

**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
to be held on Monday 19th October 2026**

Question submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will the public park on the Groody Road commence and when will it be completed. In light of the large number of planning permissions granted recently on Bloodmill Road, Groody Road and Castletroy, extra playing pitches and a public park are urgently needed.

Response

Limerick City and County Council will shortly be publishing a draft Masterplan for public consultation on the Green Blue Ring in Limerick City which includes for the provision of a Groody Valley Park.

The Masterplan and related GBI documents describe the proposal as:

- A District Park / District-scale green space.
- A park focused on the restoration and protection of the river valley and wetlands.
- A largely semi-natural landscape rather than a formal urban park.
- Protection of the valley's role as a wildlife corridor and natural flood management area.
- Provision of opportunities for passive recreation, walking, nature appreciation and outdoor education.

When the Masterplan has been approved, LCCC will then begin planning for this park, subject to funding provision.

Regards,



Aidan Finn Senior Engineer
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action
16 October 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will traffic calming measures be considered for Lynwood Park, in particular the need to improve or replace the existing speed ramps and refresh line marking throughout the estate.

Reply:

Lynwood Park will be assessed in 2027 in accordance with the Traffic Calming policy.

Any proposals deemed appropriate and in accordance with the policy will be costed and considered further, subject to funding being available.

**John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th October 2026.**

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will a road speed survey be carried out in Rathbane to inform future traffic calming measures.

Reply:

The traffic speed survey is scheduled to be completed in late October 2026. Upon completion, the results will be assessed to determine whether traffic calming or other road safety measures are warranted at this location.

Subject to the findings of the survey, appropriate design proposals will be developed and funding opportunities explored to facilitate the implementation of any identified measures, in accordance with the Council's Traffic Calming Policy.



John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th October 2026.



13th October 2026

Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday, 23rd November 2026

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for details of the current staffing and resources of the Arts Office and how staffing levels have changed over the past five years.

REPLY:

Details of staffing levels in the Arts Office from 2022 to 2026 below. It should be noted that responsibility for Festivals and Events was moved from the Arts Office in 2023.

Arts Office	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arts Officer	0.80	0.8	0.80	0.80	0.80
Asst Arts Officer. Public Art Coordinator (2025)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
Grade 5, Staff Officer	1.00	1.00	0	1.00	1.00
Grade 4, Assistant Staff Officer	1.00	1.00	0	0	0
Grade 4, Assistant Staff Officer	1.00	1.00	0	0.00	0.00
Grade 3, Clerical Officer	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Grade 3, Clerical Officer	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
	6.10	6.10	3.10	4.10	3.10
<i>Additional - work experience / CE</i>	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.00

Etain McCooley
Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Coordinator

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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what engagement has taken place with local residents, businesses and schools and what traffic surveys or monitoring have been carried out to assess changes in traffic volumes and movements on surrounding streets, following the introduction of the new one-way systems on and around the South Circular Road.

Reply:

The Active Travel team remains committed to working closely with the local community, schools, and businesses as works progress on the South Circular Road (SCR) scheme.

The temporary traffic management arrangements currently in place on the South Circular Road are being managed by the appointed contractor as part of the main construction phase. These measures allow the team to evaluate real-time road safety and operational efficiency.

To ensure a clear understanding of traffic patterns, the Active Travel team has active traffic monitoring tools in place across the area.

Data is being continually gathered and reviewed to assess traffic volumes and movement changes, taking into specific account shifting seasonal patterns, daily peak times, and the impact of school return schedules on surrounding streets. Clear communication with local stakeholders is a key priority.

Regular operational updates and layout details are issued directly by the contractor through their designated communications channels.

Furthermore, the Active Travel team provides ongoing progress updates, scheme context, and traffic guidance through our regular fortnightly project newsletter to keep residents, schools, and local businesses fully informed.

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Question submitted by Councillor Elisa O'Donovan – October Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on Monday 19th October 2026

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for details of how the 2027 Ryder Cup Impact & Legacy Fund can be utilised within the Metropolitan District, and what engagement will take place with local community groups and organisations to ensure the Metropolitan District benefits from this funding.

REPLY

The 2027 Ryder Cup Impact & Legacy Fund is being operated by Ryder Cup Europe with their funding. Information on the fund has been put on Council socials and shared with the PPN (including being promoted in their newsletter), regeneration communities and Tidy Towns. All community and voluntary groups are encouraged to consider applying for projects under this fund. Reminders will be communicated closer to the deadline. The decision on the funding sits with Ryder Cup Europe.

Elaine O'Connor | Ryder Cup Coordinator, Limerick City and County Council.

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full list of undeveloped land parcels that are being considered by the Housing Directorate for any form of residential developments.

Please provide data, split as below, with a possible timeframe for development:

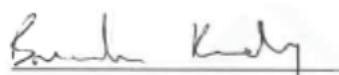
- Identified as suitable but not yet being considered
- Being considered but not yet progressed
- Approved for development
- Currently under development.

REPLY:

Project Name	LEA	Status	Projected delivery
Mulcair Drive, Annacotty	Limerick City East	Under development	Q1 2027
Bridge Street Post Office Site	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q2 2027
Meadowbrook, Mill Rd	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q2 2027
Patrickswell(Barnakyle)	Limerick City West	Under development	Q4 2027
Mary Street – next to Gaelscoil	Limerick City North	Approved for development	Q4 2027
Ferndale, Ennis Road	Limerick City North	Approved for development	Q4 2027
Scouthall Site, Bawnmore Rd	Limerick City East	Approved for development	Q4 2027

Michael Street, Limerick (Watergate)	Limerick City West	Approved for development	Q1 2028
Fairgreen, Ballysimon Road	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q1 2028
Upper William St, Apt Dev (28&29)	Limerick City East	Approved for development	Q3 2028
Ballygrennan Road (Shop)	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q2 2028
Ballygrennan Road, Moyross (two sites)	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q2 2028
52 New Road, Thomondgate (Whelan's Pub)	Limerick City North	Approved for development	Q4 2028
Ros Mor, Crossagalla	Limerick City East	Approved for development	Q4 2028
Quarry Road, Thomond Gate Park	Limerick City North	Approved for development	Q4 2028
Ballycummin Road	Limerick City West	Approved for development	Q4 2028
Kennedy Park Infill	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Q1 2029
Joseph Street, Limerick	Limerick City West	Being considered for development	Q1 2029
The Rivers, Annacotty	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Q2 2029
Dublin Rd/St Patrick's Rd	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q2 2029
Scanlon Park, Castleconnell	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Q2 2029
Smyths Lane, Cathedral Place	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q2 2029
Windmill Street	Limerick City West	Being considered for development	Q4 2029
Mungret Lands - Phase 2	Limerick City West	Being considered for development	Q2 2030
Mungret Lands - Phase 3	Limerick City West	Being considered for development	Q2 2031
Marian Drive, Janesboro	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Q3 2029
Toppins Field - Plot 1 - Phase 1	Limerick City East	Approved for development	Q4 2028
Toppins Field - Phase 2	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Q4 2028
Sonnys Lands	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q3 2029
Curragower	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Q3 2029

St Mary's Park Infill Housing	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	2029/2030
Cosgrave Park Phase 2 Housing	Limerick City North	Approved for development	2029
College Avenue Infills	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Pineview Gardens Housing	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Barry's Field Housing	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Southend FC	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Our Lady of Lourdes	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Post 2030
O'Malley Park	Limerick City East	Suitable for development but not yet being considered	Post 2030
Delmege Pineview, Moyross	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Whitecross / Sarsfield Gardens, Moyross	Limerick City North	Being considered for development	2030
Clarina Park	Limerick City East	Suitable for development but not yet being considered	Post 2030
Carew Park Infills	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Land at Groody Hill	Limerick City East	Being considered for development	Post 2030
Vance's Land	Limerick City West	Suitable for development but not yet being considered	Post 2030
Palm Close	Limerick City East	Suitable for development but not yet being considered	Post 2030
Carey's Road (Guinness site)	Limerick City West	Being considered for development	2030
Patrickswell land (Attyflin) with LTT	Limerick City West	Being considered for development	Post 2030



Brendan Kidney
Senior Engineer
Housing Construction and Maintenance
16th October 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the results of the speed survey carried out in Fortmary Park, requested at the May 2026 Meeting of this District, are shared with Members.

Reply:

The speed survey requested for Fortmary Park has been completed.

A copy of the survey findings, together with any relevant observations, will be issued after the meeting for Members' information.

**John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th October 2026.**



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Library Department provide a full yearly breakdown of borrowing figures for each of their three Metropolitan branches from 2022 to 2025, in addition to the number of events held annually at each branch during the same period.

