

Mayoral Executive Report

Contained within this document is the Mayoral Report, as mandated by Section 136 of the Local Government Act, 2001, with its subsequent amendments.

It details the execution of executive duties over the past month, encompassing the enactment of policies or other directives issued by the Council as part of its reserved powers, as well as the Council's continued service delivery.



Mayor of Limerick

July 2026

Limerick marks Irish EU Presidency with Symbolic Flag-Raising and Launch of Germany Partnership Programme.

All-Ireland Hurling Final Watch Party, World Cup Final Watch Party and Limerick Hurling Champions Homecoming bring thousands to the Streets of Limerick City to celebrate.

Summer in the City launches a "Reimagined for a Month of Fun for All" this August in Limerick City.

Land Development Agency (LDA) and Limerick City and County Council start construction on 183 Homes in Mungret.

A New Chapter Begins at the THRIVE Fireplace Site as Enabling Works Commence.

Sod Turning Marks Commencement of €6.6 Million Limerick Greenway Hub at Ardagh.

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1. Executive Summary

This July report sets out the work undertaken through the Mayor's executive functions during July. It is being issued later than intended, as I advised Councillors it might be, because further work was needed to bring the information together in a form I could stand over. It also took time to compile information for new sections I wished to add to make the reports more meaningful and informative. I recognise that members need timely reports, and I am continuing to improve both their quality and their usefulness.

Executive Decisions and Use of Funding:

I completed 68 Mayoral Orders during July, with a recorded value of €10.53 million. These included approvals for seven homes at Nunan's Corner, Broadford; road and active travel works; and design and preparatory work for projects in Abbeyfeale, Kilmallock, King's Island and the city centre. The new Mayoral Orders section provides the full list and in another innovation identifies separately the orders funded wholly or partly by the Mayoral Fund. This makes it easier for councillors to see both the decisions taken and where that fund is being used.

Housing:

Housing delivery remains the no 1 priority, but it is increasingly obvious that 2026 will be another poor year for delivery against our new target of 4,000, raised from 2,599 to catch-up on under-delivery in prior years. The lack of large projects in the housing pipeline is really hitting delivery numbers hard this year. There were some modest green shoots, for example, construction began on 183 homes in Mungret, in partnership with the Land Development Agency.

The delivery of a much-needed Housing Plan is still behind schedule but consultants are being procured now to help accelerate delivery. In the absence of the plan, we continue to push on larger sites like Colbert and Patrickswell but dependencies like the absence of a Commuter Rail Study (which itself is delayed) prevent progress on the Southill Masterplan. Despite this, work continued on SMART Housing proposals and other social

and affordable housing projects, with planning permission design work on initial sites for SMART homes drawing to a conclusion.

The push to get rid of the backlog of voids accumulated over years continues. Additional teams are being hired to allow more projects to complete each month. The housing update records 79 void properties returned to stock so far in 2026 with 21 of those returned back to use during July 2026. Additionally, while long-standing discussions remain unresolved with the department to clear the structure of the Vienna project for the properties in Abbeyfeale, we have in parallel begun design and procurement to complete the refurbishment of the properties for occupation to minimise delays.

Transport:

Work began on the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme, while the draft City Centre Transport Plan and Public Realm Strategy were brought to elected members ahead of public consultation. On other important projects like the Adare bypass, works advanced to schedule. On University Way, a lot of work continued to take account of the extensive public consultations received and explore all options with landowners.

Policy Direction and Management Meetings:

The report records the meetings and working sessions I attended or led on housing delivery, the transport plan, the Colbert Quarter, the Patrickswell masterplan, health equity, Ryder Cup preparations and the delivery of the Mayoral Programme. These discussions sit alongside formal decisions and project approvals. Together, the list gives councillors a clearer account of the policy, oversight and delivery work focus of the Mayor's Office in July, as well as its public and civic duties.

There has been further progress in July on proposals to restructure support for my office to allow for more to be delivered for the people of Limerick. Disappointingly, the Department continue to ask very detailed questions about the new structure which are delaying approval

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despite the support it has locally in Limerick from the Director General whose core responsibility it is to put the necessary arrangements in place and from the Mayor and other councillors who made suggestions reflected in the proposal. I spent quite a lot of time on that issue.

Councillors will be aware that I intended to take a break towards the second half of July but this plan had to be postponed mainly because of difficulties securing a good Summer in the City programme. The report now brings the principal meetings into view so members can better follow that work.

Tracking the Mayoral Programme:

For 2026, I set out 24 areas of priority for delivery focus. Much of the work on the new form has centred on this section to ensure that it provides specific details to allow progress to be assessed. Automated interface with Co-Plan is still not possible for data quality issues so this has still to be done manually. To make it easier to assess, I have introduced a red, amber and green status alongside updates on 24 priority areas I set for 2026. This is intended to make progress and obstacles easier to identify and to give members a clearer basis for questioning delivery. It explains not just the work achieved but also pinpoints areas where delivery is falling behind or at serious risk of falling behind and where I may need changes to the

approach or allocated resources or help to release some external condition – government consent, funding etc. It is clear from the colour coding that a lot of projects are being driven hard and will provide significant delivery. However, others are showing stress or are already off track or likely irreparably off-track. This reinforces the dangers to delivery in Limerick of ongoing delays in securing central departmental sanctions for the enhanced delivery and innovation team I believe we need to have.

Deeper Analysis of Chapter from Mayoral Programme:

This Report also includes a deep dive analysis based on our internal tracking system (Co-Plan) entries into a single chapter “Equal Opportunities for All” from the Mayoral Programme. The outcome of the analysis is published as provided to the Mayor rather than delay publication of the Mayoral Executive Report any further. The deep dive is, however, already showing very valuable insights. It shows on-going issues with programme delivery or, at least, data capture. Achievements are under reported in some areas as tasks are not correctly cross-referenced which suggests less work has been done than is the case. Conversely, tasks for delivery in some objectives, do not achieve the level of ambition intended when the programme was developed and require recalibration, especially where the Co-Plan is now incorrectly reporting the objective as complete.

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2. Mayoral Orders

68 ORDERS COMPLETED	€10.53m RECORDED VALUE	52 FUNDED ORDERS	16 NO FUNDING VALUE
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JULY AT A GLANCE

There were 68 orders completed during the month with a recorded value of €10.53 million, with the largest commitments advancing housing delivery, regional road improvements and the technical capacity needed to deliver active-travel projects.

During July, Mayoral Orders were again processed through ORCA. The system now provides a fully digitised workflow - from preparation and recommendation through senior review to the Mayor's electronic signature - creating a clearer, faster and auditable route for executive decisions. This meant no orders needed to be delayed by the Mayor working remotely while absent from the office in July. During the Mayor's otherwise planned annual leave of 10 days, despite being out of the country, 21 Mayoral Orders (almost a third of the month's total) were signed using this new system. Significant orders covered the following items:

- **Housing delivery:** approval of €2.36 million for seven homes at Nunan's Corner, Broadford, alongside acquisitions of homes in Bruff and John Carew Park and design and technical appointments supporting further social and SMART housing projects.
- **Roads and mobility:** €2.39 million was approved for the Boland's Cross to Court Cross pavement improvement scheme, €1.08 million for resident engineering and technical services on active-travel projects, €800,000 for non-national road bridge refurbishment works, and €444,115 for the South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme.
- **Public realm and place-making:** Orders were signed for the Market Quarter and Cruises Street upgrades, Abbeyfeale public realm and appointment of design team for J.D. Daly's redevelopment, the Verdant Place Kings Island public garden restoration, the Northside Park and Green Edge masterplan, and preparatory work at Merchant's House, Kilmallock.
- **Communities and civic life:** €120,041 supported a memorial garden and accessible toilet at Dromcollogher Library, while further orders supported Garrydoolis School (After-Schools), Limerick Sports Partnership, in advance of the Dromcollogher 2026 event Limerick Garden Festival and Summer in the City.
- **A month of sport:** a €215,000 sponsorship order to the GAA paid for the All-Ireland Hurling Final Watch Party, the FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party and gave the Council the flexibility to stage a homecoming immediately after the final. Together, the events brought thousands of people into Pery Square across a landmark weekend, culminating in the celebration of Limerick's senior and minor hurlers.

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Mayoral Orders Funded by Mayoral Fund

Funding for Mayoral orders can come from a variety of sources as set out in the table below. Some are allocations of development levies which are proposed by the Director General under a scheme approved by the Councillors. Others relate to projects receiving national government funding. Typically getting those monies for Limerick requires selection of good projects, work on an application for the selected project and then securing the funding for the project. Uniquely in Limerick, the Mayor has additional funding (the Mayoral Fund) which allows additional projects to be funded 100% or co-funded to unlock national funding so long as they are provided for delivery in the Mayoral Programme.

For the month of July, the orders funded in whole or in part by the Mayoral Fund were as follows:-

Date	Order no.	Subject	Funding source	Value
01 Jul	MY/2026/581	Procurement of Legal Services for Mayoral functions	Mayoral Fund, LCCC Own Res.	€200,000
07 Jul	MY/2026/592	Appointment of Core Optimisation for Communications advisory to deliver an integrated Public Relations (PR), Digital Marketing and Social Media campaign to support the delivery of Limerick City and County Council's Housing Program	Mayoral Fund	€96,500
07 Jul	MY/2026/580	Memorial Garden and Accessible WC at Dromcollogher Library	Mayoral Fund (€100,000), Department Funding	€120,041
07 Jul	MY/2026/594	Appoint Molloy QS Ltd to provide Quantity Surveying Feasibility Services for Lease and Fitout of Empty Retail Unit, Roches Street, Limerick	Mayoral Fund	€3,690
14 Jul	MY/2026/600	BPS Planning Consultants for the provision Consultancy services to provide a Shared Accommodation Justification Report in support of a Part 8 application for development of SMART Housing in Mungret, Limerick, under the 'SMART' Housing Programme	Mayoral Fund	€21,500
21 Jul	MY/2026/607	The appointment of consultants for the provision of strategic public and stakeholder communications and public affairs support services to the Office of the Mayor	Mayoral Fund	€24,750
21 Jul	MY/2026/610	Appointment of a Architectural Model Making Consultant for the provision of model making services for Thomond Weir and Limerick City and County Council	Mayoral Fund	€58,000
21 Jul	MY/2026/611	Appointment of a Topographical Surveyor for the provision of Topographical Surveying Services for the Northside Park and Green Edge Masterplan Strategy and Feasibility Study	Mayoral Fund	€45,050

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21 Jul	MY/2026/612	2026 Mayoral Fund Capital Measure 14: Mayoral Fund Grant Scheme - Morning and After-School Projects-Capital (Garrydoolis School)	Mayoral Fund	€30,000
23 Jul	MY/2026/636	Appointment of HRA Planning for Town Planning Consultancy Services, the provision of a Community and Cultural Audit and the extension of these services for SMART Site 10 (Mungret), a key objective under the Mayoral Programme 2024-2029	Mayoral Fund	€22,950
23 Jul	MY/2026/626	2026 Mayoral Fund Current Measure 17: Limerick Sports Partnership (EU Games)	Mayoral Fund	€50,000
23 Jul	MY/2026/624	Appointment of Architect led Integrated Design Team for the Redevelopment of J.D. Daly's, Abbeyfeale	Mayoral Fund, LCCC Own Res., Funding for Capital Works yet to be secured	€147,255
23 Jul	MY/2026/625	2026 Mayoral Fund Current Measure 18: Limerick Garden Festival (at Milk Market)	Mayoral Fund	€4,000
24 Jul	MY/2026/637	Report/ Recommendation 'Summer in the city' - Event Management services namely Event Management Plan and Event Management Controller/ Community Co-ordinator	Mayoral Fund	€14,145
24 Jul	MY/2026/630	Appointment of MKO for the provision of an Acoustic Design Statement for Mungret	Mayoral Fund	€7,560
24 Jul	MY/2026/639	Provision of Services/Supplies for Traffic Management Services to include but not limited to, individual site Temporary Traffic Management Plans, all equipment hire and set up, site maintenance/ inspections and RAMs	Mayoral Fund	€53,498

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Full List of July Mayoral Orders

Orders completed between 1 and 31 July 2026

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01 Jul	MY/2026/581	Procurement of Legal Services for Mayoral functions	Mayoral Fund, LCCC Own Res.	€200,000
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07 Jul	MY/2026/591	Casual Trading Licence	N/A	-
07 Jul	MY/2026/590	Casual Trading	N/A	-
07 Jul	MY/2026/589	Casual Trading Licence	N/A	-
07 Jul	MY/2026/588	Casual Trading Licence	N/A	-
07 Jul	MY/2026/587	Acquisition of 207 Valley View, O' Malley Park, Southill, Limerick - Regeneration exchange.	N/A	-
07 Jul	MY/2026/585	Disposal of 3 Galvone View as part of Regeneration House Exchange	N/A	-
07 Jul	MY/2026/586	Appointment of Byrne & Co., Chartered Quantity Surveyors to undertake a cost-plan review and verification for a potential housing site in Limerick County	Department Funding	€3,150
07 Jul	MY/2026/593	Acquisition of 2 Acres at Delmege Estate	Own Resources	€10,800
07 Jul	MY/2026/580	Memorial Garden and Accessible WC at Dromcollogher Library	Mayoral Fund (€100,000), Department Funding	€120,041
07 Jul	MY/2026/582	Acquisition of SHIP Property - 35 Brackvoan, Bruff, Co. Limerick	Department Funding	€350,000
07 Jul	MY/2026/583	Extension of Services Contract and acceptance of additional fees to include an additional site and to prepare a Bat Survey for the Part VIII for Maiden Street, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick	LCCC Own Res.	€20,172

