop and adopt a standard consultation protocol for all Metropolitan Active Travel schemes and all Section 38's, including proposals progressed under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, to ensure that elected members receive an early briefing before any public consultation commences, that meaningful engagement takes place with local communities at the earliest stage of scheme development, and that a report on public consultation is presented to the appropriate Municipal District or Metropolitan Members before a final decision is made.*

**REPLY:** The Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate operates a Section 38 Procedure which requires project teams to brief elected members in advance of the

commencement of the public consultation process. This procedure is designed to ensure compliance with the statutory four-week public consultation period required under Section 38 of the Roads Act.

The Directorate will reaffirm this procedure, particularly with new staff members and recent entrants to the organisation, to ensure full and consistent compliance with all requirements.

The Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate recognises the importance of meaningful public consultation and early engagement with elected members in the planning and delivery of Active Travel infrastructure projects.

All submissions received during the public consultation period are carefully considered by the Council and are documented and addressed in the final Section 38 Report.

The Senior Engineer, Active Travel advised that he would speak to the Director of Service, Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm to consider implementing a standard Directorate procedure for engaging with Elected Members as opposed to individual Department procedures.

### **36. Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted and taken as read.

Members acknowledged the impending retirement of Mr. Kieran Lehane, Director of Service, Metropolitan District of Limerick and noted that this was his final Metropolitan District meeting. Members thanked Mr. Lehane for his dedicated service and wished him every success and happiness in his retirement.

Mr. Lehane thanked the Members for their kindness, support and cooperation over the years and said it had been a pleasure to work with them.

This concluded the Meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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