

**September Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
to be held on Monday, 21 September 2026.**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this District calls on the Council to establish a dedicated supplementary development contribution scheme for the wider Castletroy area, with all development contribution levies generated within the area ringfenced and reinvested exclusively in infrastructure, community facilities, and other strategic projects required to support the area's significant growth.

REPLY:

The Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, provides for general development contributions under Section 48, supplementary development contributions under Section 49 and special development contributions under Section 48(2)(c).

The Council's Development Contribution Scheme 2025–2031, adopted under Section 48, is based on an indicative €209 million capital programme and already includes projects serving Castletroy and the wider area. These include the M7 Junction 28 Mackey Junction and the National Technology Park/University of Limerick Link Road, the Groody Road slip road and bus lane, Groody Valley Park, a new Castletroy library and graveyard, community centre infrastructure and pre-development works.

Section 49 permits a supplementary scheme only for a defined area and a specified public infrastructure project or service that directly benefits the development charged. Any supplementary levy would be additional to the general Section 48 contribution.

The 2013 *Development Contributions Guidelines for Planning Authorities* expressly caution against double charging. It would therefore be inappropriate to impose a Section 49 contribution for infrastructure already included in the capital programme underpinning the adopted Section 48 Scheme as set out above.



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Accordingly, having regard to the recent adoption of the Section 48 Scheme, the inclusion of significant Castletroy projects and the requirement to avoid double charging, the infrastructure requirements of the wider Castletroy area are more appropriately addressed, at present, through the implementation and ongoing review of the adopted Section 48 Scheme

The establishment of a dedicated Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for the wider Castletroy area would require the identification and costings of specific infrastructure projects, that are not already included in the Section 48 scheme, and the definition of the geographic area to which the scheme would apply.

Maria Woods
Senior Planner
16.09.2026

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kiely

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that a review takes place on the managed biodiversity areas in housing estates, especially in Kennedy Park and Glasgow Park, to ensure residents in the area are not prevented from using it, with due consideration for our climate targets in mind.

Response

Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) has signed up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, who's aim is to provide a friendly environment for wild bees and other pollinators. One of the core goals is to create pockets of nature friendly habitats across the city and county. Parks are an essential amenity for the public and provide an essential habitat for biodiversity, and act as a carbon sink. To ensure that the public enjoy the maximum benefits of these green areas, the Parks section will work with the residents and elected members, to ensure grass is managed in a way that benefits the residents and allows LCCC to meet its biodiversity and climate action obligations.

Regards,



Aidan Finn Senior Engineer
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action
15 September 2026



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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 consider the introduction of a dedicated WhatsApp number to allow the public to log calls with relevant photos of issues that require repair or attention as they arise.

REPLY:

Customers can currently contact Limerick City and County Council through a number of channels i.e. personal interactions with Elected Members and staff, Customer Services Desk, email, social media, telephone, Webform and My Limerick. Each of these channels is checked by dedicated teams in Customer Services to ensure that all queries are acknowledged and actioned as outlined in the Customer Charter.

Limerick City and County Council recognises and is working with the newer and emerging modes of communication and channels to improve public interaction and customer service. It is noted that there are significant scoping, resourcing, process and data protection issues in opening any new channel of communication including integration with the current CRM system. The Council will explore the potential and implications of a dedicated WhatsApp number as part of a wider review customer services platforms and will revert to consult and inform the Elected Members.

Signed:

Ciara Farrell,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services and Governance.



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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E O'Donovan

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the options now available to residents to dispose of unwanted clothing and textiles following the removal of clothing banks, and that clear and updated information on available textile recycling options is published by the Council.

Response

The removal of the textile banks was necessary due to ongoing operational difficulties including continuous overfilling and illegal dumping.

Members of the public can continue to recycle unwanted clothing and textiles at the following locations:

1. Textiles and clothing are accepted at the Civic Amenity Sites in Mungret, Newcastle West and Kilmallock.
2. Clean clothes & household textiles can be donated to charity shops. You can check locations & opening hours on the MyWaste Textile Locator Map - <https://textilesmap.mywaste.ie/>.
3. Return to retail – H&M, Primark and TK Maxx all offer instore return.
4. You can donate via PostBack an Oxfam/An Post Initiative, find out more here: <https://www.oxfamireland.org/postback-donate-by-post-for-free>
5. You can resell or donate items on various online resale platforms locally & nationally
6. Check out local community initiatives such as Gear Swapping and schools initiatives for Halloween Costumes & Christmas Jumpers

We are currently updating the Council's website to provide clear information on textile recycling options available to residents. This information will also continue to be promoted through the Council's social media channels to ensure residents are aware of the alternatives following the removal of the textile banks.

Regards,

Aidan Finn Senior Engineer.
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action Dept.
15 September 2026

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 21st September 2026

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 carries out a traffic survey and signal-timing review of the Rhebogue Hill/Rhebogue Road/Park Road junction with the Dublin Road, focused on the morning and evening peak periods (8am–10am and 3pm–6pm), and reports back to Council with its findings and any recommended remedial action, including a review of the routing of articulated heavy goods vehicles through the junction where necessary.

Reply:

The three junctions located on Park Road were upgraded in August 2024 with funding provided through the Active Travel Programme.

The junctions were subsequently re-validated in October/November 2024 to assess traffic signals and improvements post upgrades. This process included monitoring traffic during both peak and off-peak periods to assess and optimise traffic flow.

A site survey is scheduled for this Rhebogue Road/Park Road junction week beginning 21st September and will be conducted over three days. A report on the findings from this survey will be brought to Council.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
17th September 2026.**



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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 coordinates its internal stakeholders, such as Planning, Building Control, Conservation, Roads, Active Travel and so on, to hold regular one-stop-shop clinics for pre-planning applications to provide coordinated advice to potential applicants.

Reply:

The Planning Authority currently facilitates a coordinated approach to pre-planning consultations with prospective applicants, and meetings are scheduled every week. In advance of these meetings internal consultations take place between the planners and relevant internal stakeholders to coordinate the advice provided to prospective applicants.

On Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD's) and other large scale and/or complex developments, representatives from all relevant internal stakeholders with knowledge and expertise in the matters concerned attend the meeting.

(Internal stakeholders include Roads, Active Travel, Archaeologist, Conservation Officer (on Protected Structures and Architectural Conservation Areas), Ecologist/Heritage Officer (on SAC's, SPA's, NHA's), Environment (on-site wastewater treatment systems etc.) Housing (on Part V social and affordable), Flooding & Fire.)

Grainne O'Keeffe,

Senior Executive Planner,

16th September 2026.

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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 installs a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Newenham Street to Barrington Street to allow pedestrians to safely cross Quinlan Street.

Reply:

This request will be reviewed in the context of the Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan, the proposed Public Realm Strategy and the BusConnects programme.

A further update will follow once the Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and the proposed Public Realm Strategy are finalised.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
17th September 2026.**

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Hickey-O'Mara

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that measures are swiftly taken to improve public lighting in Shelbourne Park, thereby helping to address safety concerns among members of the public, particularly as we enter the darker half of the year.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council can carry out a review of the public lighting in Shelbourne Park.

Any proposed alterations to lighting would be subject to the Planning process and would require appropriate assessment screening and the input of an ecologist. Choosing the correct lighting system can provide both safety and facilitate nocturnal animals.

It is the Council's intention to crown raise trees in the coming weeks which may assist with lighting issues in some locations. It is also important to point out that the Parks closing times will be adjusting towards a closing time of 4.30pm for the winter months

**James Clune,
A/Director of Services,
Environment Rural Water & Climate Change,
17th September 2026.**