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Date	Order no.	Subject	Funding source	Value
07 Jul	MY/2026/584	South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme	NTA	€444,115
07 Jul	MY/2026/594	Appoint Molloy QS Ltd to provide Quantity Surveying Feasibility Services for Lease and Fitout of Empty Retail Unit, Roches Street, Limerick	Mayoral Fund	€3,690
14 Jul	MY/2026/599	FOYNES TO LIMERICK ROAD (INCLUDING ADARE BYPASS) 38kV ESB NETWORK ALTERATION (CONFLICT LOCATIONS 4 & 5) AT RATHKEALE, CO. LIMERICK ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED TERMS & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (REV 3)	TII	€513,878
14 Jul	MY/2026/601	Limerick City and County Council Macadam Boland's Cross to Court Cross Pavement Improvement Scheme	TII	€2,387,318
14 Jul	MY/2026/600	BPS Planning Consultants for the provision Consultancy services to provide a Shared Accommodation Justification Report in support of a Part 8 application for development of SMART Housing in Mungret, Limerick, under the 'SMART' Housing Programme	Mayoral Fund	€21,500
14 Jul	MY/2026/598	To appoint Michael J Walshe & Associates for Mechanical and Electrical Services for a Design and Build project at Smyth's Lane, Cathedral Place, Co.Limerick	Department Funding	€17,117
14 Jul	MY/2026/597	Consent to Sale: 1 Lock Mills, Island Grove, Limerick, V94 Y729. This property has been leased by Limerick City and County Council from JJIS Investments Limited under the Long-Term Leasing Scheme since 1st December 2025 for a period of 25 years. The property is now in the process of being sold by JJIS Investments Limited to Elm Long Income ICAV. It is possible under the terms of the Lease Agreement that the property may be sold to another entity or individual. However, the Lease Agreement at all times allows the tenant to remain in situ even though the property owner may change. To allow a change in property owner a consent to the sale of the property is required by Limerick City and County Council. All consent documentation has been reviewed and approved by Gerard Reidy of Leahy Reidy Solicitors acting on behalf of Limerick City and County Council, see Appendix 1. I therefore recommend the signing and sealing of the Assurance Licence, which is a requirement of the Property Registration Authority to allow the registration of the property in the new owner's name, see Appendix 2.	N/A	-

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Date	Order no.	Subject	Funding source	Value
14 Jul	MY/2026/596	The issuing of a Notice under Section 12 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007 re: pollution from the septic tank located on Folio LK20053, serving a property on Folio LK69543F	N/A	-
14 Jul	MY/2026/595	Casual Trading Licence.	N/A	-
14 Jul	MY/2026/602	Resident Engineers and Civil Technicians Services, Active Travel Projects 2026/2027	NTA	€1,078,124
21 Jul	MY/2026/604	Payment of Consultant fees to Malachy Walsh and Partners for the Abbeyfeale Public Realm Scheme	NTA	€40,579
21 Jul	MY/2026/603	Measured Building and Site Topographic Survey at J.D. Daly's, Abbeyfeale	LCCC Own Res.	€7,318
21 Jul	MY/2026/605	Appointment of Consultant for Road Safety Audit and Quality Audit Services - Regeneration Schemes	Department Funding, Development Levies, NTA Active Travel Annual Allocation	€10,500
21 Jul	MY/2026/606	Market Quarter and Cruises St. Public Realm Upgrades Project - Archaeological Trenching and DCP Surveys	URDF	€99,977
21 Jul	MY/2026/607	The appointment of consultants for the provision of strategic public and stakeholder communications and public affairs support services to the Office of the Mayor	Mayoral Fund	€24,750
21 Jul	MY/2026/608	Appointment of Precision Utility Mapping- Topographical and Utility Surveys for the Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme	OPW	€13,100
21 Jul	MY/2026/609	N24 Oola Village Pavement Overlay Scheme Appointment of AGL Consulting (Trinity College)	TII	€50,000
21 Jul	MY/2026/610	Appointment of a Architectural Model Making Consultant for the provision of model making services for Thomond Weir and Limerick City and County Council	Mayoral Fund	€58,000
21 Jul	MY/2026/611	Appointment of a Topographical Surveyor for the provision of Topographical Surveying Services for the Northside Park and Green Edge Masterplan Strategy and Feasibility Study	Mayoral Fund	€45,050

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21 Jul	MY/2026/612	2026 Mayoral Fund Capital Measure 14: Mayoral Fund Grant Scheme - Morning and After-School Projects- Capital (Garrydoolis School).	Mayoral Fund	€30,000
21 Jul	MY/2026/613	N21 Devon Cross Junction Imp Scheme-Underground Utilities Survey Services	TII	€9,261
21 Jul	MY/2026/614	Approval of Sponsorship Contribution - All-Ireland Final Watch Party, World Cup Watch Party and Potential Homecoming Event	LCCC Own Res.	€215,000
21 Jul	MY/2026/615	Switching of Broadband Services Provider at Broadband Connection Points	LCCC Own Res., Department Funding	€16,000
21 Jul	MY/2026/616	Casual Trading Licence	N/A	-
21 Jul	MY/2026/617	Casual Trading Licence	N/A	-
23 Jul	MY/2026/618	2026 Non-National Road Bridge Refurbishment Works	Department of Transport (DoT)	€800,000
23 Jul	MY/2026/619	Pedestrianisation of Limerick Lane using Bollards	N/A	
23 Jul	MY/2026/636	Appointment of HRA Planning for Town Planning Consultancy Services, the provision of a Community and Cultural Audit and the extension of these services for SMART Site 10 (Mungret), a key objective under the Mayoral Programme 2024-2029	Mayoral Fund	€22,950
23 Jul	MY/2026/626	2026 Mayoral Fund Current Measure 17: Limerick Sports Partnership (EU Games)	Mayoral Fund	€50,000
23 Jul	MY/2026/621	Appointment of Integrated Design Team Services for Renovation and Restoration of Public Garden at Verdant Place, Limerick	Department Funding	€67,249
23 Jul	MY/2026/624	Appointment of Architect led Integrated Design Team for the Redevelopment of J.D. Daly's, Abbeyfeale	Mayoral Fund, LCCC Own Res., Funding for Capital Works yet to be secured	€147,255
23 Jul	MY/2026/622	Approval for Limerick City and County Council to enter into the Partnership Agreement for the PEACEPLUS-funded Collaborative Leadership Across the Border (COLAB) project	PEACEPLUS	€209,670

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Date	Order no.	Subject	Funding source	Value
23 Jul	MY/2026/623	Merchant's House, Kilmallock - Topographical, Utility and Building Survey	RRDF	€26,322
23 Jul	MY/2026/625	2026 Mayoral Fund Current Measure 18: Limerick Garden Festival (at Milk Market)	Mayoral Fund	€4,000
24 Jul	MY/2026/643	Appointment of Murphy Geospatial	OPW	€14,910
24 Jul	MY/2026/642	Casual Trading Licence	N/A	-
24 Jul	MY/2026/641	Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Report and Determination for Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No 3 to Limerick Development Plan 2022 - 2028 (as varied)	N/A	-
24 Jul	MY/2026/640	Acquisition of SHIP Property - 108 Star Court, John Carew Park, Limerick	Department Funding	€180,000
24 Jul	MY/2026/638	Appointment of Repucon Consulting to Undertake an Economic Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) in relation to Riverfest 2026	LCCC Own Res.	€21,925
24 Jul	MY/2026/637	Report/ Recommendation 'Summer in the city' - Event Management services namely Event Management Plan and Event Management Controller/ Community Co-ordinator	Mayoral Fund	€14,145
24 Jul	MY/2026/634	To appoint Cuddy's to the role of Quantity Surveyor for the design of 30+ new social housing units at Kennedy Park, Limerick City	Department Funding	€76,440
24 Jul	MY/2026/628	Stage 4 Mayoral Approval for the delivery of 7 no. units of accommodation at Nunans Corner, Broadford, Co Limerick by Broadford Voluntary Housing Association and Community Childcare Facility Company CLG	Department Funding	€2,363,102
24 Jul	MY/2026/627	Traffic calming measures at Strand Village, Co. Limerick	Development Levies	€15,000
24 Jul	MY/2026/635	Traffic Calming Measures at Knockane Road, Bothar Buí, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.	Development Levies	€15,000
24 Jul	MY/2026/633	To appoint Molloy QS as Quantity Surveyor for a Design and Build project at Smyth's Lane, Cathedral Place, Co.Limerick	Department Funding	€39,000
24 Jul	MY/2026/629	Coir Infrastructure Contract -Additional Works	Development Levies, NTA	€196,161

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Date	Order no.	Subject	Funding source	Value
24 Jul	MY/2026/632	To appoint Dolmen Contracting as contractor and PSCS for refurbishment works at 38 O'Callaghan Avenue, Kileely, Limerick, V94XAE1	Department Funding	€179,799
24 Jul	MY/2026/631	To appoint P.Coleman & Associates for Civil and Structural Engineering Services and Fire and Disabled Access Consultant for a Social Housing Project at Smyth's Lane, Cathedral Place, Limerick	Department Funding	€48,679
24 Jul	MY/2026/630	Appointment of MKO for the provision of an Acoustic Design Statement for Mungret	Mayoral Fund	€7,560
24 Jul	MY/2026/639	Provision of Services/Supplies for Traffic Management Services to include but not limited to, individual site Temporary Traffic Management Plans, all equipment hire and set up, site maintenance/ inspections and RAMs	Mayoral Fund	€53,498
24 Jul	MY/2026/620	Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening Determination for the Adoption of the Proposed Limerick City Centre Public Realm Strategy	N/A	-
24 Jul	MY/2026/644	Operator of new Public Toilet in Abbeyfeale	Development Levies	€29,200
30 Jul	MY/2026/645	Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass) Adare to Attyflin Construction Contract Dispute Resolver Appointment	TII	€50,000
30 Jul	MY/2026/648	Transfer of 4 Water Assets to Uisce Éireann	N/A	-
30 Jul	MY/2026/646	N21 Devon Cross Junction Improvement Scheme-CCTV Survey Services	TII	€11,697

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Other Significant Approvals/Contracts/ Part 8's

Some actions by the Mayor are not captured in the Mayoral Orders list or may have been approved in prior months under a Mayoral Order. They may for example involve the signing of final contracts etc. which have been negotiated and approved subsequent to the Mayoral Order. They might also be pre Mayoral Order decisions by the Mayor to accept recommendations from officials to begin work on a project which itself if carried forward might lead to a Mayoral Order. The office now track these actions separately as they do not pass yet through the ORCA process above. For July, the other tracked actions taken were as follows:

Ref No	Project Name	Directorate	Date Published on Online Portal	Date Display Starts	Date Display Ends	Final Day for Submissions	Mayor's Report Signed	Council Meeting
PT8LL382	Community, arts & commercial space for Newcastle West	Regeneration, Community, Sport & Rural Development	Newcastle West	24/04/2026	25/05/2026	09/06/2026	03/07/2026	08/07/2026
PT8LL383	Temporary Park & Ride @ Collopys Cross, Attyflin	Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm	Adare/ Rathkeale	29/04/2026	29/05/2026	12/06/2026	07/07/2026	13/07/2026
PT8LL363	6 units at Ferndale, Ennis Road	Housing	Limerick City North	13/03/2026	15/04/2026	29/04/2026	08/07/2026	22/07/2026
PT8LL371	13 units at Quarry Road, Thomondgate	Housing	Limerick City North	31/03/2026	30/04/2026	15/05/2026	08/07/2026	22/07/2026

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1. Diary Events

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

July opened with the launch of Limerick's European Union Presidency Programme at King John's Castle and continued with visible progress on housing at Greenpark and Mungret, the welcome for President Catherine Connolly, and major cultural moments including Limerick Pride and the Wild Geese Festival.

A key moment in July was the visit of President of Ireland Catherine Connolly to Merchant's Quay. Limerick's first citizen welcomed the country's first citizen for a wide-ranging discussion on the city and county's priorities, challenges and ambitions. The President also took time to meet Council staff, including engaging with members of staff through Irish. Mayor Moran also extended an open invitation to President Connolly to return to Limerick for EuroPride 2028, when the city will once again welcome visitors from across Ireland and beyond.

The month's defining weekend belonged to sport. Pery Square hosted an All-Ireland Hurling Final Watch Party and, later on the same day, a FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party. Delivering these events required the Mayor and his team to work across all parts of Limerick City and County Council, alongside An Garda Síochána, the HSE, first responders and other key stakeholders. The level of cooperation across the organisation was exceptional, with teams working together to ensure the events could proceed safely and successfully. Following victories for both Limerick's senior and minor hurlers, the city came together again on 20 July for a homecoming attended by around 16,000 supporters. Congratulations are due to the teams, supporters and people of Limerick, and particular thanks to the Council staff and partner agencies whose work made the celebrations possible. Alongside those celebrations, work continued on the Draft City Centre Transport Plan (4 meetings), housing delivery in Patrickswell, the public realm strategy and Limerick's role in the WHO (30 July) European Healthy Cities Network.

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Key Events at a glance

Date	Key activity
01 July	Launched Limerick's European Union Presidency Programme at King John's Castle and attended a Housing Workshop.
02 July	Joined Ministerial site visits and construction milestones at Greenpark and Mungret Park View.
09 July	Welcomed President of Ireland Catherine Connolly to City Hall.
11 July	Addressed Limerick Pride and the Wild Geese Festival Gala Banquet.
13-14 July	Hosted Hibernian FC Women's Team and attended their international friendly against Treaty United.
17 July	Opened Abbeyfeale's upgraded playground, attended the sod-turning for the Limerick Greenway Hub in Ardagh and launched Summer in the City.
19 July	Attended Limerick's All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final victory; Pery Square hosted hurling and FIFA World Cup Final watch parties.
20 July	Welcomed home Limerick's senior and minor All-Ireland hurling champions with around 16,000 supporters in Pery Square.
21 July	Attended the elected-member briefing on the Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and Public Realm Strategy and a housing announcement in Patrickswell.
30 July	Participated in the WHO European Healthy Cities Political Committee meeting.

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01 July

- Held a discussion on Data Centre project feasibility
- Launched the European Union Presidency Programme for Limerick, King John's Castle
- Held a bilateral meeting with the Acting Director of Transport and Mobility
- Held a bilateral meeting with the Director of Environment, Climate Action and Fire
- Attended a Housing Workshop
- Unveiled a plaque at Ballingarry Athletic Football Club, in collaboration with Hibernian Football Club's 150th Anniversary

02 July

- Held a meeting with Human Resources
- Attended a photoshoot for the Gum Litter Taskforce Awareness Roadshow
- Met with the Director of Economic, Tourism and Culture and a visiting Italian delegation
- Joined a site visit with the Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage at Greenpark, Dock Road
- Attended a sod turning for the official start of construction for a development at Mungret Park View
- Met with local residents in Croom regarding issues with N20 plans.

03 July

- Held a weekly call with Communications Company
- Met with Treaty United Managing Director and the Director of Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development
- Attended the July Party Leaders Meeting
- Participated in the Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group meeting
- Attended the SMART Housing programme design review
- Officially opened "The Unsung Artists" event in the Limerick Museum
- Attended the Wild Geese Event, Limerick City

04 July

- Travelled to Bruff for the Bruff Festival, barbecue and subsequent hours with the community.

