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MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE TO BE HELD
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Hartigan

I will move at the next Meeting that the Municipal District request additional funding to secure the rent of a second patching truck ahead of the upcoming winter season.

REPLY:

The Municipal District Engineer contacted Central Services to seek additional funding for a second patching unit for the final three months of the year.

He was advised by the Senior Engineer that no additional funding would be made available for road maintenance between now and the end of the year.

Kevin Murphy,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District.

02nd September, 2026.



**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE - RATHKEALE be held on Tuesday,
8th September 2026.**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Hartigan

I will move at the next meeting to request an update on The Orchard housing estate in Pallaskenry.

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) completed the purchase of 8 houses at The Orchards, Pallaskenry, in August 2025. There are 8 units remaining to be completed within the development – 7 units are being purchased by Focus Housing Association via the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) and one further unit being purchased by LCCC under Part V. Upon completion, all units within the 16-unit turnkey scheme will be occupied by persons from LCCC's Housing Waiting List.

In terms of the 8 remaining units to be completed, the latest status update is as follows:

- Unit Numbers 13, 14, 15 and 16 are near completion and expected to be ready for snagging before end of September 2026. These houses are awaiting ESB connection which is expected to be in place by first week of September. Focus will be acquiring 3 units (2x4 bed and 1x3-bed) with LCCC acquiring a 1x3-bed unit. All allocations will be to persons from LCCC's Housing Waiting List.
- Completion of Unit Numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been delayed with the builder advising an early 2027 handover date for the 4x3-bed units to Focus. Focus Housing Association are engaging regularly with the Builder to encourage an earlier delivery date. While the Builder is providing weekly updates and is aware of the urgency for these units to be completed, construction worker and subcontractor availability are cited as the reason for the delay in completing these units.

Sarah Newell
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Strategy and Mixed-Tenure Partnership Unit
28th August 2026



MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE -RATHKEALE TO BE HELD ON Monday the 8th September 2026

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor John O'Donoghue

I will move at the next meeting that Housing Developments with fully paid Planning contributions to Limerick City and County Council in the last ten years have their development contributions considered when applying as part of a Local Improvement or Community Involvement Scheme.

Reply:

Development contributions are levied under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and are intended to fund public infrastructure and facilities that support development including roads, transportation, drainage, community infrastructure and related capital projects. Limerick City and County Council applies these charges through its Development Contribution Scheme.

The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) is a national programme funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development to improve certain private or non-public roads, primarily those providing access to agricultural holdings and rural land users. Local Authorities administer and prioritise applications in accordance with the Department guidelines. The beneficiaries are normally required to contribute to the cost normally up to 10% of the overall costs of the works

Community Involvement schemes (CIS) is a programme operated by Limerick City and County Council to facilitate the improvement of public roads and local infrastructure where there is significant community benefit and where local residents are willing to contribute financially towards the works. The local community contributes to the cost of the scheme generally up to 10% to the overall cost.

Development fund contributions are charged

- As a condition of planning
- To offset infrastructure costs associated with new development.
- On a county wide or area wide basis

LIS and CIS programmes are intended to address specific local infrastructure deficiencies and are funded through separate mechanisms. Furthermore, the grants available to the



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applicants are generous with the Department generally covering 90% of the overall cost of each scheme.

The payment of the Development charge does not create an entitlement to preference under another scheme. Furthermore, LIS and CIS schemes are governed by Department eligibility criteria. Local Authorities must prioritise applications within National guidelines. Any preferential treatment based on development contribution payment would conflict with those criteria.

**Patricia Liddy DOS,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
3rd September 2026**