Entitlement to Health Services: 2nd, - 4th Sept. 2016 – Carlingford, Co. Louth

Conference opening session covered entitlements to health services on residency and means, rather than on your payment of tax or pay-related social insurance (PRSI). Certain visitors may be entitled to free public health services. In particular, people from other European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) member states or Switzerland who are visiting Ireland temporarily (for example, on holiday or on business) are entitled to medical care if they become ill or have an accident.

Some categories of people are entitled to medical cards under EU rules.

Presentation on the following topics:

Rules on medical card holders, non-medical card holders, hospital charges and general health services. Discussion on establishing ordinary residency and EU Citizens.

Medical card - certain health services free of charge and to qualify for a medical card, your weekly income must be below a certain figure for your family size. Cash income, savings, investments and property (except for your own home) are taken into account in the means test.

GP visit cards: If you do not qualify for a medical card on income grounds, you may qualify for a GP visit card.

Other benefits

Medical card holders - Universal Social Charge. Medical card holders may be exempt from paying school transport charges and State exam fees in publicly-funded second-level schools. There may also be financial help with buying school books in certain schools.

Presentations followed by Discussion:

Means Test and People who are exempt from the means test.

Reviews & returning to work. Children diagnosed with cancer, appeals & assessment of income.

Assessment of capital and property.

Mike Donegan

Date: 8/9/16
COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference: Peter Hayes
Name of Conference: Brexit - The Economic Consequences for Ireland
Location of Conference: Clonakilty, Cork
Date of Conference: 5th to 7th August 2016

Summary of Conference Content

The Economic Consequences
Agrie Food
Energy
Digital
Pharmaceutical
Free Movement of People
Financial Services
Also discussed: The Model of Countries outside Europe. Norway, Switzerland, Irish Exports to England.

Signed: Noel Gleeson

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COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference  Peter Hayes
Name of Conference  local Economic Community Plan
Location of Conference  Clonakility, Cork.
Date of Conference  26th to 28th August 2016.

Summary of Conference Content

Key Tasks — Preparatory and Production of local Economic Community Plan.
Establish Advisory Group.
Area Profile and Evidence Need.
Produce Socio-Economic Statement.
High Level Goals.
Consultations and Comments.
Strategies for Goal Objectives.

Signed: Noel Gleeson

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Councillor Kieran O’Hanlon
Méara Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick

Office of the Mayor,
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To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Rhodes Official Visit – 22nd to 26th September, 2016

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

As Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, I travelled to Rhodes in September 2016 to attend the unveiling of a Memorial to the 33 persons who lost their lives in the ‘Oscar’ fire tragedy in Rhodes on 23rd September, 1972, which included three women from Limerick - Theresa O’Shaughnessy, Mary Allen and Josephine Denihan, RIP.

The visit included a number of meetings, together with the formal unveiling of the Memorial, summarised as follows:

**Friday 23rd September 2016**

Meeting with Mayor Mr. Fotis Chatzidiakos, and the Irish Second Honorary Consul to Greece, Ms. Catherine Aylward, in relation to the unveiling of the Memorial to those bereaved in the fire incident on the Island of Rhodes. There was also some discussion in relation to linkages and tourism opportunities between the people of Limerick and Rhodes.

I accompanied Mayor Mr. Fotis Chatzidiakos to a special meeting which was held in relation to the wellbeing of the Island and on a tour of areas of tourism and economic importance. Later that evening there was a meeting / dinner with the Irish Second Honorary Council and the Consular Officer from The British Embassy.

**Saturday 24th September**

Tour of Rhodes old town organised by Mayor’s Office and meetings with tourism / business interests.
Sunday 25th September

Attendance at Santa Maria Church. Met with Irish Ambassador and attended Special Mass for Irish relatives and dignitaries who had travelled to Rhodes for the Memorial Ceremony. This was followed by lunch for the Irish contingent hosted by the Ambassador.

Later that evening, I attended the official unveiling of the Memorial by Mayor Mr. Fotis Chatzidiakos; Representatives from the Greek Government; Irish Ambassador, Mr. Noel Kilkenny, Irish Embassy; Representatives from Swedish and Danish Embassies.

The event was attended by approximately 200 people from all cross-sections of the Municipality, and people of Rhodes. This was followed by a formal flower-laying ceremony and official dinner function with all dignitaries and the Irish contingent hosted by Mayor, Mr. Fotis Chatzidiakos.

The event was indeed a very dignified affair and I was delighted to have been in a position to represent the people of Limerick at the unveiling ceremony of the Memorial to those who died.