05 July

- Attended the All-Ireland Hurling Championship Semi-final, Dublin

06 July

- Attended the Mayoral Programme Manager Interview Board briefing session
- Attended the second Innovate Limerick/Film in Limerick "Limerick Film Lab" and held discussions with the Director of Catalyst Festival and Film Producers from Ireland, Scotland and Canada.
- Participated in the Organisation Development Programme Board Meeting
- Weekly meetings with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Held a bilateral meeting the Director of Housing
- Held a bilateral meeting with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance
- Met with the new Cathaoirleach of Newcastle West District
- Attended the July Corporate Policy Group meeting
- Delivered a speech at the European Presidency associated Health Care event hosted by University of Limerick with Minister Jennifer Murnane O'Connor
- Dinner with members of Mayoral Advisory & Implementation Committee

07 July

- Hosted the Mayoral Advisory and Implementation Committee Meeting
- Interview to Virgin Media
- Interview to Liveline, RTE Radio 1 on why Limerick is the most liveable place in Ireland.
- GAA Homecoming Planning meeting.

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08 July

- Held a meeting regarding the Transport Plan
- Attended the Colbert Quarter working group monthly meeting
- Participated in the photoshoot for the “Val the Viking” initiative
- Recorded a teaser video for the Obstacle Course Relay World Championships
- Met with organiser of Europride.
- Welcomed the President for the opening of a new Saint Vincent de Paul retail store in Castleconnell and community event after
- Participated in the Redemptorists Centre of Music and Wind Ensemble Awards celebration.

09 July

- Attended the Mayoral Programme Board meeting
- Held a meeting with the Head of the Mayoral Programme Office and Special Advisor regarding Mayoral Fund reallocations
- Welcomed President of Ireland, Catherine Connolly to City Hall and had a private meeting with the President
- Interview to the Irish Examiner newspaper
- The Sunday Times newspaper interview
- Attended the launch photoshoot for the World Finance Conference event in University of Limerick
- Joined the opening night of “For Dolores” at the Belltable Theatre

10 July

- Held a weekly call with Communications Company
- Southern Regional Assembly Meeting to discuss the 2025 Land Development Agency report on Relevant Public Lands
- Meeting on Kilmallock Ambulance Service issues.
- Joined a SMART Housing meeting
- Joined a Vienna Housing Meeting with LTT

11 July

- Laid a wreath at the Limerick Wild Geese Festival commemoration ceremony
- Media briefing session
- Delivered a speech and marched in Limerick Pride Parade
- Delivered a speech at the Annual Wild Geese Festival Banquet

12 July

- Attended the National Commemoration Ceremony, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham
- Interviewed with RTE
- Interviewed with Newstalk
- Interviewed with Virgin Media
- Interviewed with Live 95FM

13 July

- Met with the Regional Director of Public Health Service Executive and co-chair of Health Equity Oversight Group
- Meeting on Kilmallock Ambulance Service issues.
- Held a meeting with the Housing Department to discuss Carey’s Road Housing Project
- Held a bilateral meeting with the Director of Environment, Climate and Fire
- Held a meeting with the Acting Director of Transport
- Council briefing on changes to variation number 3
- Hosted a Mayoral Reception for Hibernian Football Club and Canon Edward Joseph Hannan, Council Chamber, Dooradoyle
- Attended the July meeting of the Plenary Council

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14 July

- Meeting in relation to Kings Island Handball Club/Ball Alley project
- Met with the Director General and Deputy Director General
- Attended the Local Strategic Advisory and Monitoring Committee Meeting
- Joined a private workshop on the Adare Heritage Centre
- Joined a private workshop on the design development of the former Bank of Ireland, Rathkeale
- Bi-monthly Mayoral Management Board meeting
- Received an update on the new Colbert Sports Facility
- Interview with University of Limerick in advance of the World Finance Conference
- Attended the international friendly match between Treaty United and Hibernian Football Club Women's teams, Market Fields

15 July

- Met with Irish Filmmaker and Producer – Wayfinders – to thank me for my support for the project
- Meeting with Independent Councillor and community regarding Summer in the City Activations
- Held a discussion on Patrickswell Master Plan
- Met on site with Senior Executive Engineer regarding Pocket Parks
- Delivered a speech at the Enable Ireland Summer Party, Castleconnell
- Attended the Briefing for Elected Members on Water Supply Project
- Call with Arts Officer regarding Mural Project in Garryowen
- Travel to and Launch of the Cappamore Agricultural Show

16 July

- Held a meeting with An Garda Síochána and Transport Team regarding the August Road Closures and Section 254
- Held a meeting with the new Cathaoirleach for the Metro District
- Held a meeting with the new Príomh Chomhairleoir
- Hosted the Rehab Care Riverview Day Service guests in the Council Chamber

- Visit to El Electronics, Shannon
- Visit to Jaguar, Shannon
- Meeting with the Housing Team

17 July

- Held a weekly call with Communications Company
- Officially opened the newly upgraded playground at Abbeyfeale
- Attended the Sod Turning at Limerick Greenway Hub, Ardagh Project
- Official launch of 'Summer in the City' at Pery Square
- Interview with The Journal.ie
- Attended the launch photoshoot for "Dancing the Walls of Limerick", John's Gate
- Attended a Transport Plan closing designs meeting

18 July

- Spoke at the Kings Island Family Fun Day
- Attended Latino Malekum "The Big Day Out at The Hunt Museum"
- Personal invite to the Christy Moore concert and private discussions after

19 July

- Attended the All-Ireland Hurling Final
- Celebrated Limerick's win at the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Banquet, Dublin

20 July

- Call with Special Advisor regarding Transport Plan
- Held a bilateral meeting with the Director of Housing
- Held a Bilateral meeting with the Director of Finance, Investment and Governance
- Travel back to Limerick by train
- Celebrated the Limerick All-Ireland Winning Hurling Team at the Homecoming Reception, Perry Square

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21 July

- Interview with The Limerick Leader
- Weekly meeting with the Director General
- Joined a meeting regarding the Organisation Development Programme Board Meeting
- Comms discussions on the Transport Plan
- Attended a private briefing for Elected Members regarding the Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and Proposed Limerick City Centre Public Strategy
- Launched a private Housing Project in Patrickswell

22 July

- Held discussion with An Garda Síochána regarding World Cup event

23 July

- Programme Board Meeting
- Discussion with Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment regarding Aughinish

24 July

- Housing Infrastructure Investment meeting with the Deputy Secretary General in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
- Held a weekly call with Communications Company
- Discussion with Special Advisor on delivery issues on Mayoral Programme
- Abbeyfeale Housing call
- Held a discussion with the Príomh Chomhairleoir
- Part 8 King's Island, Smart Designs

28 July

- Met with the Director General and Head of Human Resources
- Meeting regarding Section 140 and legal ramifications.

29 July

- Meeting with Corporate and Team to examine Mayoral Executive Report Structure and understand reasons for delays

30 July

- Joined the World Health Organisation, European Healthy Cities Political Committee Meeting
- Emergency calls to protect Summer in the City against late Section 140 challenge

31 July

- Held a weekly call with Communications Company
- Dinner with Mayor of Cordes (Cordes-sur-Ciel) and Deputy Mayor

Social Media

Followers across the Mayoral Social Media Platforms is now as follows:

Mayor of Limerick Instagram: 2,401

Mayor of Limerick X: 329



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2. Mayor's Strategic Priorities for 2026

The Mayor has outlined 24 priority areas that will be a particular focus for the delivery of the Mayoral Programme throughout 2026. These priorities reflect key ambitions across housing, regeneration, mobility, economic development and the enhancement of Limerick's urban and rural environments.

Activity during July remained focused on advancing these priorities, with a number of projects progressing through planning, procurement, design and delivery stages. The summary updates below highlight key developments during the reporting period and are supported by additional information within Directorate sections of this Executive Report.

In a departure for July, project progress is assessed against expected outcomes for the end of December 2026. The evaluation highlights the need for enhanced delivery capacity around the programme delivery for the remainder of the Council and Mayoral term.

Key	Behind Schedule 	At risk of missing deadline 	Broadly on track 
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Priority			Update
1.	Housing plan and target delivery transparency		The Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP) remains behind target.
	Housing Delivery Action Plan (Housing Strategy function)		The live housing tracker and GIS dashboard are now being integrated with the Housing Delivery Action Plan to provide a coordinated approach to monitoring and presenting housing delivery information. Testing and refinement of these tools continued throughout July,
	b) Forward Planning - Section 28 Housing Growth (Forward planning function)		In response to the Section 28 Housing Growth Requirements, the draft Variation No. 3 of the Development Plan was presented to Elected Members on 13 July 2026. As there were material alterations proposed we will place these alterations on public display for a further 4 weeks (26th July to 24th August). A revised Mayor's report on the material alterations will follow in advance of presenting to the Members again at September's Full Council meeting.

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Priority			Update
2.	SMART Homes	  	The SMART Homes programme advanced during July 2026 on a number of fronts. The procurement process for a communications strategy commenced during the month, with the appointment of a supplier expected in August. Planning applications for the Mungret Pathfinder and Whitecross Gardens projects remain on track for submission in Q3. Discussions about the form public spaces like balconies will take and Mechanical and Engineering service dominated most of July design work.
3.	Voids		21 void properties were returned back into use during July 2026, bringing the total number of properties returned to stock this year to 79. The enhanced delivery model, supported by additional direct labour resources and internally managed design, specification and procurement processes, is increasing capacity to bring further vacant homes back into productive use.
4.	Vienna Housing Model (Kilmallock, Abbeyfeale, Hyde Road, AHB Protocol)	 	The Vienna Housing Model initiative in Abbeyfeale advanced during July 2026 through the progression of design and procurement activities. Development of the tender pack and detailed design work continued throughout the month, with the procurement process commencing in July. Discussions also took place with Limerick Twenty Thirty regarding a proposed municipal company delivery model and its potential role in supporting the delivery of housing projects under the Vienna Model approach. The planned workshops associated with the initiative had not taken place by the end of July and will be rescheduled as the project progresses.
5.	Core City Centre Plan (3-4 Years)		Updating of the City Centre Plan continued during July but is now long overdue.

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Priority			Update
6.	Northside Park		Development of the Northside Park masterplan remained focused on the preliminary design stage during July 2026. As a result, the proposed public consultation on the preliminary design has not yet commenced, pending completion of further design work and refinement of the masterplan proposals.
7.	Georgian Limerick – Greening		A concept design has been developed for Lower Glentworth Street as part of the Georgian Limerick greening trial and long term programme. Subject to the progression of the design process, Part 8 planning procedures and stakeholder engagement activities will be advanced during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of 2026 to inform the development of the project and support its future delivery. The pilot superblock planter programme was completed in July to be ready for the Summer in the City initiative.
8.	LDA Sites (Colbert Quarter, Gas Works)		Progress has been made across a number of strategic LDA sites during July 2026. Tenders have been issued for the Dock Road Gas Works site, with tender returns expected during Quarter 4 2026. In addition, a revised timeline has been established for the Carey's Road project, with a planning application now expected to be submitted in Q4 2026. Design works being finalised for Colbert Park to be ready for upcoming public consultation.
9.	Limerick Twenty Thirty (Opera Square, Cleeve's)	  	A number of key Limerick Twenty Thirty projects reached important milestones during July 2026. Cleeves Riverside Quarter, further information requested as part of the planning process was submitted, with a planning decision for Phase 1 now anticipated during Quarter 3 or Quarter 4 2026. At Opera Square and Central Plaza, the design team has been appointed and preparations remain aligned with the programme for works scheduled during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 2026. The Theatre Royal project is fully prepared to proceed, with project documentation completed and procurement arrangements ready to advance In relation to the proposed hotel development, delivery timeframes have been revised pending a decision from An Coimisiún Pleanála. Planning approval is now expected during Quarter 4 2026 or Quarter 1 2027.

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Priority			Update
10.	City Centre Transport Plan	  	The City Centre Transport Plan was being finalised for a public consultation in August. In relation to bus service enhancements for Annacotty, a proposal to extend the existing Route 4 service to Annacotty Business Park, as part of a pilot, is being examined in conjunction with the Business Park management and the National Transport Authority. This initiative is currently off track pending agreement on the preferred delivery approach and associated operational arrangements. A Superblock trial was undertaken on Sundays throughout July. The initiative tested temporary transport management measures designed to create more people-focused streets and assess how enhanced pedestrian priority could contribute to a more vibrant and accessible city centre environment. The outcomes of the trial will help inform future consideration of low-impact city centre interventions, including proposals for locations such as Catherine Street, Lower Glentworth Street and Baker Place.
11.	Rail (Moyross, Adare, Colbert Spur)	 	A preferred location has been identified off the N24 for the proposed Ballysimon Park and Ride and rail station project and engagement continues between the National Transport Authority and Limerick City and County Council regarding the next stages of development. The Draft Commuter Rail Study has advanced with scoping assessments completed on key infrastructure requirements, including signalling, the Carey's Road Curve and capacity at Colbert Station. The plan is due for publication in Q4.
12.	Active Travel (TUS, South Circular Road)		The South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme achieved a major milestone during July with the appointment of the main contractor. Mobilisation activities are now underway, with the contractor expected to commence works on site during August 2026.

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Priority			Update
13.	Roads (University Way, Adare Bypass)	 	The University Way project remains at the pre-planning stage, with the Part 8 planning application not yet submitted. Very extensive feedback arising from the recent public consultation process was being worked further in July and continues to inform the development of the scheme and the preparation of the planning documentation required to progress the project to the next stage. In relation to the Adare Bypass and Mague River Bridge works, no significant milestones were reported during July 2026. Delivery remains aligned with the established programme timelines.
14.	Arthur's Quay (Tourism Office, Game Cube)	 	External painting of the former tourist office in Arthurs Quay was completed in July. A significant milestone was achieved for the GameCube project during July 2026 with the signing of a Service Level Agreement between Limerick City and County Council and Discover Limerick DAC. The agreement provides the governance and delivery framework required to advance the next phase of the project and paves the way for the procurement of specialist consultants to prepare a comprehensive business plan.
15.	Christmas 2026		Preparations for the Christmas programme are progressing well, with the Metro Advisory Subcommittee re-established and a series of meetings held with the Mayor and stakeholders to agree a high-level three-year strategic plan for Christmas in Limerick around the new Civic Spine (King John's Castle to the Crescent, O'Connell Avenue). Procurement for a partner Event Management Company for a three year cycle is also advancing, with a competitive tender process completed in July.

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Priority			Update
16.	Upcoming Events (Ryder Cup 2027, EuroPride 2028)	 	For the Ryder Cup, the Part 8 process for the proposed temporary Park and Ride facility at Patrickswell was approved at the July Plenary Meeting. For EuroPride, Limerick City and County Council is engaging with key delivery partners to finalise a Memorandum of Understanding and support the development of an implementation plan, while governance arrangements and collaborative working structures with Clare County Council continue to be progressed. Engagement with bid leads and stakeholders continued in July to support a coordinated event delivery across the region.
17.	Discover Limerick DAC	  	An 11-concert series in partnership with Dolans was delivered in July, while both the Summer Solstice Festival and the Bees & Biodiversity Festival in Lough Gur were completed successfully. The King John's Castle Masterplan was completed in July and is ready to progress to the next stage of consultation. The €1.9m Adare Heritage Centre Refurbishment works commenced in July
18.	SME Action Plan (Innovate Limerick DAC)		The Pathway to Innovate programme, delivered in partnership with Skillnet Innovation Exchange and the IRDG secured funding to enable completion of the full programme cycle in Quarter 4 2026. Occupancy levels within Engine increased to 75% in July, with negotiations underway with prospective tenants and full occupancy targeted within the next two months.

