

CORRESPONDENCE
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
19TH OCTOBER 2026

- Letter dated 30th September 2026 from the Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in reply to Notice of Motion that this District calls on the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Tourism, working in conjunction with Revenue, to urgently reform the planned increased charges to tobacco and nicotine licensing for 2027, to ensure a tiered system of charges, so that small independent retailers will not be charged the current proposed flat fees of €1,800 per annum, which will disproportionately impact small businesses and most likely result in closure of many small operators across our towns and villages.
- Email dated 5th October 2026 from the Private Secretary of the Minister of State with Responsibility for the Office of Public Works in reply to Notice of Motion that this District writes to the Minister of State Mr. Kevin Moran, responsible for the Office of Public Works, requesting that the new 14 storey building in Opera Square, Limerick be named the 'Donogh O'Malley Tower' in honour of the late Minister for Education and Limerick man, Donogh O'Malley, who announced free secondary education sixty years ago on 10th September 1966.
- Letter dated 6th October 2026 from the Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment in reply to Notice of Motion that this District writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media requesting them to enable the Metropolitan District of Limerick to have the ability to introduce a tourism tax on hotels or short-term rentals, and that monies collected are ring fenced for tourism and marketing related initiatives of the Metropolitan District.



Ms. Colette Sheehy
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchant's Quay
Limerick
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30th September 2026

Ref Number: DETE-MBURK-02961-2026

Dear Ms. Sheehy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter dated 28/09/2026 concerning Motion to urgently reform the planned increase charges to tobacco and nicotine licensing for 2027. Our Officials have advised that this is an issue which falls under the remit of the Department of Health. I am therefore forwarding this correspondence to them for their attention and direct reply.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Byrne', is written over the typed name.

Michael Byrne

Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism & Employment Peter Burke T.D.

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Minister's Reference: OPW-MO-00606-2026

Ms. Collette Sheehy

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5th October 2026

Dear Ms. Sheehy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence to Minister of State, Kevin Boxer Moran TD in relation to the new building in Opera Square, Limerick. I will bring the contents of your correspondence to the attention of the Minister.

Once enquiries have been completed in the matter you have raised, you will receive a substantive response.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Kiernan

Private Secretary



Our Ref: DÉTE-MBURK-03013-2026

6th October 2026

Ms. Collette Sheehy

Meetings Administrator,

Corporate Governance & Customer Services,

Limerick City and County Council,

Corporate Headquarters,

Merchants Quay,

Limerick V94 EH90



Dear Ms. Sheehy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter dated 28th September 2026 concerning Tourism tax which was forwarded to us from the Office of Minister Patrick O'Donovan.

We will respond as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Lowney

Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment