

**Statement by Mayor Liam Galvin**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**Agreement to Lease between Limerick City & County Council and Cadence Enviropower Ltd.**

Having regard to the public concerns raised in relation to the proposed development, the Members, at today's meeting of the full Council, passed a motion as follows;

"In recognition of public concern the councillors of the Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District have resolved that, in relation to the proposed development at Gortadroma, we call on the Executive to conduct an immediate, comprehensive review of the provisions of the agreement to lease entered into between Limerick City and County Council and Cadence Enviropower Ltd., with a view to establishing the options, if any, available to the Council including the question of the termination of this agreement to lease."

The Chief Executive undertook to seek legal advice in relation to this proposal and to revert to the Council with a full report on the matter.

I believe it would be beneficial to confirm the current position arising from the completion of this Agreement to lease.

The Council has entered into this Agreement to lease and has agreed to dispose of the lands subject to Cadence Enviropower Ltd. achieving the necessary planning permissions and licences to dispose of waste within 5 years of the date of signing of the agreement to lease.

It is a matter for Cadence Enviropower Ltd. to enter into pre-planning consultations with An Bord Pleanala with a view to establishing if the application for planning should be submitted directly to An Bord Pleanala or if the application is to be submitted directly to Limerick City and County Council.

This decision will be made by An Bord Pleanala in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidelines governing Strategic Infrastructural Development.

It is also necessary for Cadence Enviropower Ltd., as part of the Planning process, to secure the necessary licences for the disposal of waste from the EPA.

As can be seen from the above, there is a significant process to be undertaken to secure the necessary permissions to allow a facility such as proposed at Gortadroma to be built.

The public will have ample opportunity during the Planning and Licensing Process of raising their concerns in relation to this proposed development with the relevant bodies making a decision on the development. These concerns will most certainly be taken into account before any decision is made.

I can assure members of the public that their representatives on Limerick City and County Council will provide full assistance and support in ensuring that these concerns receive full consideration.

The Council commenced a process in March, 2010 of the identification of possible future options and uses of lands at Gortadroma, in anticipation of the closure of the landfill facility there.

The initial intention of the Council was to consider disposing of the land either by sale or by lease but the option of disposing of the land by sale was not a viable option.

Accordingly, the Council appointed consultants in 2013 to seek expressions of interest for the future use of the landfill in addition to assessing the technical and financial merit of any proposal.

In July 2014, the consultants RPS produced a technical and financial appraisal of the Bids received and recommended the selection of Cadence Enviropower Ltd.

The proposed disposal of the lands was discussed at a number of the Adare/Rathkeale District meetings and, following a visit to a similar facility in France, the members of the full Council, at its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015 agreed to dispose of these lands by way of Agreement to lease to Cadence Enviropower Ltd.

The Agreement to Lease documents were completed on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

**Councillor Liam Galvin,  
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.**