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Priority			Update
19.	King's Island Pilot (Flood Protection, Regeneration pilot health programme, Bloomberg/ LSE)	  	King's Island Flood Protection Programme advanced during July 2026 across a number of key projects. In St Mary's Park, engagement and consultation was held with residents. For Merchants Quay Flood Relief Upgrades, discussions were held with stakeholders in the Potato Market area, with a revised stakeholder agreement issued during July. A redesign of the foul water system is also being undertaken to avoid potential archaeological constraints and facilitate progression of the scheme. Phase 1 works at Sir Harry's Mall North have now been completed, while Phase 2 works at Sir Harry's Mall commenced during July. Enabling works commenced at THRIVE Fireplace site. Bloomberg – An application was made during July to host a Bloomberg City Hall Fellow. The fellowship will provide dedicated capacity to support the delivery of the Mayor's Kings Island challenge project scoped as part of the city leadership programme. This will strengthen collaboration with Bloomberg Philanthropies and LSE Cities. The outcome of the application is expected in August.
20.	Fashion Incubator		Preparatory work for the Fashion Incubator project at the former Garda Station on Mary Street advanced during July. Procurement commenced for archaeology and ecology consultancy services to support the assessment and development of the site, with their appointment expected in August.
21.	Kilmallock – Merchant House and Land Purchases	 	The appointed design team for the Merchants House continued to develop proposals for the project during July. Engagement between the respective legal teams for the strategic land purchase in Kilmallock continued throughout July with progress continuing for the completion of the transaction.

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Priority			Update
22.	Abbeyfeale Plan	  	No significant progress was reported in relation to the former Bank of Ireland building in Abbeyfeale during July. An important milestone was achieved for the former Goods Shed on the Limerick Greenway, with an RRDF funding application submitted in July. A decision on the application is expected before the end of 2026. At J.D. Daly's, the appointed design team continued throughout July to develop and refine proposals for the redevelopment project. The task of fitting out the Vienna model housing for occupation advanced as described above in item 4.
23.	Transport Oriented Development (Patrickswell, Southill)	 	In relation to Patrickswell, discussions took place with Limerick Twenty Thirty during July to explore options for advancing the masterplanning process for the site. The Southhill Masterplan is dependent on the publication by Irish Rail of a Commuter Rail Study for Limerick. The study has not yet been published and, as a result, the scope of the proposed Southill Masterplan has not yet been finalised.
24.	Health Equity Project	 	The Limerick Health Equity Region Oversight Group met on the 3rd of July. The Housing, Environment, and Sustainability subgroup was formed in July. A workshop of the group facilitated by the Institute of Health Equity will take place in September. Planet Youth Survey completed in July and the overall response rate was 75%

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3. Mayoral Programme

Equal Opportunities for All

Objective-by-Objective Delivery Update

Current progress and upcoming actions | July 2026

Objectives covered MP23–MP33	Completed MP24, MP30	On track 7 objectives	Not started yet MP25A, MP27, MP28
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Mayor Assessment:

The creation of this chapter deep-dive from Co-Plan is a very welcome addition for this Mayoral Report. It allows better “in-programme” assessment of progress, work to be accomplished still and on-going misunderstandings of the intended objective in some cases.

This first report, although included in full, has already identified a failure by Co-Plan to capture a lot of important work already done. This will need attention. Also, some of the planned work under estimates the task to be done (e.g focus only on upskilling enterprise (MP26) not broader job support) or shows misunderstanding of the likely scale of problem (e.g MP25) when CSO statistics show over 3,000 may have serious levels of issues with English proficiency. That all said, finally having these deep-dives is very welcome and will now allow much needed assessment of Co-Plan actions and better identification of achievement and work still to be done.

1. Report Purpose

This report provides a concise update on each objective in the Equal Opportunities for All chapter, presented in programme order. For each objective, it distinguishes the work already completed or underway from the specific actions that will follow. Where delivery has not formally commenced, the status points directly to the upcoming-actions section so that the intended pathway is immediately clear.

2. Overall Position

Delivery across the chapter is mixed but substantive. Several objectives have already produced tangible programmes, partnerships, funding commitments and community outcomes. Other objectives remain at design, evidence-gathering or approval stage. The immediate management priority is therefore to describe completed work more clearly, while converting preparatory work into approved funding, calls, procurements and capital delivery.

3. Objective-by-Objective Update

MP23 | Community services and centres

STATUS	On Track
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Progress and work completed to date

Engagement has been established with the Thomondgate and Johnsgate residents’ associations, creating a direct link with communities in areas of need. This engagement has supported visible community-led outcomes: Thomondgate received a Pride of Place award in November 2025 and completed a greening project that planted 60 trees, while Johnsgate received a Pride of Place award in November 2024. Work has also begun on a consistent in-house template for assessing the suitability of sites and locations for community centres. St Munchins have run into several funding issues which are being examined but show vulnerability of the sector without an over-arching funded plan.

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Upcoming actions

- Complete the community-centre assessment template and confirm whether external consultancy support is required in Q4 2026.
- Prioritise potential community-centre locations, including the sites being explored at Raheen, Dooradoyle and Annacotty/Castletroy.
- Develop projects to a shovel-ready stage so that suitable schemes can move quickly when Government, EU or other funding becomes available.
- Continue structured engagement with residents' associations and investment in local community initiatives through 2029.

Delivery note: Planning, land ownership, environmental assessment, site availability, infrastructure and funding remain the principal dependencies.

MP24 | Lifelong learning and annual festival

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

The Council supported the 2025 Lifelong Learning Festival and its launch, contributed funding to the development of the Lifelong Learning Strategy, and supported the 2026 festival with both funding and staff resources. The 2026 festival ran from 20 to 26 April under the theme "Discover Lifelong Learning", maintaining a visible annual programme of learning activity across Limerick.

Upcoming actions

- Plan and deliver the annual Lifelong Learning Festival cycle for 2027, 2028 and 2029, with preparation beginning in Q1 and delivery by Q3 each year.
- Maintain multi-agency participation and monitor the availability of partner funding for the strategy and festival programme.

Delivery note: The future annual festival tasks are not started yet because they fall in later programme years.

MP25 | English-language learning supports

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

A range of formal English-language classes and conversation clubs is operating across Limerick through external providers including LCETB, Doras and Local Development Companies. Current tracker information records that classes are free of charge, that sufficient provision is available and that there are no waiting lists. LCCC is also linked to the LGMA-led national review of English-language provision.

Upcoming actions

- Review CSO data on Limerick residents who do not speak English as a first language by Q4 2026.
- Continue engagement with the LGMA and ETB and analyse the national review when completed, currently scheduled through Q3 2027.
- Undertake a formal gap assessment in Q4 2027.
- Only bring forward a Mayoral funding proposal in 2028 where the evidence demonstrates an unmet need.

Delivery note: The local gap assessment and any funding intervention are not started yet because they depend on the evidence-gathering and national review stages. However, in census 2022 residents of Limerick City and County Council's area reported spoken English either "not well" (2,831) or "not at all" (529) so a lot of work to be done if these are accurate.

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MP25A | Improved and digitised immigration services

STATUS	Not Started Yet - see Upcoming Actions below
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Progress and work completed to date

The Department has been contacted seeking more streamlined service provision for visa applicants across Limerick City and County. The task tracker also records confirmation that the Immigration Service Delivery system and Digital Contact Centre are available online to Limerick residents. The objective-level record should be reconciled with the completed task record so that the status accurately reflects the work already undertaken.

Upcoming actions

- Confirm the Department's response and whether any Limerick-specific access or service issues remain.
- Reconcile the objective status with the completed task and record a clear public outcome.
- Where gaps remain, define a specific advocacy or service-improvement action rather than leaving the objective at a general "not started" status.

Delivery note: The current objective status and task status are inconsistent and require correction.

MP26 | Job support and upskilling

STATUS	On Track
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Progress and work completed to date

The wider job-support offer delivered through LEO recorded 130 participants in Start Your Own Business programmes and more than 1,000 participants in general business training during 2025. A targeted Roches Street retail upskilling pilot has also been developed with Innovate Limerick and the Innovation Exchange/Pathway to Innovate. Initial partner discussions have taken place and the next engagement stage is designed to identify retailers' digital and upskilling gaps and tailor workshop support accordingly.

Upcoming actions

- Complete direct engagement with Roches Street retailers and document the needs identified.
- Deliver the proposed workshop or engagement day and record participation, outputs and follow-on supports.
- Confirm whether the pilot should be closed, repeated or expanded to other locations.

Delivery note: The tasks associated with this objective require refreshed delivery dates and outcomes.

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MP27 | Inclusive employer recognition

STATUS	Not Started Yet - see Upcoming Actions below
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Progress and work completed to date

The original concept has been developed into a practical partnership route. A €5,000 Mayoral Fund request has been submitted to support an annual Employability Limerick awards programme, creating a potential mechanism to recognise employers that demonstrate inclusive recruitment, workforce development and opportunities for vulnerable groups. This provides a route to deliver the intent of the objective without creating a wholly separate awards infrastructure.

Upcoming actions

- Confirm the €5,000 funding decision and the governance arrangements with Employability Limerick.
- Agree the award criteria, selection process, Mayoral involvement and communications plan.
- Launch the recognition approach and complete the first award cycle by the current Q1 2027 target.

Delivery note: The objective is recorded as not started because the funding decision is still required, although preparatory design work has taken place. But in fact, once we assessed the proposal it was found not to work so a new pathway is now being pursued.

MP28 | Mayoral scholarship and education supports

STATUS	Not Started Yet - see Upcoming Actions below
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Progress and work completed to date

A business case has been prepared and potential delivery steps have been identified, including engagement with DEIS schools and employers, an assessment panel and scholarship awards. Separate engagement has also continued with the 2025 and 2026 Mayoral Ball co-creation prize winners to identify allocations that can be properly aligned with the Mayoral Programme.

Upcoming actions

- Obtain a clear Mayoral decision on the purpose, target group, value, funding and delivery model for the scholarship scheme.
- Once approved, finalise eligibility and assessment criteria, engage schools and relevant employers, establish an assessment panel and open the scheme.
- Resolve the two €5,000 co-creation prize allocations so that each supports an approved programme objective.
- Correct task statuses that are marked complete even though the scheme has not yet been established.

Delivery note: The scheme cannot move into delivery until its scope and funding are approved.

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MP29 | More for Limerick Social Enterprise Fund

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

Substantial development work has been completed with Rethink Ireland to move the proposal from a broad concept towards a deliverable fund. Discussions established Rethink Ireland as the delivery and fundraising partner, developed the proposed fund structure and partnership approach, and progressed an MOU framework. Government funding and Mayoral Fund resources have been identified as part of the funding mix, with a €1 million fund ambition set through philanthropic leverage. The More for Limerick Social Enterprise Fund was launched in Q4 2025. The Mayor also committed to use his profile to support fundraising; a draft letter to multinational companies and a draft opinion piece were prepared for this purpose. The tracker provides for a €333,000 Mayoral contribution for each year in which the scheme operates.

Upcoming actions

- Finalise the partnership and MOU arrangements with Rethink Ireland and confirm roles, governance and administration.
- Agree the approved Mayoral Fund contribution and the period for which it will apply.
- Progress the Mayor's fundraising letter and opinion piece and support philanthropic engagement with multinational companies and other donors.
- Build the overall fund towards the €1 million objective through the agreed public, Mayoral and philanthropic funding mix.
- Agree the timing and criteria for the call for proposals, issue the call and allocate funding.
- Put annual monitoring in place through 2029 to report funding leveraged, awards made and outcomes delivered.

Delivery note: The call and final allocation stages are not started yet because they depend on the final partner, funding and fundraising arrangements.

MP30 | Volunteering and business mentoring

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

The objective has been delivered through LEO Limerick's mentoring offer, with 520 mentor sessions completed by LEO-supported businesses in 2025. This provides a practical advice and mentoring channel for people and businesses starting or developing their enterprise journey.

Upcoming actions

- Retain the 2025 delivery evidence and confirm whether mentoring volumes and outcomes will continue to be monitored as part of business-as-usual reporting.

Delivery note: There are no separate future programme tasks recorded for this objective but the objective should be ongoing to 2029.

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MP31 | Sporting organisations in disadvantaged areas

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

The Economic and Social Intervention Fund assessment was completed and approval letters issued, with payments progressing in line with the funding guidance. Job codes have been established for Croom Soccer Club and the King's Island bicycle group. A pre-start/value-engineering process has progressed for the Croom pitch, and Mayoral Order documentation has been prepared for the King's Island road race. A project brief has also been completed for a wider sporting-organisations funding call.

Upcoming actions

- Issue the required MOU/SLA documentation and complete drawdown arrangements for the Croom and King's Island allocations.
- Resolve the Kennedy Park floodlighting shortfall promptly to protect existing grant funding.
- Agree the purpose and funding model for the wider 2027 sporting-organisations call.
- Define eligibility, governance, award criteria, assessment arrangements and administration before launch.

Delivery note: The wider call is not started yet because funding, governance and administrative capacity require approval.

MP32 | Factory transition and Integrated Youth Campus

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

The project has moved beyond concept stage. Funding was secured to appoint the Integrated Design Team, the Design Team has been appointed, and it is progressing the Sports and Educational Campus Masterplan and Part 8 submission. Match funding has been secured to advance planning, and preliminary design development for the Kilmallock Road Campus is underway. This work has established a credible multi-stage pathway towards a permanent solution while seeking to protect continuity of services.

Upcoming actions

- Complete preliminary design and submit the Part 8 planning application.
- Agree the future ownership of operations and maintenance.
- Prepare and submit the planned 2027 LSSIF application to secure construction match funding.
- Subject to funding and planning, issue tender documents and appoint a contractor in 2027.
- Commence works in Q1 2028 and target project completion in Q2 2029.

Delivery note: Construction procurement and works are not started yet because they depend on planning approval and match funding.