Reply

Limerick City Library

Year	Borrowing Figures (incl. renewals)	Public Events Hosted	Class Visits
2022	78,396	253	67
2023	85,176	357	113
2024	85,771	386	105
2025	79,332	358	159

Dooradoyle Library

Year	Borrowing Figures (incl. renewals)	Public Events Hosted	Class Visits
2022	105,016	116	24
2023	112,175	156	69
2024	116,689	218	40
2025	106,604	232	66

Watch House Cross Community Library

Year	Borrowing Figures (incl. renewals)	Public Events Hosted	Class Visits
2022	42,085	254	44
2023	41,916	1035	97
2024	44,799	538	99
2025	40,610	261	27



Damien Brady, Limerick City & County Librarian
13th October 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a full breakdown of Council funding awarded to each programmed event that took place as part of Culture Night 2026 in the Metropolitan District.

REPLY:

The following is the breakdown of funding provided through the arts office for events in the Metropolitan District on Culture Night 2026. 50% of the cost was met by the Arts Council under Local Authority - Arts Council Partnership funding. The contributions were allocated following an advertised Open Call for applications.

Programme Event	Description	Contribution
The Wishing Station	Interactive artwork with audience participation at Limerick Milk Market	€300
Holman Lee Agency Designer Street Show	Outdoor fashion show which showcases Limerick's emerging and established designers.	€1,500
New Frames - Fine Art Photography Exhibition	Interdisciplinary photography exhibition at the Peoples Museum.	€300
Limerick Pipe Orchestra Festival recital	Recital on the 1864 pipe organ in St John's Cathedral.	€200
Wickham Street Studios: Culture Night Open Studios 2026	Open house - working studios of 16 contemporary artists.	€300
The Murfigans at the Milk Market	Interactive artwork exhibition and workshops at the Milk Market.	€600
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
Culture Night with Limerick Youth Service	Lava Javas Youth Cafe evening of creativity, talent and live music.	€300

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
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.	€990
Jean Ryan Art Gallery Pop and Paint	Participatory art workshop held in a city centre artist space.	€295
Limerick Printmakers Silkscreen printmaking for children and adults	Open to all – try out printmaking.	€300
Limerick Printmakers Quiet Hour for Children & Adults	Accessible, inclusive, quiet hour for printmaking.	€150
Culture Night in the Hunt Museum	Programme of culture, creativity and live music.	€2,050
Local Design Story Children's Arts and Craft Event	Arts and crafts in Castletroy town centre.	€400
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
Culture Night at Dance Limerick	Contemporary dance lessons, dance battles, hip-hop, DJ sets and more.	€1,282
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
Let's Make Performance Art Visible in Limerick City	4 artists performing diverse live artworks and performances.	€300
Mixed Movement Limerick	The Michael Jackson Dance Mob - Dance collective showcase.	€150
Limerick Camera Club Culture Night 2026	Open house, exhibitions.	€300
Johnny Duhan Event	Commemoration music event.	€550
Behind the scenes at Henry Street Garda Station	Visits to the cells and meet the Gardai.	€300
Ormston House ALT WEST / ALT THiar	Exhibition launch and performance.	€1,000
Culture Night 2026 at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick	Free events encompassing Irish language, culture, heritage, art, music and history.	€300

ACM Castleconnell Print workshop	Our Community Our CulturePrint workshop as Gaeilge	€300
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
Clown Culture	Clown performers and make up station for audience participation.	€580
The Hitchers Band	The Half Man Half Biscuit tribute band play song and tell stories at Dolans Limerick.	€500
Harpsichord Haven	CD Launch, New Instrument Premiere, and Film Screening.	€300
Let the People Dance Social Set Dancing le Luimnigh Gaelach Fáilteach	Learn and experience social set dancing in Limerick City at Treaty City.	€ 1,500
Limerick Lace Events	Pop Up Limerick Lace Exhibition.	€500
Limerick Libraries Workshops/ Events	Limerick Libraries Culture Night events 2026	€650
Culture Night at Limerick Milk Market	Funding to facilitate Culture Night hub, exhibitions and performances.	€950
College Players Culture Night Event	Readings, introductory piece by the College Players.	€300
Jaskane	Irish folk trio at Limerick Museum.	€300
Remember Limerick!	The History, Folklore and Culture of Limerick in song and story show by Storyteller Daithi Collopy.	€300
Space Craft Studios Borrowed Space	Showcase of work by 10 studio and associated artists.	€600
	Total	€21,727
	50% Partnership Programme funding	€10,863.50

Additional funding of €5,000 was provided by the Night Time Economy office, to facilitate a Late Night event on Culture Night. This was awarded following an Open Call for applications for a Film Night event in Lucky Lane. Between Frames: A film night dedicated to experimental, surreal, non-narrative work with 3 Irish made films and 3 short films from the 1920's at Lucky Lane.

An event took place in King John's Castle on Culture Night. This was grant aided by the EU Presidency Cultural Programme with venue costs of €5,000 plus VAT met by the Arts Office.

Etain McCooley
Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Coordinator

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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Public Realm on any proposals by the NTA for an improved bus service for Patrickswell village, including conversations around BusConnects being extended to Patrickswell and/or an enhanced 320 bus service in light of ongoing development in Patrickswell village.

Reply:

The Transportation Strategy Section will engage the National Transport Authority (NTA) and revert in due course in relation to:

- Improvements to existing bus services and/or the extension of the BusConnects Project to include Patrickswell Village

**John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th October 2026.**

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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the implementation of the initial phases of the Ballybrown/Clarina Public Realm Enhancement Plan.

Reply:

The implementation of the Clarina-Ballybrown Public Realm Enhancement Plan will be progressed through a combination of funding streams to support the completion of detailed design and, where necessary, the advancement of statutory approvals and associated processes.

To date, €60,000 in Development Contributions funding has been ring-fenced to support delivery of the Plan. The Travel & Transport Strategy Section will continue to actively pursue additional funding opportunities and seek to align the Plan with complementary projects that share common objectives. This approach will help maximise available investment, leverage funding opportunities, and facilitate the phased implementation of the proposed measures over time.

**John Gannon,
A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th October 2026.**

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Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the city centre festoon lighting and whether any progress has been made with the ESB to restore the connection issues at Arthur's Quay.

Reply:

Limerick City & County Council, through its appointed maintenance contractor (LBK) for the festoon along the Three Bridges Walk, has completed repairs to all identified failed sections of the lighting network. As of the week ending 9 October 2026, all sections are operational apart from the Arthur's Quay Park area. In addition, weekly inspections and patrols are now being undertaken by LBK of the Three Bridges Walk festoon lighting to identify and address faults at the earliest opportunity.

The section of festoon lighting at Arthur's Quay Park requires a new ESB connection. The design for this connection is nearing completion and once finalised, an application will be submitted to ESB Networks to progress the connection works.

It should be noted that the festoon lighting network along the Three Bridges Walk is in a highly exposed environment and is experiencing recurring failures due to a combination of environmental factors and the need for infrastructure upgrades. These issues are contributing to ongoing maintenance requirements across the network.

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Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council plans to stop child maintenance as income for the purpose of rent calculations under the Differential Rent Scheme.

REPLY:

Limerick City & County Council's (LCCC) Differential Rent Scheme provides for household income to be taken into account in assessing rent, subject to the income disregards provided for under the Scheme. Maintenance payments are currently treated as assessable income for rent purposes.

Rental income from LCCC's social housing stock of approximately 6,000 properties is projected to be in the region of €24.5 million in 2026 and represents an important source of funding for housing services. The removal of maintenance payments from assessable income would reduce rental income and would therefore require detailed consideration of the financial implications for the Housing Directorate, particularly as rental income supports housing maintenance programmes, including works to vacant properties and energy retrofitting.

The Differential Rent Scheme is also used in determining rent contributions for approximately 2,500 RAS and HAP tenancies. Accordingly, a detailed assessment would be required to quantify the overall financial impact of any proposed change across approximately 8,500 tenancies.

Maintenance payments have been treated as reckonable income for rent assessment purposes in Limerick for many years, including under the former Limerick City and Limerick County Council schemes prior to amalgamation. The current Differential Rent Scheme followed a significant review in 2020, which introduced a standard method of rent calculation across the city and county.

Differential rent arrangements currently vary between local authorities, including in relation to the categories of income that are treated as assessable or disregarded.

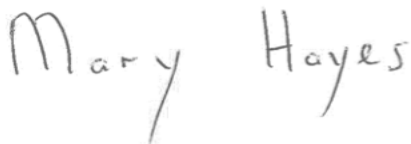
The development of a standardised national approach to differential rents has been under consideration for some time, including through previous Government housing policy. More recently, the Government's housing plan, *Delivering Homes, Building Communities*, commits to reviewing rents paid by local authority and Approved Housing Body social housing tenants.

In a written Oireachtas reply on 14 July 2026, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage confirmed that *Delivering Homes, Building Communities* commits to reviewing these rents with a view to introducing a national framework that provides a consistent and equitable system of rents.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with the assistance of the Housing Agency, is undertaking detailed analysis of existing rent schemes and exploring the range of reform options available. The Minister indicated that any potential options should seek the best balance of equity, progressivity and sustainability, while protecting those on the lowest incomes and at greater risk of poverty.

The Minister further advised that the results of this analysis are expected to be submitted for his consideration later in 2026. Any proposal to implement a standardised national rents framework, or alternative reform, will thereafter be considered by Government as appropriate.

In light of the ongoing national review of differential rents, it is considered appropriate to await the outcome of this work before considering any change to the treatment of maintenance payments as assessable income under the Council's Differential Rent Scheme.



Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
15th October 2026

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Question submitted by Councillor P. Reale

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a list of pruning and hedge-cutting in public areas and along roads carried out by Council crews since 1st September 2026, in the Limerick Metropolitan District and a schedule of future proposed works to the end of 2026.

Reply:

A number of junctions throughout the rural areas of Metropolitan West (including Dooradoyle, Ballybrown, Clarina and Patrickswell) and Metropolitan East, (including Drombanna, Ballysheedy and Ballyneety) have undergone hedge and vegetation cutting works by LCCC since September to improve visibility and road safety.

It should also be noted that landowners are responsible for maintaining hedges and vegetation along their property boundaries to ensure they do not encroach onto the public road, footpath, or obstruct sightlines at junctions, thereby helping to maintain safe conditions for all road users.

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A/Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
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October Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, to be held on **Monday, 19th October 2026**.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, with regard to the Proposed Limerick City Centre Public Realm Strategy, can I ask why the Limerick Market Trustees, as the owners of the Potato Market property, were not consulted before their property was included in the plan, and will the Council remove the Potato Market from the strategy, or defer its inclusion, until such time as meaningful consultation has taken place with the Limerick Market Trustees.

Response:

Limerick City Centre Proposed Public Realm Strategy is a strategic guidance document focused on enhancing the city centre through improved public spaces, greener areas, better connections, and a more attractive, accessible, and sustainable urban environment.

The interventions and opportunities illustrated are indicative only and do not constitute fixed proposals or commitments, nor do they alter or restrict the rights of private property owners. Any future changes or specific projects arising from the strategy would be subject to detailed design, the appropriate planning processes, public consultation and meaningful engagement with affected property owners and other relevant stakeholders.

The inclusion of the Potato Market therefore reflects previous thinking around this area and its importance within the wider city-centre context and does not represent a proposal to alter, acquire, or develop the property.

Maria Woods
Senior Planner
09/10/2026

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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provide a breakdown by year for the last five years of all funding provided by the Council to arts organisations in support of Halloween in Limerick, where cumulative funding exceeds 50k over the five-year period.

REPLY:

The total amount of funding provided by the Council to arts organisations in support of Halloween in Limerick over the five-year period 2022-2026 is €171,057.

A total of five arts organisations received funding during this period. Of these, one organisation received cumulative funding in excess of €50,000 as set out below:

- Lumen Street Theatre - €120,100

The annual breakdown of direct funding provided to Lumen Street Theatre is as follows:

- 2022 – €10,000
- 2023 – €24,000
- 2024 – €36,500
- 2025 – €41,500
- 2026 – €8,100*

**It should be noted that Halloween in Limerick 2026 Open Call Grant Funding of €40,000 was also awarded to Lumen Street Theatre; however, this funding was subsequently declined by the organisation and was therefore not drawn down. Consequently, it is not included in the funding totals outlined above.*

In addition to the direct funding outlined above, a number of arts organisations and practitioners also benefit indirectly from the Council's Halloween programme through engagement in festival programming, commissions, performances and event delivery. This includes participation in events and initiatives and other programme elements delivered as

part of Halloween in Limerick, where artists, performers and creative organisations are engaged through event organisers and delivery partners that are directly funded by the Council. As such, the figures provided above relate solely to direct Council funding awarded to arts organisations and does not capture the wider economic benefit accruing to the arts sector through participation in the overall festival programme.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Troy', is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

Brendan Troy

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