



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

31st August, 2026

To: The Cathaoirleach and each Member of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale.

Proposed Disposal of Adare Heritage Centre from Limerick City & County Council to Discover Limerick DAC.



1. Introduction

It is intended that the following proposed disposal of property be included on the Agenda of the September Full Council meeting.

- Disposal of Adare Heritage Centre to Discover Limerick DAC by way of a 30-year lease.

Discover Limerick DAC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Limerick City & County Council established in 2022. In addition to the promotion of tourism activities within the City and County of Limerick, the purpose of the company is to develop and manage the facilities and operations of key tourist attractions falling specifically under the Local Authority's responsibility. Discover Limerick DAC is currently responsible for the operation of King John's Castle, Lough Gur Visitor Centre and Kiosk and the Adare Heritage Centre.

Ahead of the Ryder Cup coming to Adare, Co. Limerick in September 2027, Discover Limerick DAC is planning a suite of modest but transformative building improvement works aimed at refreshing the offer, facilities and ambience at its Adare Heritage Centre site.

2. Description and Location of Property

The subject property of the disposal is Adare Heritage Centre. The property is located on Main Street, Adare, Co. Limerick. It consists of:

- Historical Exhibition Area
- Retail Units (Adare Woollens / Black Abbey Crafts)
- The Dovecote Restaurant
- Public Welfare Facilities (male, female, enabled WCs)
- Lift / Stairs to first floor level

The Visitor / Heritage Centre building also houses the village library, operated by Limerick City and County Council, on the western side of the building. The library is accessed via an independent entrance from the common forecourt area which fronts on to the Main Street.

Behind the centre is a 100-space car park with space for coach parking, owned and operated by Limerick City and County Council

3. History of Property

The building was constructed in 1994, on land gifted to Limerick County Council by the Dunraven Family and the Most Reverend Jeremiah Newman, Bishop of Limerick. The building is in the ownership of Limerick City and County Council under freehold. The Council by lease dated the 30th May, 1994 demised the property to Adare Heritage Centre Limited for the term of 35 years. In 2023, Adare Heritage assigned the Lease to Discover Limerick DAC.

4. Key Elements of Proposal for consideration by the Members

It is necessary to regularise the position with the two commercial tenants in Adare Heritage Centre. In this regard, a new lease is required as the current Lease is due to expire in 2029 which prevents the issuing of a sub-lease beyond 2029 which is unsatisfactory for the tenants. It is proposed to put a new lease in place with Discover Limerick DAC for a period of 30 years and once this is in place the DAC will be in a position to issue sub-leases to the tenants involved.

5. Executive Recommendation to Council

The proposal before the Members is to note the disposal of Adare Heritage Centre, by way of a 30-year lease, to Discover Limerick DAC in the sum of €1.

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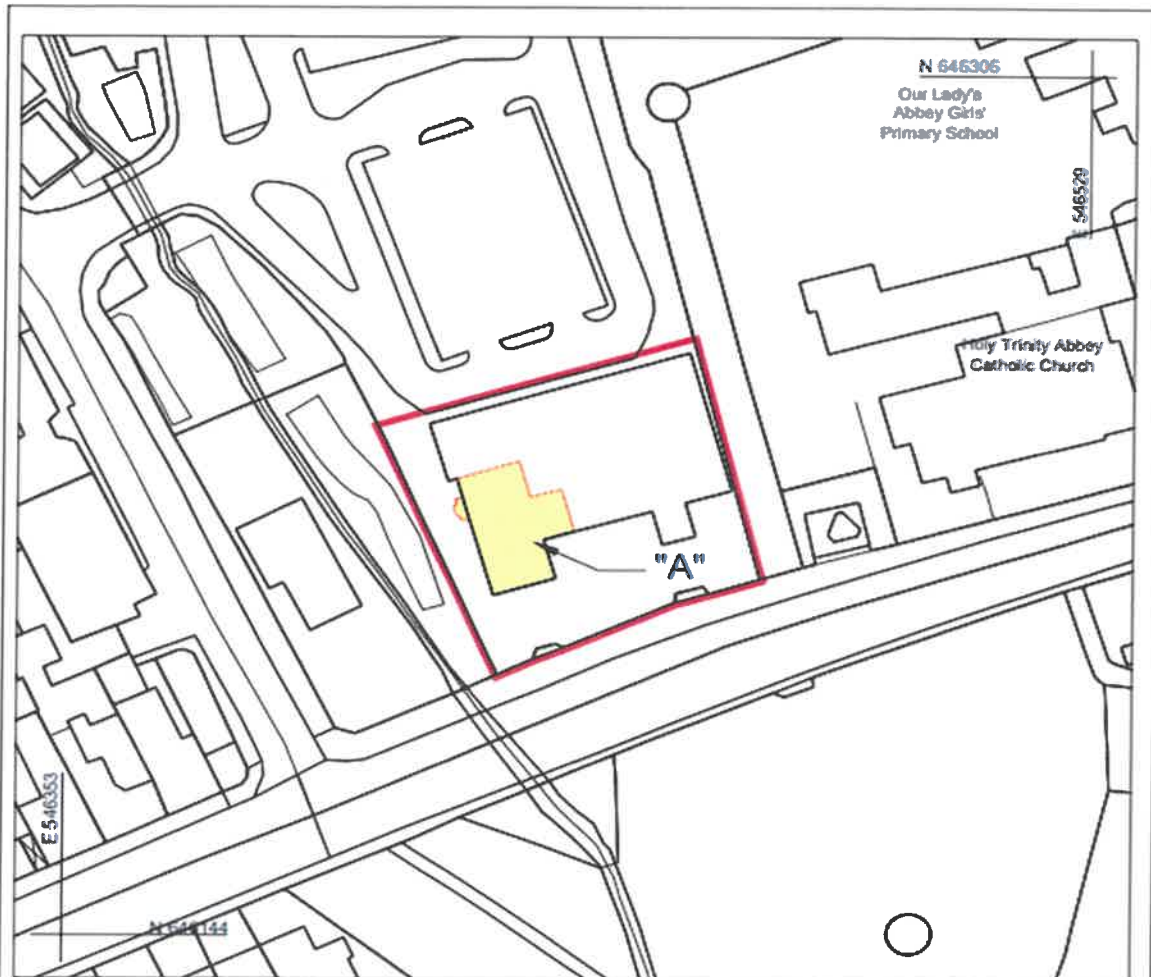
Appendix A; Photographs of Property

Adare Heritage Centre



Appendix B: Map AG5465

Location Map – Area marked in red less the area of library hatched in yellow.



Land to be transferred to the Discover Limerick DAC outlined in Red on the Map, less the area of the library hatched in yellow and marked "A"

Area = 0.5467 Acres/ 0.2213 Hectares/ 2212.55 M²



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