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MP33 | Regeneration and areas of opportunity

STATUS

On Track

Progress and work completed to date

Delivery is continuing across the physical, social and economic pillars of Regeneration. An additional €500,000 in ESIF funding was secured for 2026 and 2027, and the wider tracker records €2 million in Department of Housing funding committed for those years. Learners have been matched with public-body placements for the Business Administration Traineeship. Guidance counsellors and school-completion staff are supporting access to precision engineering, and an information event was delivered with Intreo on 15 July 2026. A Northside Community Mentor has been recruited, the Northside Skills Fair is scheduled for 14 October, and the construction tender package for King's Island Community Centre is being prepared.

Upcoming actions

- Commence the traineeship work placements in October 2026.
- Deliver the Northside Skills Fair and the further Q4 access-pathway events.
- Complete checks for the Community Mentor and secure an additional funding partner beyond 2026.
- Develop the LSAMG business case and secure an ESIF funding pathway beyond 2028.
- Progress tendering and delivery of the King's Island Community Centre refurbishment to Q4 2028.

Delivery note: Longer-term funding for ESIF and the Community Mentor Programme remains the main dependency.

4. Immediate Cross-Chapter Priorities

- Finalise the Rethink Ireland partnership, funding and fundraising pathway so that the More for Limerick call can proceed.
- Secure decisions on the Mayoral Scholarship Scheme, inclusive employer recognition funding and the sporting-organisations funding model.
- Progress the Factory / Integrated Youth Campus through Part 8 and into the 2027 match-funding and procurement stages.
- Correct inconsistencies between objective and task statuses, especially where future actions are marked complete or where completed work is recorded under a not-started objective.
- Use future public-status updates to describe the value and outcomes of work completed, not simply that a task has been achieved.

5. Reporting Approach Going Forward

Each future chapter update should retain the same objective-by-objective structure: short objective title, status, progress and good work completed, upcoming actions, and principal dependency. This will allow readers to follow the Mayoral Programme alongside the report without reproducing the full objective text, while maintaining a clear line from past activity to future delivery.

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Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm

1. Transportation, Public Realm and Placemaking

Public Realm

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)

Market Quarter and Cruises Street Public Realm Enhancement (URDF)

- Detailed Design (Stage 3) for Contract No 1 (Phase 1A and 1B) continued.
- Part 8 documentation for Canopy on Cruises Street developed and currently under review.
- Letter of Acceptance issued to Contractor for appointment for Archaeological excavations and slit trenching in and around city wall.
- Building and Underground Vault Survey's – Preferred Tenderer identified.

Transportation

Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan

- A briefing for Elected members of Limerick City and County Council on the Draft Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and the Proposed Limerick City Centre Public Realm Strategy took place on 21 July. Public Consultation is open until 12 October 2026.

Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan

- Works completed on Grove Crescent Carpark Link – opened on 30 July.

Nicholas Street

- Tender documentation for consultancy services issued.

2. Active Travel

Croagh Part 8 Initiation

- The Part 8 process was initiated for proposed works on the L1240 at Adamswood and the L1421 at Croagh. The proposed development includes new footpaths, dropped kerbs and tactile paving, an uncontrolled raised pedestrian crossing, public lighting, undergrounding of overhead services, landscaping, boundary adjustments, a school zone and associated road markings.

South Circular Road Active Travel Scheme

- Works commenced on site on 20 July, with Sorensen Civil Engineering appointed as contractor. Initial works are taking place on South Circular Road north of Ballinacurra Road junction towards city centre, and between Fennessy's Public House and Scoil Mháthair Dé, as well as on Henry Street between Saint Alphonsus Street and O'Curry Street. The scheme includes footpath upgrades, cycling infrastructure, junction works, crossing upgrades, resurfacing and associated public realm works.

Corbally Road - Safe Routes to School

- Footpath upgrade works between Lanahrone Avenue and Mill Road were completed, with works continuing at Bishop's Field and Saint Munchin's College.

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Towns and Villages Active Travel Schemes

Under Towns and Villages Programme Section 38 was initiated for several schemes:

- Murroe Active Travel Scheme (Cappamore-Kilmallock)
- Cappamore Bridge R505 Active Travel Scheme (Cappamore-Kilmallock)
- Moore Street L1133 Footpath Extension (Cappamore-Kilmallock)
- Peafield Road Active Travel Scheme (Metropolitan District).

3. Mid-West National Road Design Office

Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)

Adare to Attyflin Construction Contract

The Adare to Attyflin section of the overall Foynes to Limerick Road project, comprising 3.5km of new motorway, links the Adare Bypass with the junction of the N21 and M20 at Attyflin.

Key milestones of note achieved during July include:

- Completed the erection of temporary traffic management barriers, closing the hard shoulder of the existing N21 eastbound carriageway.
- Site Clearance commenced with the removal of the existing safety barriers along the existing N21.
- Pavement works got underway with the installation of capping adjoining the existing N21.
- Mainline drainage works commenced during the period.
- The excavation of the attenuation ponds is substantially complete.

The Adare to Attyflin Construction Contract is scheduled for completion by the end of June 2027 in advance of the Ryder Cup.

Full details and documentation on the overall Foynes to Limerick Road project are available on the website: www.foyneslimerick.ie

4. Central Services, Traffic and Roads

Roads

- Road Overlay programme progressing.
- Local Improvement Schemes (LIS) for 2026 approved confirmed to proceed in 2026 within Municipal Districts.
- Speed Limit Phase 2: Work shops were carried out with the Councillors and Engineers in all Municipal Districts.
- Three Bridges completed in July:
 - Blackabbey Road, Adare
 - Feales Bridge, Abbeyfeale
 - Carrig West, Metropolitan West.
- Cumnor Construction have been appointed as Bridge Rehabilitation contractor.
- Public Lighting faults currently less than 1%.
- Roadstone Ltd have been appointed N69 Clarina to Court Cross Overlay.

Traffic

- Traffic management plans and road closures to facilitate for Thomond Park Concerts in July.
- Traffic management plans and road closures to facilitate All-Ireland Hurling Championship watch party and homecoming on Pery Square.
- Installation of signals underway for pedestrian crossing O'Connell Street at Bedford Row, Thomas Street junction.

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Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

Road Maintenance

During the month the following General Maintenance works were undertaken:

General Maintenance

- Road reconstruction and resurfacing as part of the 2026 Road Works Programme
- Road repairs and pothole filling
- Culvert opening and cleaning
- Grass cutting at junctions and verge maintenance
- Targeted Verge cutting completed on N69, N20 and N21.

2026 Schedule of Municipal District Works

Progress	
Drainage	50% Complete
Restoration Improvements	Ongoing with 22 sites completed
Restoration Maintenance	Ongoing with 21 sites completed

Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

- Three CIS approved.

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

- Three LIS approved, work has commenced on two sites.

Active Travel

- €750,000 Allocated - Two Schemes approved:
 - Croagh: Currently at Part 8.
 - Ballingarry: Pricing agreed with Framework Contractor.

Low-Cost Safety Improvements

- Three Schemes proposed – Works progressing.

Taking in Charge

- Works have commenced on site at Manor Fields Adare - 70% complete.

Adare Public Realm

- Tender awarded.

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Municipal District of Cappamore-Kilmallock

Road Maintenance/Improvement Works

Description of Project	Grant	Location	Cost of Project	Contractor
R662 Tipperary Road Galbally Restoration Improvement Scheme (RIS)	Restoration Improvement (RI) Grant	R662 Tipperary Road Galbally	€108,000	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
R516 Hospital to Bruff RIS	RI Grant	R516 Hospital to Bruff	€126,000	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
R513 Castlefarm Hospital RIS	RI Grant	R513 Castlefarm Hospital	€245,000	Kilmallock Roads and Roadstone
L8582 Boher Bui Garryfine RIS	RI Grant	L8582 Boher Bui Garryfine	€70,000	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L8573 Tobernea Kilmallock RIS	RI Grant	L8573 Tobernea Kilmallock	€125,000	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L8548 Black Road Ardpatrick RIS	RI Grant	L8548 Black Road Ardpatrick	€62,500	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L8506 Kilballyowen Bruff RIS	RI Grant	L8506 Kilballyowen Bruff	€62,500	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L8505 Gortacloona Knockainey RIS	RI Grant	L8505 Gortacloona Knockainey	€52,500	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L15308 Kilfrush Hospital RIS	RI Grant	L15308 Kilfrush Hospital	€52,500	Kilmallock Roads and English Tar
L1585 Ardkillmartin Kilmallock RIS	RI Grant	L1585 Ardkillmartin Kilmallock	€87,500	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L1550 Knockuregare Bruff RIS	RI Grant	L1550 Knockuregare Bruff	€112,500	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L1549 Athlacca Village RIS	RI Grant	L1549 Athlacca Village	€107,842	English Tarmac
L1537 Garrousse Bruree RIS	RI Grant	L1537 Garrousse Bruree	€125,000	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd

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Description of Project	Grant	Location	Cost of Project	Contractor
L1533 Mount Russell Kilmallock RIS	RI Grant	L1533 Mount Russell Kilmallock	€90,000	Kilmallock Roads, Colas Contracting Ltd and English Tar
L1525 Bournagurrahy Angelsboro RIS	RI Grant	L1525 Bournagurrahy Angelsboro	€100,000	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
L1508 Newtown Elton RIS	RI Grant	L1508 Newtown Elton	€62,500	Kilmallock Roads and Colas Contracting Ltd
R517 Ballygeagogue Kilfinnane Restoration Maintenance Scheme (RMS)	Restoration Maintenance (RM) Grant	R517 Ballygeagogue Kilfinnane	€45,986	Kilmallock Roads
R514 Rawleystown Lough Gur RMS	RM Grant	R514 Rawleystown Lough Gur	€38,187	Kilmallock Roads
L8566 Ballyshane Glenroe RMS	RM Grant	L8566 Ballyshane Glenroe	€13,200	Kilmallock Roads
L51603 Camas North Bruff RMS	RM Grant	L51603 Camas North Bruff	€23,100	Kilmallock Roads
L1535 Gurrenkeagh Kilmallock RMS	RM Grant	L1535 Gurrenkeagh Kilmallock	€27,225	Kilmallock Roads
L1516 Ballintubber Kilfinane RMS	RM Grant	L1516 Ballintubber Kilfinane	€21,175	Kilmallock Roads
L1412 Caherguillamore Bruff RMS	RM Grant	L1412 Caherguillamore Bruff	€30,250	Kilmallock Roads
R516 Crean Bruff RMS	RM Grant	R516 Crean Bruff	€47,752	Kilmallock Roads
R513 Knocklong to Cross of Tree Restoration Maintenance Scheme	RM Grant	R513 Knocklong to Cross of Tree	€43,750	Kilmallock Roads
R512 Ballinahown Kilmallock RMS	RM Grant	R512 Ballinahown Kilmallock	€37,500	Kilmallock Roads
L1547 Drumacommer Athlacca RMS	RM Grant	L1547 Drumacommer Athlacca	€15,000	Kilmallock Roads

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Description of Project	Grant	Location	Cost of Project	Contractor
L1536 Effin Drainage Scheme	Road Drainage Grant Scheme	L1536 Effin	€30,600	Kilmallock Roads
L1500 Holycross Drainage Scheme	Road Drainage Grant Scheme	L1500 Holycross	€23,100	Kilmallock Roads
R513 Rathjordan Herbertstown Climate Adaption and Resilience Scheme	Climate Adaption and Resilience Grant Scheme	R513 Rathjordan Herbertstown	€195,000	Kilmallock Roads, Colas Contracting Ltd and English Tar
R513 Ballygibbon Angelsboro Strategic Regional Road Scheme	Strategic Regional Road Grant Scheme	R513 Ballygibbon Angelsboro	€355,000	Kilmallock Roads, Colas Contracting Ltd and Lagan
L51509 Ballincarroona Knocklong Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)	Community Involvement Grant Scheme	L51509 Ballincarroona Knocklong	€10,000	Kilmallock Roads and English Tar
R515 Kilbreedy East Kilmallock CIS	Community Involvement Grant Scheme	R515 Kilbreedy East Kilmallock	€10,000	English Tar
L5075 Ballingoola Grange CIS	Community Involvement Grant Scheme	L5075 Ballingoola Grange	€10,000	English Tar
L15122 Knockcarron Garryspillane CIS	Community Involvement Grant Scheme	L15122 Knockcarron Garryspillane	€25,000	English Tar
Sheares Avenue Kilmallock Footpath Restoration Scheme	General Municipal Allocation (GMA)	Sheares Avenue Kilmallock	€15,000	English Tar
Old Museum Kilmallock Scheme	GMA	Old Museum Kilmallock	€5,000	English Tar
Ardpatrick Car Park Surfacing Scheme	GMA	Ardpatrick	€19,000	English Tar

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Description of Project	Grant	Location	Cost of Project	Contractor
Cluain Dara Estate Angelsboro Surfacing Scheme	GMA	Cluain Dara Estate Angelsboro	€9,250	English Tar
R505 Cooga Cross to Cross of the Bog RIS	RI Grant	R505 Doon	€380,000	Cappamore Roads Crew, Roadstone and Colas Contracting Ltd
R506 Cappanouk RIS	RI Grant	R506 Cappanouk	€285,000	Cappamore Roads Crew, and Roadstone
L5100 Killinure National School (NS) to Boher RIS	RI Grant	L5100 Killinure	€117,000	Cappamore Roads Crew, English Tarmacadam
L5033 Church Street Doon RIS	RI Grant	L5033 Church Street Doon	€120,000	Cappamore Roads Crew, English Tarmacadam
L50142 Coolnahila Cross to Ketts Cross RIS	RI Grant	L50142 Coolnahila Cross to Ketts Cross	€105,000	Cappamore Roads Crew, English Tarmacadam
R513 Caherconlish to Beary's Cross RMS	RM Grant	R513 Caherconlish	€43,200	Cappamore Roads Crew and Surface Dressing Fleet
R506 Five Cross Roads to Pitch and Putt RMS	RM Grant	R506 Murroe	€28,800	Cappamore Roads Crew and Surface Dressing Fleet
L5073 Killuragh Cross to Cappamore RMS	RM Grant	L5073 Killuragh	€28,625	Cappamore Roads Crew and Surface Dressing Fleet
L5150 Idler Bar to Kilcornan RMS	RM Grant	L5150 Ballyneety South	€22,000	Cappamore Roads Crew and Surface Dressing Fleet
L5137 Castlilloyd to Ballyfirreen Oola RMS	RM Grant	L5137 Oola	€25,270	Cappamore Roads Crew and Surface Dressing Fleet
L5097 Tineteriffe School to Tower Hill RMS	RM Grant	L5097 Tineteriffe	€27,500	Cappamore Roads Crew and Surface Dressing Fleet

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5. CFRAMS (Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study)

Met with Office of Public Works (OPW) Director to review all Schemes on 27 July.

King's Island Flood Relief Scheme (KIFRS)

- Monthly Commercial Meeting held on 01 July, Monthly Progress Meeting held on 15 July with Contractor and Quarterly Steering Group Meeting held on 23 July.

Castleconnell Flood Relief Scheme (FRS)

- Steering Group Meeting held on 15 July.
- Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) documentation on public display from 03 July.

Adare Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group Meeting held on 14 July.

Limerick Flood Relief Scheme

- Steering Group Meeting held on 17 July.



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Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings

1. Economic and Tourism Development

Economic Development

- The Association For International Sport for All (TAFISA) purchased €30,000 worth of Limerick Gift Cards for the athletes and delegates attending the event.
- Economic Development team member ran an information desk at the official opening of the World Finance Conference at Merchant's Quay on 26 July to showcase Limerick to visiting delegates from over 50 different countries.

Night Time Economy (NTE)

- The Night Time Economy Department managed the watch parties for the All-Ireland Hurling Final and the World Cup Football Final along with the Limerick Hurlers homecoming event.
- Delivered another successful Twilight Thursday on 30 July.

European Union (EU) Projects

EU Funding and Engagement

PEGASUS (Piloting European Green Air Mobility and Services for Urban Societal Readiness)

- The PEGASUS project has officially commenced. With a total budget of €4.83 million, PEGASUS brings together a consortium of 17 organisations from across Europe, led by Trinity College Dublin. Limerick City and County Council is a project partner. The project brings together researchers, local authorities, social scientists, leading air mobility operators and citizens to explore the future role of drones and other next-generation aerial transport services within urban environments. The objective is to ensure that emerging air mobility solutions are not only technologically feasible

for urban logistics and service delivery, but also sustainable, and capable of delivering tangible benefits for communities across Europe.

Tourism Development

SLOWTOUR European Union (EU) Project

- Progress was made during July in the development of "Linger: Limerick Festival of Food, Heritage and Place" as part of the EU SLOWTOUR Project. Following community and stakeholder engagement, the festival name was selected through a vote issued to Limerick City and County Council staff and Elected Members. Linger: Limerick Festival of Food, Heritage and Place received 25% of the votes.

Walking Tour 2026

- During July, the Tourism Development Team continued its collaboration with Limerick Civic Trust on the delivery and promotion of Guided Walking Tours. On 27 July, the Tourism Development Team met with Limerick Civic Trust for a mid-project review to assess the performance of the tours since May, including a review of the latest visitor statistics and booking figures.
- In July, 248 people booked Guided Walking Tours.
- The Ticket Portal recorded 2,540 page views across June and July. Following the distribution of Promotional Tent Cards, page views increased substantially from 967 in June, resulting in more than double the number of visitors accessing the Ticket Portal within a one-month period.
- From a demographic perspective, domestic visitors from Ireland constituted the largest audience segment, followed by visitors from the United Kingdom and the United States. Of the Irish audience, approximately 40% were residents of Limerick seeking to explore attractions within their local area, while the remaining 60% were visitors to Limerick as part of a broader itinerary across the Mid-West region.

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- Since the launch of the marketing campaign, a significant increase in bookings and engagement has been observed.

Discover Limerick Pass

- Throughout July, the Tourism Development Team worked closely with Turbopass to enhance and update the Discover Limerick Pass website. Ongoing development and marketing activities focused on increasing awareness and usage of the Discover Limerick Pass, while strengthening its role as a key tourism product supporting visitor engagement and spend across Limerick's attractions and experiences. Updated photography was also incorporated into the relevant Discover Limerick Pass content on [Limerick.ie](https://limerick.ie), ensuring consistency across digital platforms.
- 33 Discover Limerick Passes were issued for July. The Limerick Gift Card has achieved year to date sales of €83,325 from January 2026 to August 2026 inclusive. For this same period from January 2025 to August 2025, The Limerick Gift Card achieved sales of €31,048. This shows a 268% increase in sales of The Limerick Gift Card when compared to 2025, a true testament to the huge success and continued growth of our local gift card.

Limerick Greenway

- During the month, the Tourism Development Team continued efforts to promote Limerick Greenway as a flagship outdoor recreation and tourism asset for the county. An application was submitted under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) 2026/2027 for a dedicated marketing and promotional campaign aimed at increasing awareness and visitor numbers.

Festivals and Events

Halloween in Limerick (Ireland, Home of Halloween) 2026

- A Request for Quotation (RFQ) was circulated for the Provision of Services/Supplies for Event Management, Delivery, Planning, Design, Technical and Operations for "Trick or Treat in the City" – Halloween Event 2026.

Limerick Saint Patrick's Festival 2027

- A Request for Tender (RFT) was circulated for the Provision of Event Management, Creative Programming, Stakeholder Engagement, Sponsorship Development, Operational Delivery and Festival Management Services for the Limerick Saint Patrick's Festival (2027 – 2029).

Summer in the City

Summer in the City, a month-long ambitious programme of summer initiatives intended to transform the city centre through a combination of transport planning trials, cultural activation and enhanced public spaces, with a view to demonstrating how changes to streets and public spaces can support stronger local identity, increase footfall, cultural activity and more welcoming, safer places.

The Economic and Tourism Development Department is curating animations to take place across the month of August at key city centre locations hosting everything from international sporting showcases and street theatre to evening entertainment.

The Mayoral 'Limerick Summer in the City Stipend' fund offers a number of stipends Bronze (€500), Silver (€1,000) or Gold (€2,000) to support community groups to engage with and reimagine the public realm by covering some out-of-pocket overheads.

An open call sought applications under the 'Limerick Summer in the City Stipend' fund. The call had a closing date of 10/07/2026 with a budget allocation of €20,000. Due to demand, a second extended open call was announced with a closing date of 30/07/2026 with a budget allocation of €15,000.

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Festivals and Events Marketing

Summer in the City Campaign Delivery

- Successfully oversaw the launch of the Summer in the City programme, coordinating promotional activity, stakeholder engagement while creating content for social media accounts.
- Delivered “Summer in the City” campaign performance, for July:
 - 184,876 people reached.
 - 455,731 impressions.
 - 2.47 average frequency.
- Coordinated print promotion and leaflet distribution to increase awareness of the programme across the city and county.

EuroPride

- **Limerick Pride Festival 2026** returned from 06-11 July under the theme “Pride in the Community”, celebrating diversity, inclusion and the contribution of the LGBTQ+ community, while also building momentum toward EuroPride 2028, the largest LGBTQ+ event ever hosted in Ireland and expected to attract up to 300,000 visitors to the region. The festival culminated in a vibrant Pride Parade led by Grand Marshal LGBTQ+ Sarsfield Rugby Club and the Mayor and his partner. Followed by a free community Pridefest at The Hunt Museum featuring live entertainment, family activities, food vendors accessible sensory spaces and an address by the Mayor on his experience as an LGBTQ+ Mayor and the importance of events like Pride.

The Festivals and Events Unit supported the following Festivals and Events in July

Limerick Wild Geese Festival 2026

- The seventh Limerick Wild Geese Festival took place from 09-12 July. Key events included the Hunt Museum Gala Dinner, a Franco-Irish flag-raising ceremony, and historical siege reenactments.

2. Culture

Libraries, Gallery, Museum and Arts Office

City Library at Barrow House

- The City Library was delighted to host Limerick mascot Val the Viking for a promotional event on 08 July with the children of Poppins Preschool in attendance.
- The City Library hosted Junior Chamber Ireland (Limerick branch) for two events during July. A Peer-to-Peer Skills Share event took place on 18 July and a meeting of their new Women’s Leadership Book Club on 25 July.
- During Pride Week, the City Library organised a pop-up Pride book club on 09 July where TJ Klune’s heart-warming queer fantasy “The House in the Cerulean Sea” was discussed.
- Author Sarah Moore Fitzgerald brought her University of Limerick (UL) creative writing student group to the library for a writing session on the morning of 16 July.
- On various dates during the month, City Library hosted meetings of the Headway Aphasia support group, the Limerick Mental Health Association Steering Committee, the Writepace creative writing group and the Health Service Executive (HSE) book club.
- Our weekly toddler story time sessions continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday morning.
- Summer arts and crafts were a big success with children aged six to 10 years at a special workshop on the 22 July.
- The City Library also hosted nine school summer camp visits in July from Saint Patrick’s Boys, Saint Michael’s and Saint John’s National Schools.

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Kilmallock Library

- The Walk and Talk sessions in conjunction with Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP) continued each Wednesday for a guided walk followed by refreshments and chat in the library.
- English Language Conversation Circle in association with Ballyhoura Development continued each Wednesday for those wishing to improve their spoken English skills.
- Kilmallock Library Craft Group continued to meet each Thursday of July.
- A Family Crafting Workshop in partnership with Ballyhoura Development was held on 07 July.
- Kilmallock library hosted Glenroe National School on 08 July for a fun filled story and activity session as part of the Summer Provision.
- The Library held a two-day song writing workshop for children on 14 and 15 July with Music Generation Limerick County as part of our Summer Stars activities.
- Little Readers interactive session of songs, rhymes, stories and craft for preschool age took place on 23 July.
- Adult Book Club continued to meet on the last Thursday of the month.
- Ukrainian Conversation Group to assist people to improve their spoken English was held on 11 July.
- Healthy Ireland at Your Library Event comprising a presentation by Nutritionist Aoife McDonald with an attendance of 32 people was held on 14 July.
- Ukrainian Mandala Doll Workshop with local resident Yulia Nesvytska was held on 25 July. 30 people attended.
- Summer Stars Event: Music Generation Workshop held on 28 July and 29 July. 16 attended each day.
- Summer Stars Event: Arran Towers performed a theatrical production of writer Roald Dahl's "Big Friendly Giant" for children in the library.

Dooradoyle Library

- Dooradoyle Library's Knitting and Crochet club met every Wednesday morning in July.
- The Whodunnit book club had a lively discussion on the merits of "The Liar in the Library" by Simon Brett and "The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley.
- Limerick Health Service Executive (HSE) Training Services visited the library throughout the month with 40 visits.
- Meditation for adults continued with one session by the Two Hearts meditation group on 09 July and the Himalayan meditation group continued to offer sessions of calm and healing on Friday evenings.
- Summer Camp Provision visits were hosted at Dooradoyle Library for Our Lady of Lourdes National School on 03 July and from Ballybrown National School on 10 July. Pupils enjoyed story time, a craft time, book hunts and a library quiz.
- The Sensory facilities in Newcastle West Library had a total of 64 booking with 265 users during July.
- Regular visits from Corlann (The Brothers of Charity), Rathfredagh Cheshire Home and Maple Lodge residents continued throughout July.
- Headway Ireland met at the Library every Friday morning in July.
- The Knitting Club continued every Friday morning in July.
- Children's Book Club met on the second Thursday of the month.

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- Limerick Health Service Executive (HSE) held a weekly Breastfeeding Support meeting at the library. In addition, an Antenatal Information Workshop was held in the gallery space in Dooradoyle library on 23 July.
- Summer Stars Reading Challenge continued in July with more readers registering and adding their names to the Summer Stars wall. The Bear Hunt word quiz and “Guess How Bears” game continued. Over 700 children had registered for Summer Stars in Dooradoyle library.
- Dooradoyle library had a FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Cup display for July accompanied by “Guess the Winning Country” competition.
- The Limerick hurling team’s All-Ireland win was celebrated with a “How they got to Croke Park” display in the gallery space of Dooradoyle Library.
- “Tallest, Smallest Circus” by Arran Towers from The Tallest Smallest Theatre, a family friendly theatrical production as part of the Summer Stars reading promotion took place on 30 July.
- Children enjoyed “Scéalta agus Rannta” with Ava Nic Searraigh on 10 July. This event was organised in partnership with Comhluadar Luimnigh.
- The Summer Stars Reading Program continued to attract readers. Weekly draws saw several lucky readers win family passes to Limerick family friendly attractions.
- The Northside Investigators Book Club for 9–12-year-olds met on 15 July to discuss their first mystery read.
- A parent peer support group from Northside Family Resource Centre met twice during July. The group is for parents of children with additional needs.
- Relaxing Read-Aloud sessions were introduced on Tuesday afternoons. These storytelling sessions are aimed at children aged five -seven years.
- Music Generation Limerick hosted a songwriting workshop for 8-12 year-olds on 25 July.
- The Tallest Smallest Circus returned with an interactive circus show to entertain both young and old on 30 July as part of the Summer Stars programming.

Adare Library

- Music Generation hosted a two-day songwriting workshop in Adare Library on 14 and 15 July as part of the Summer Stars events programming.
- Arran Towers of The Tallest Smallest Theatre performed “Nature Tales” on 31 July.
- Friday morning activities included weekly storytime for younger children followed by a drop-in arts and crafts session.
- A series of LEGO Free Play workshops took place on Tuesday afternoons.
- Weekly screenings of classic family-friendly movies were enjoyed on Thursday afternoons during July.

Watch House Cross Library

- Summer camp visits continued in July with pupils from Gaelscoil Sáirséal, Mary Queen of Ireland Girls’ National School and Christ The King Boy’s National School.
- Our Lady Queen of Peace School visited the library as part of their school-based summer education programme on 08 July.
- Also on 08 July, children from Down Syndrome Limerick enjoyed a library tour followed by colouring and crafts.
- Regular events including Storytime Thursday and Crafty Saturday continued.
- The Sensory Room had a total of 84 bookings and 263 visitors during July.

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Local Studies

- There were 27 onsite visits to Local Studies, comprising research on the newspaper archives, databases, and materials from the Local Studies collection. There were 20 remote queries and one family history advice session.

Abbeyfeale Library

- Abbeyfeale Library's monthly knitting and craft group met on 15 July.
- On 17 July the library hosted a Summer Craft session as part of the Summer Stars event programme.
- The monthly meeting of the library's Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish conversation circle) group met on 29 July.
- Music Generation Limerick County song writing workshop for children aged 8-12 was held on 31 July.

Askeaton Library

- Kilcornan After School Club "The Den" visited the library with over 40 children and adults attending on 03 July.
- On 29 July the library hosted a "Teddy Bear's Picnic" event in conjunction with Community Families Group of Limerick Social Service Council for local families with over 40 children and parents attending.

Glin Library

- The library hosted a photographic exhibition with over 240 photographs celebrating 150 years of Ballyguiltenane National School throughout the month of July.
- Regular meetings of the Craft Club, Scrabble Group, Book Clubs and Community Singing continued with 64 people attending.
- There were 10 visits from schools participating in the Summer Programme, with 45 pupils attending.

Other Library Branches

- **Roxboro** - the library welcomed over 40 children during the month who were attending DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) Summer Camps in the local primary schools.
- **Rathkeale** - on 01 July the library welcomed Saint Anne's Primary School Summer DEIS Camps with over 40 pupils and teachers attending.
- **Foynes** - the library hosted a Summer Stars storytime on 22 July for families and children.

Limerick City Gallery of Art (LCGA)

- "Quantum Listening" by Trudi van der Elsen, a Dutch artist based in County Clare, remains well received by local, national and international visitors. The exhibition continues until 30 August and is the artist's first exhibition at LCGA.
- Two further exhibitions drawn from the Permanent Collection continue by popular demand, including a selection by artist Sarah Dwyer, whose solo exhibition "Penti Menti" was previously presented at LCGA.
- LCGA's second TEST SPACE residency with residency artist Chelsea Canavan continued in the month of July with a number of weekend workshops for families visiting the gallery.
- To mark Ireland's 2026 Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU), each of Ireland's 26 counties has been paired with a specific EU Member State. Limerick's official pairing with Germany was launched on 01 July through an "Art Trail". The trail highlights German-Irish connections across museums, galleries, colleges, universities and cathedrals in the county. The initiative was led by the Centre for Irish-German Studies at University of Limerick (UL), in collaboration with partners including Limerick City and County Council, LCGA, the Hunt Museum, Mary Immaculate College (MIC), University of Limerick (UL) and Studio GBM.

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- LCGA hosted the Limerick Hurlers Homecoming on 20 July, bringing together the All-Ireland 2026 winning Limerick Senior and Minor teams before the players took to the stage in Pery Square. The event was attended by 357 people.
- LCGA continued to liaise with local community groups, including University of the Third Age (U3A), with meetings held throughout July.

Limerick Museum

- On 02 July, the exhibition “A Fine Type of Irishman: The Life and Death of Thomas Blake” officially opened by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran at Limerick Museum. The exhibition text was researched and written by Maire Lanaghan, grandniece of Tom Blake and Dr Seán Gannon, Limerick Libraries. An article by Liam Collins on the exhibition, appeared in the Sunday Independent newspaper on 12 July.
- On 03 July, the exhibition, “The Unsung Artists: An Exploration in the familiar stories and the handiwork of Matriarchs” by Anne Callanan and guest artist Fernanda Olivares officially opened by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran in Limerick Museum.
- 16 July, opening of “The Frances Quillinan Collection”, an exhibition being held in Saint Mary’s Cathedral comprises a collection of original watercolour drawings of Limerick’s notable buildings by former City Architect Frances Quillinan.
- In its July/August 2026 issue, “History Ireland” features an article on the Museum’s exhibition “Dressed to Impress: Sybil Connolly and the Art of Irish Elegance: An Exhibition on Ireland’s Greatest Fashion Designer”.

Limerick Arts Office

Arts Office and Creative Limerick Programmes

- **Limerick Arts Office Pop-Up Gallery Initiative:** Limerick Artist Lynda Ryan was given the opportunity to exhibit her work at Saint Nicholas Church, Adare from 06 to 19 July.
- **Artist Residence at Limerick Museum** received 15 applications. This short-term temporary residency has been awarded to Joanne Ryan, Ann Blake and Sharon Slater.
- **Request for Tenders: Property Management Services** for Artists Apartments and Studios closed on 24 July. One tender was received.
- **Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts approvals:** The 2026 Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts Scheme maximises and supports the leveraging of external funding. Six letters of support were issued in July.
- **A Culture Night Webinar** was run to inform artists, creatives and organisations on how to engage in relation to Limerick Culture Night marketing, promotion and to maximise inclusion in the national portal.

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- **Limerick Culture Night 2026:** Contributions were allocated to 42 organisations and individuals to support their events. Under this funding as per each year all applicants are given a contribution towards their events. These are given to all who applied:

Name / Organisation	Programme event	Description	Contribution to be provided
Angela Vaughan	The Wishing Station	Interactive artwork with audience participation at Pery Square.	€300.00
Asta Lee/ Holman Lee Agency	Designer Street Show	Outdoor fashion show which showcases Limerick's emerging and established designers.	€1,500.00
Avia Gurman	New Frames - Fine Art Photography Exhibition	Interdisciplinary photography exhibition at the Peoples Museum.	€300.00
Limerick Pipe Orchestra Festival	Pipe organ recital	Organist Anne Cullen will give a recital on the 1864 pipe organ in St John's Cathedral.	€200.00
Ciaran Power/ Wickham Street Studios	Wickham Street Studios: Culture Night Open Studios 2026	Open house - working studios of 16 contemporary artists.	€300.00
Clare Hartigan	The Murfigans at the Milk Market	Interactive artwork exhibition and workshops at the Milk Market.	€600.00
West Limerick Resources CLG	Abbeyfeale Alive Culture Night	Music, song, story and poetry with the Abbeyfeale community.	€300.00
Limerick Youth Theatre	Film screening	Screenings of LYT's silent film 'Your guest is as good as mine' and hosting of Spacecraft's exhibition.	€150.00
Limerick Youth Service	Culture Night with Limerick Youth Service	Lava Javas Youth Cafe evening of creativity, talent and live music.	€300.00
Eoghan McCarthy/ Reddy Architecture	Re-Imagining the City: Limerick Past, Present and Possible	Hands-on architectural model projected historic imagery and informal conversation about the city at Reddy Architecture + Urbanism Limerick office at Gardens International.	€300.00

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Name / Organisation	Programme event	Description	Contribution to be provided
Limerick Opera Festival	The Cycling Operatic Convoy	Limerick Cycling Campaign and the Limerick Opera Festival combine for a unique, atmospheric celebration of song and city. An opera singer is chauffeured through the city's historic core in a passenger trishaw. Accompanied by a rolling convoy of cyclists and a mobile sound-system, "The Opera Cycle" will start at Arthur's Quay Park before pausing at the city's most iconic landmarks to perform a song or two for onlookers.	€990.00
Geraldine Murphy /Glenbrohane Community Association	Ceol agus Craic in the Glen	Local musicians, dancers, singers, story tellers in The Glen, Ballingarry.	€200.00
Ballyneety Men's Club	Ballyneety Men's Club Culture Night 2026	Singing, Music and storytelling.	€500.00
Jean Ryan Art Gallery	Pop & Paint	Participatory art workshop.	€295.00
Limerick Printmakers	Silkscreen printmaking for children and adults	Open to all – try out printmaking.	€300.00
Limerick Printmakers	Quiet Hour for Children & Adults	Accessible, inclusive, quiet hour for printmaking.	€150.00
Hunt Museum	Culture Night in the Hunt Museum	Programme of culture, creativity and live music.	€2,050.00
Joan O'Halloran/ Local Design Story	Children's Arts and Craft Event	Arts and crafts in Castletroy town centre.	€400.00
Polish Arts Festival	The Highlanders Wedding Party Music, Dance and Tradition	The Polish Arts Festival invites audiences of all ages to sing, dance, learn, and celebrate together. Featuring live music, a Polish choir, authentic traditional costumes, storytelling, and folk-dance demonstrations, in the style of a polish wedding.	€ 700.00
Dance Limerick	Culture Night at Dance Limerick	Contemporary dance lessons, dance battles, hip-hop, DJ sets and more.	€1,282.00
Lisa O'Riordan Mackessy	Suaimhneach	Newcastle West red door gallery exhibition.	€600.00

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Name / Organisation	Programme event	Description	Contribution to be provided
The GAFF	The GAFF Open Day	An opportunity to see the space, meet artists and experience some of the creative work taking place within the building. Interactive music and arts workshops.	€1,430.00
Mariya Hoyin	Let's Make Performance Art Visible in Limerick City	4 artists performing diverse live artworks and performances.	€ 300.00
Melinda Csapo / Mixed Movement Limerick	Michael Jackson Dance Mob	Dance collective showcase.	€150.00
Limerick Camera Club	Culture Night 2026	Open house, exhibitions.	€300.00
James Haran	Johnny Duhan Event	Commemoration music event.	€550.00
Garda Finance Section (Dept. of Justice)/ Henry Street Garda Station	Behind the scenes at Henry Street Garda Station	Visits to the cells and meet the Gardai.	€300.00
Nuala O'Sullivan / Cappamore Art Studios	Open Studios at Cappamore Art Studios	Open House, working artists' studios.	€300.00
Ormston House	ALT WEST / ALT THAR	Exhibition launch and performance.	€1,000.00
Mary Immaculate College	Culture Night 2026 at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	Free events encompassing Irish language, culture, heritage, art, music and history.	€300.00
ACM Castleconnell	Our Community, Our Culture.	Residents from a variety of nationalities will be invited to host cultural stands showcasing information about their countries, traditions, customs, and heritage	€300.00
Irish Youth Choir & Music Generation	ICO Youth and Music Generation September Serenade	A combined concert featuring ICO Youth orchestra, Music Generation Kerry Youth orchestra and Music Generation Louth Youth orchestra, playing at University Concert Hall Limerick.	€500.00

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Name / Organisation	Programme event	Description	Contribution to be provided
Cormac Dillon / Space Craft Studios	Borrowed Space	Showcase of work by 10 studio and associated artists.	€600.00
Tara Hanly	Clown Culture	Clown performers and make up station for audience participation.	€580.00
The Hitchers Band	Half Arsed Half Biscuit bring the songs Half Man Half Biscuit to the Irish	Songs, stories and printmaking.	€500.00
Yonit Kosovske	Harpsichord Haven	CD Launch, New Instrument Premiere, and Film Screening.	€300.00
Jennifer Ryan	Let the People Dance I Social Set Dancing le Luimnigh Gaelach Fáilteach	Learn and experience social set dancing in Limerick City at Treaty City.	€1,500.00
Limerick Lace	Limerick Lace Events	Pop Up Exhibition.	€500.00
Limerick Libraries	Workshops/ Events	Funding to be transferred to facilitate library events.	€2,623.00
Milk Market/ Limerick Civic Trust	Culture Night at Limerick Milk Market	Funding to facilitate Culture Night hub, exhibitions and performances.	€950.00
College Players	Culture Night Event	Readings, introductory piece.	€300.00
Jason Noone	Jackane	Irish folk trio to play at Limerick Museum for Culture Night.	€300.00
David Collopy	Remember Limerick!	The History, Folklore and Culture of Limerick in song and story show.	€300.00
			€25,600

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Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development

1. Regeneration

Social Regeneration

Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF)

- A call was issued under the Economic and Social Intervention Fund (ESIF) 2026 for applications for grants to support strategic planning and evaluation. Funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the aim of this call is to strengthen awardees' positions facing into the proposed ESIF winddown.

Community Activities

King's Island

- King's Island Family and Community Resource Centre hosted a Family Fun Day on 18 July, with the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, among the guests. The event had music, face painting, a dog show and with games and activities for all in attendance.
- Free Dinner Service continued each Sunday, during July, at King's Island Family and Community Resource Centre.

Moyross

- Moyross Community Enterprise Centre (MCEC) hosted a number of exercise classes during July, which were run in conjunction with Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP). These include, Good2GO, MoyFit and Ageless Strength.
- Community Law and Mediation held its free legal advice clinic on 14 July, at MCEC.

Southill

- Tait House's school-age childcare service continued during July, which included a range of recreational visits for the young children.

- Community Law and Mediation held its free legal advice clinic on 22 July, at Southill.

Ballinacurra Weston

- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group (OLOL CSG) brought 80 parents and children from the Early Years families to Kilmeedy Social Farm, County Limerick.
- The Older Persons Group from OLOL travelled to the Willie Clancy Festival in Milltown Malbay, County Clare for a day of music, culture and social connection, organised by the community companions.
- The Summer Soccer Programme, in conjunction with Community Policing, continued throughout the month, with excellent engagement from local young people.
- Weekly circuit training sessions took place on the all-weather pitch at OLOL, providing another positive outlet for youngsters to stay active and connected over the summer.

Economic Regeneration

- The Integration Support Worker at Moyross Youth Academy and Regeneration Staff met to promote the Precision Engineering Taster Programme. This is to support individuals to develop industry relevant skills and progress towards meaningful employment.
- Engagement between Regeneration and the Department of Social Protection took place, to assist in connecting unemployed jobseekers, particularly those from Regeneration areas, with local skills development and employment opportunities in Precision Engineering.

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Physical Regeneration

Housing Developments

Refurbishment Works

Refurbishment Works continued during July at the following properties:

- Oliver Plunkett Street, Saint Mary's Park
- Columcille Street, Saint Mary's Park
- Saint Bridget's Street, Saint Mary's Park
- Oliver Plunkett Street, Saint Mary's Park.

Single Stage Approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage was granted for a property at College Avenue, Moyross.

Demolitions

- The demolition of properties at 14 and 140 Saint Munchin's Street commenced.

2. Sport and Recreation

Local Sports Plan

- The draft Local Sports Plan went on public display on 23 July and is open for submissions and comments until 02 September.

Limerick Local Sports Partnership (LSP)

- An Inclusive Sports Summer Camp was held on 28 – 30 July, for ages 5-17 and those with physical, sensory or developmental challenges.
- Teen Girls Roller Blading commenced on 22 July, as part of a fun five-week programme for teenage girls aging from 13 – 17 years.
- For more information on programmes and activities visit www.limericksports.ie

Council Sporting Facilities

Limerick Regional Athletics Hub (LRAH)

- There were 19 new members registered on the SportsKey platform.
- Group bookings continued from West Limerick Athletics Club (A.C.), Saint Mary's A.C. as well as Feohanagh Castlemahon Ladies Gaelic Football Club (LGFC) and Mount Hillary A.C (Cork).
- On 02 July, Courtenay Boys School, Newcastle West hosted a summer camp at the Hub.

Rathbane Golf Course

- Rathbane Golf Course saw more than 450 rounds played by juniors, either via green fees or through memberships. Junior Open Singles Competitions commenced each Wednesday, to increase participation. This is open to those under 18. The Junior Club secured grand funding, via Golf Ireland towards Junior Development.
- Adult rounds totalled more than 1,700 during July.

Grove Island Leisure Centre

- The gym continues to be the most popular part of the facility used by members and Pay as You Go clients, each month. Approximately two thirds of recorded visits were to the gym, while the Pool also had strong usage from members.
- The Leisure Centre operate, Aura Holohan Group, was named as winner in the Newstalk Changemaker Business Awards 2026, under the Inclusive Workplace category.
- Community Groups; Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services Group, Headway Group and Moyross Community Group used the pool during July.

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Askeaton Pool and Leisure

- Group bookings from Corlann (formerly Brothers of Charity Services Ireland) and Saint Joseph's Foundation were welcomed during July.
- 285 children are enrolled in the swimming academy term, which runs through the summer months.
- Swim Ireland's Participation Team provide Aqua Aerobics, Adult Swimming lessons and swimming lessons to Doras Youth Group.
- Other groups to use the facility during July were Abbeyfeale, Rathkeale, Adare, Newcastle West and Croom Men Shed's who all undertook swimming lessons.
- Foróige, a youth organisation, participated in a Gym and Swim Programme.

3. Rural

Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

- The commencement of construction on the Limerick Greenway at Ardagh was officially marked, with a sod turning ceremony on 17 July. The project value is €6.6 Million, and it is anticipated the project will be complete in 15 months.
- Two Category 1 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht on 28 July. The outcome of the competitive process will be announced later in the year.

CLÁR 2026 Programme

- 14 applications (12 applications up to the value of €65,000 and two applications up to the value of €100,000) were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (DRCDG) on 03 July. Notice of successful applications will be sent to each Local Authority in November 2026.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

- On the 20 July, the Measure 2 and Measure 3 of the 2026/2027 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme opened for submission of Expressions of Interest (EOI) on MyPoint.

4. Community

Community Development Department

- Processed LEADER project applications and associated funding claims to support the ongoing delivery of Rural Development initiatives across Limerick.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

- The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme mid-year performance review process is ongoing, with actions continuing between Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), Pobal, Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme Sub-Committee and the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme Implementers.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

- Membership of Public Participation Network Limerick (PPNL) continues to grow and has reached 322 member groups. The membership registration form is on the PPNL website and eligible groups in Limerick can register at any time.
- On 13 July PPN Limerick supported Limerick Migrants Integration Forum in delivering an event aimed at honouring the International Day of Hope. The event was titled Bridging Communities, with the theme of: Our Ireland, Our Home, Our Community.

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Integration Supports

Ukrainian Response - Offer a Home (OAH) figures:

Properties	July	Year to Date
Allocated/People Housed	0	127/376
Not Suitable/Withdrawn	4	107

Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT)

- In partnership with the Hunt Museum, LAIT facilitated a series of Summer Arts Workshops for children living in International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) accommodation centres, providing creative and inclusive opportunities throughout the school holidays.
- With the support of Limerick Sports Partnership, LAIT also organised and delivered a Children's Summer Party at O'Brien's Park. The event offered a fun-filled day of music, sports activities, bouncy castles, and face painting, bringing together children and families from diverse backgrounds.
- LAIT further supported the Latino Malecón Fun in the Sun festival at the Hunt Museum, attended by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran. The second annual event celebrated the rich cultural diversity of Limerick's Latin American communities, featuring traditional food and craft stalls from Chilean, Mexican, and Brazilian communities, alongside vibrant bachata and salsa dance performances.
- LAIT, with support from Creative Ireland, coordinated the production of Home Away from Home, a short documentary created by refugee filmmakers living in Limerick. Through personal interviews, participants share their experiences of rebuilding their lives and integrating into communities across Limerick City and County. A special screening was recently held for community organisations, public service providers, and integration stakeholders, with further public screenings currently being explored.

Bin Waivers Scheme

- Audit 2026:** An audit of the 2026 Household Waste Collection Subsidy Scheme renewals was completed in July.

IPB Pride of Place Competition

Limerick City and County Council nominated five groups in the following categories for this Year's all island IPB Pride of Place Competition. Judging took place on the 13 and 15 July when judges visited:

- The Crafty Angels Caherconlish - Creative Community
- Doon - Population 300 - 1,000
- Ballyneety Men's Shed - Age Friendly Communities
- Croom - Population 1,000 - 2,000
- Our Lady of Lourdes Community Centre - Community Youth Initiative.

Results of the competition will be announced in Autumn 2026.

Healthy Limerick

- Limerick Food Partnership's Building Sustainable Food Futures initiative was selected for inclusion in the European Union Annual Report on the State of Regions and Cities.
- Supported community wellbeing through Healthy Ireland Play Day funding for a local play initiative in Thomondgate.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

- Period Equity workshops delivered through Mid West Simon Community, Southside Traveller Action Group and East Limerick Traveller Project, supporting menstrual health education and access to period products.
- Barnardos Breakfast Club continued to provide locally sourced organic food as part of summer camp provision on the southside of the city.

Community Safety Partnership

- Held the induction meeting of the new Limerick Local Community Safety Partnership. The date for the inaugural meeting of the Limerick Local Community Safety Partnership – 21 September 2026.

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Housing

1. Local Authority (LA) Housing Construction and Maintenance

Current Working Programme		
	Completed in July	In Progress
LA Construction Team		
Major Refurbishments	0	37
LA Maintenance Team		
Major Refurbishments	3	18
Regeneration Team		
Major Refurbishments	0	7
Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU)		
Major Refurbishments	0	1
Total	3	63
Approved Housing Body Stock Transfer in Process	0	12

Project Updates

- Part 8 Planning for proposed construction of 13 Housing units at Thomond Park Gate, Thomondgate gone to Councillors for vote.
- **Smyths Lane Cathedral Place** - Consultants appointed.
- **O'Callaghan Avenue, Kileely** - Contractor appointed for refurbishment works,

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Social Housing – Delivery for 2026

Buy/Build/Lease as of 31.07.2026 is as follows:

As at 31.07.2026 (01.01.2026 – 31.07.2026)	Complete	In Progress	Overall Complete and In Progress	2026 Delivery Target
Build	7	156	163	562
Buy *	6	48	54	€17 million Funding Allocation
Lease	0	9	9	21
TOTAL	13	213	226	

*Majority under the “Buy” stream are Notice of Termination Properties. The Council has been allocated €17 million funding in 2026 for the acquisition of second-hand properties to provide social housing. The allocation is fully committed now with 54 units acquired or in the process of completion.

Social Housing/Affordable Housing – Projects Submissions and Approvals

Projects Approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in July

Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS)	Stage 4 Approval for the construction of seven units at Broadford, County Limerick	Municipal District of Newcastle West
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Projects Submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in July

Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Turnkey Approval for the delivery of 33 units at The Park, Autumnfields, Ballygrennan, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Capital Advance Leasing Facility (CALF)	Revised Turnkey Approval for the delivery of 32 units at Knockhill, Ennis Road, Limerick	Metropolitan District of Limerick
Contractor Led Buy and Renew Scheme	Funding Approval to purchase two units in Limerick City Centre	Metropolitan District of Limerick

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SMART Housing Programme

SMART Housing Programme	Metropolitan District of Limerick	Affordable Cost Rental	Work with Design Team continued during July on initial site layouts for Phase 1 sites. Review of replacement SMART sites ongoing. Ecology Inspections and Surveys advanced during July. Procurement process was advanced for the following services on Phase 1 sites: • Planning Consultancy • Traffic and Transport Assessments • Quantity Surveyor • Road Safety Audits • Graphic Design • Shared Accommodation Justification Report • Facilities Management
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Workshops/Meetings

- A workshop for Elected Members was held to discuss a proposal to update the Tenure Mix policy with regard to Variation No.3 of the Limerick Development Plan on 01 July in the Council Chambers, Merchant's Quay.
- The Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, and Minister for Housing, James Browne TD, visited Green Park Site and Speaker's Corner (social, elderly and cost rental delivery) on 02 July to view progress on new social homes currently under construction, delivered by Clúid in partnership with Limerick City and County Council.
- A meeting of the Housing Disability Steering Group was held online on 23 July to progress implementation of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People.



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Planning, Heritage and Ryder Cup

1. Development Management

Planning Applications

Type	Amount
Part 8	3

These part 8's included

- Abbeyfeale Burial Ground
- Ashford Footpath Works & Traffic Calming
- Broadford Pedestrian Bridge

2. Forward Planning, Urban Development and Heritage

Forward Planning

- At the meeting of Limerick City and County Council held on 13 July, Elected Members considered Proposed Variation No. 3 of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied), together with the Mayor's Report. Members resolved to make a modified version of Proposed Variation No. 3 of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied).
- The Proposed Material Alterations to Proposed Variation No. 3 of the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied), together with accompanying environmental documents, were placed on public display from 26 July to 24 August (inclusive). Submissions and observations received during this statutory consultation period will be considered in the preparation of the Mayor's Report for consideration by the Elected Members.
- Tender opened for Appropriate Assessment (AA), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) to proposed Variations to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 (as varied).

Urban Development

The Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme (THRIVE)

THRIVE Fireplace Site

- A project overview video was launched across Limerick City and County Council's social and digital channels, highlighting the vision and future potential of the project "A Neighbourhood Notice" was produced and distributed to local residents and businesses, providing advance notice of works and helping to keep the community informed as the project progresses.
- Site clearance was undertaken to prepare the site for enabling works and subsequent project phases. The enabling works commenced on 20 July running to 06 October 2026 in preparation for the main construction phase expected in 2027.

Public Realm Strategy

- Commenced public consultation for Proposed Limerick City Centre Public Realm Strategy.

Heritage

- Completed screening for Urban Beach Project and advised on screening and ecological issues for remainder of Summer in the City Projects for Environment section.

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Conservation

Sarsfield Monument

- Official unveiling of enhancement works to the Sarsfield Monument (carried out in 2025) was held on 11 July. These enhancements were funded by the Mayoral Fund.

1916 Monument

- Conservation and repair works funded by Grant of €159,116 from the Mayoral Fund for works to 1916 Memorial and the adjoining railings to the Shannon Rowing Club and Limerick Boat Club are ongoing.

ML93 UNESCO World Heritage Status

- Assessment of tenders undertaken for the provision of World Heritage Expertise and Consultancy Services to assess the potential nomination of Limerick City as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Ryder Cup Local Marketing Asset meeting.
- Limerick City and County Council Oversight Group.
- Brand Adare Meeting.
- Ryder Cup Project Management Group.
- Junior Ryder Cup and G4D (Golf for Disability) Working Group.
- Limerick City and County Council Work Programme for Metropolitan District and Municipal Districts for Ryder Cup Preparations.
- Limerick City and County Council Ryder Cup Steering Group meeting.
- Year to Go Working Group.
- Limerick City and County Council Ryder Cup Operations meeting for Metropolitan District.

3. Ryder Cup Project Management

Key Meetings and Working Groups

- Chamber of Commerce presentation.
- Initial Meeting with Year to Go Event Management company.
- Ryder Cup Year to Go Working Group.
- Ryder Cup Communications Working Group.



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Environment, Climate Action and Fire

1. Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action

Climate Action Team

In the month of July, the Climate Action Team:

- The Energy Officer met with Jane Wickham, Liaison Officer with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to discuss the Gap to Target Submission and Future Actions proposed by Limerick City and County Council to help meet 2030 carbon reduction and energy efficiency targets on 01 July.
- The Climate Action Officer hosted a Climate Champions meeting on 07 July.

Citizen Innovation Lab

- This month in the Citizen Innovation Lab we hosted a Transport Mobility Forum Meeting held on 08 July.

Farm Inspections Team

Inspection Type	Number of Inspections	Inspection Details
Dynamics Customer Relationship Management (CRM) – Inspections relating to Water Pollution Incidents/ Complaints	1	Water Pollution Complaints – Water Pollution Act 1977 investigated by Environment Strategy
Dynamics CRM – Inspections relating to Water Pollution incidents/ complaints	6	Water Pollution Complaints non-Good Agricultural Practice regulations 2025 investigated by Environment Strategy

Environment Regulation and Enforcement

Commercial Waste, Air, Noise, Water and Public Health

Statutory Notices signed by the Mayor

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2. Water Safety

No. of Lifebuoy Replacements	January - June	July	Total 2026
Metropolitan District	4	2	6
Municipal Districts	10	1	11

No. of Lifebuoy Sensor Activations	January - June	July	Total 2026
Metropolitan District	48	10	58
Municipal Districts	20	8	28

3. Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks and Cemeteries

Parks

Highlights of July

Abbeyfeale Playground

- The playground was officially opened by the Mayor of Limerick, John Moran, on 17 July who was officially welcomed by Cathaoirleach Councillor Liam Galvin. The opening was also attended by Minister of State Niall Collins TD and Abbeyfeale Community Council as well as members of the public. The playground was funded by €51,500 General Municipal Allocation (GMA) from the Municipal District of Newcastle West and €50,000 Community Recognition Funding.

Saint Patrickswell, Garryowen

- The final surfacing was completed on the new pathways on the green at Saint Patrickswell. The works allow the public to use the space with seating and accessible pathways provided.

Adare Park

- A plan was prepared for upgrade works to the park in advance of the Ryder Cup 2027. The public will be accessing Adare Manor via Adare Park on arrival at Station Road.

Thomondgate Play Space

- Community engagement took place on 15 July on draft proposals for Thomondgate Play Space. A fund of €53,000 has been identified for the project including €20,000 Department Grant with the remainder in General Municipal Allocations (GMA).

Dolores O'Riordan Boules Court

- A Boules Court was installed at the Dolores O'Riordan mural with Mayoral funding as part of upgrade works in the area.

Shelbourne Sports Facilities

- Works commenced on the construction of sports facilities in Shelbourne Park to include a basketball court, pétanque, table tennis and Teqball.

Steamboat Quay Urban Beach

- A deep clean of Steamboat Quay and painting works were carried out in advance of Summer in the City to install floral displays on both sides of the road.

Baggott Estate Natural Play

- Works commenced on the natural play site in Baggott Estate with €100,000 grant received from the Department including site clearance and identifying areas for play elements and ordering of materials.

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City Centre Planting

- Several areas in the city centre received additional planting including O'Connell Street and Robert Byrne Park.

Green Flag Sites

- Judging of Castletroy Park and Lough Gur took place in July for the Green Flag awards to be announced at a later date.

Cemeteries

Mount Saint Lawrence Columbarium Garden

- Works progressed in finalising documentation for a Part 8 Application to be lodged soon.

Kilmurray Columbarium Garden

- Environment Report completed in preparation for a Part 8 Application to be submitted soon.

Abbeyfeale Burial Ground

- Closing date for submissions for a Part 8 for a new burial ground in Abbeyfeale was 09 July. One submission was received from Uisce Éireann.

Cleansing and City Centre Response Team (CCRT)

Casual Trading

	No.
Licences issued for Milk Market	9
Special Event Licences	12
Section 38 Notifications Lodged	1
Assessments completed under S254 Planning Act	N/A

Cleansing Works and Post Event Cleanups

1	Limerick Hurlers Home Coming
2	All Ireland Hurling Championship Big Screen Viewing
3	Deep Clean Denmark Street
4	Deep Clean O'Connell Street
5	Graffiti Cleanup - Weight Bridge, Childers Road

CCRT Major Projects

City Centre Waterfront and Georgian Neighbourhoods Improvements	Stage
Laneways Improvement Programme	Ongoing
Arthurs Quay	Benches installed
Ranks Memorial	No works ongoing
Steel Bin Storage	Tender Awarded
Laneway Resurfacing	Prices received
O'Connell Avenue Fountain Refurbishment	Tender Assessment underway