Is mise le meas,

Kieran O’Hanlon

Councillor Kieran O’Hanlon,
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

The Landrat of Hohenlohekreis, Dr. Matthias invited a delegation from Limerick City and County Council to visit Hohenlohe from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th September 2016

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Council will be aware of the invitation from The Landrat of Hohenlohekreis, Dr. Matthias who invited a delegation from Limerick City and County Council to visit Hohenlohe from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th September 2016.

The purpose of the visit was to strengthen the economic, social and cultural links between Hohenlohe and Limerick. Limerick County Council had been twinned with Hohenlohe for a period of 25 years prior to the amalgamation and the relationship has continued between Hohenlohekreis and Limerick City and County Council. The visit also provided the opportunity to sign the twinning agreement between Limerick City and County Council and Hohenlohekreis.

The visit involved a number of meetings summarised as follows:

- **Party leaders of Hohenlohe District Council**
  A presentation was given to the Party Leaders of Hohenlohe District Council on the plans to develop the key strategic sites in Limerick through the Limerick Twenty Thirty Strategic Development DAC. The presentation highlighted that this redevelopment is not only changing
the face of city and county visually, but turning Limerick and the Mid-West of Ireland into a national and international economic powerhouse. The key points in the presentation were:

- Limerick is recognised as an international investment location
- Pro-business environment
- Proactive and supportive local authority
- Share investment (€1bn) Limerick 2030 plan
- Excellent talent base

Dr. Matthias also gave a presentation on the structure of the County Council in Hohenlohe and also explained the economic and tourism drivers within the region.

- **Reinhold Würth University in Künzelsau**
  The delegation visited Reinhold Würth University in Künzelsau. The University has had initial discussions with University of Limerick to set-up a partnership agreement. I committed, on behalf of the Council to follow up this matter with representatives of the University of Limerick. This has the potential to further strengthen the links between Limerick and Hohenlohe.

- **District Senior Citizens Council**
  A presentation was given to members of the District Senior Citizens Council on the Limerick City and County Council’s Age Friendly strategy and implementation of same. The Senior Citizen’s Council were very impressed with the tangible projects that have been implemented on the ground as part of this strategy.

- **Guided tour of the State Horticultural Show Öhringen 2016**
  The delegation received a guided tour and presentation on the State Horticultural Show in Öhringen where high quality agriculture products including fruit, vegetables and bee-keeping products were on display. This show rotates between different cities on an annual basis and it was very evident through successful marketing how the organisers optimised visitor numbers.
• **Tour of bioenergy village Untermaßholderbach**
  The delegation received a very informative presentation and tour of the bioenergy village Untermaßholderbach. The stakeholders demonstrated significant co-operation in the Community in relation to optimising milk and energy production while ensuring inclusivity within the Community. The Community there was able to demonstrate its long term viability and sustainability.

• **Guided tour of historic old town of Heidelberg**
  The delegation received a very informative guided tour of the history and culture of Heidelberg.

• **Official dinner with the members of Hohenlohe District Council**
  The Landrat of Hohenlohekreis, Dr. Matthias Hohenlohe District Council and I renewed our commitment to the continuation of the twinning arrangement by signing an amended twinning agreement. The function provided the opportunity for the executive and elected members of both Councils to share ideas from their respective regions.

Is mise le meas,

**Kieran O’Hanlon**
Councillor Kieran O’Hanlon,
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Invitation from Limerick Birmingham Association to the Mayor of Limerick to attend their Annual Dance at St Anne’s Parish Centre, Digbeth, Birmingham on 24th September 2016 and also to meet with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Raymond Geoffrey Hassall

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Council will be aware of the invitation from Limerick Birmingham Association to the Mayor of Limerick to attend their Annual Dance on 24th September 2016 and also to meet with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham Councillor Raymond Geoffrey Hassall. I attended the event on behalf of the Council.

For many years Members of Limerick City and County Council have attended functions of the Limerick Association Birmingham and it is very important to maintain this tradition and connection with the many Limerick people that have made their life in Birmingham.

I also had the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Lord Mayor of Birmingham. This meeting took place at the Lord Mayor’s Office where I was joined by Chairman, Pat Falaher, Pat O’Neill, Treasurer, and other committee members of the Limerick Association Birmingham.
During the visit I had the opportunity to see some of the recent city centre development including New Street Station and visited the new Birmingham Library, which at 31,000 square metres, makes it one of the largest public libraries in the world.

Is mise le meas,

_Noel Gleeson_

Councillor Noel Gleeson,
Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Invitation to ‘A Service of Thanksgiving’ to celebrate the Life and Work of Sir Terry Wogan, KBE, DL.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Council will be aware of the invitation from the BBC for the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to attend a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the Life and Work of Sir Terry Wogan, KBE, DL at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday, 27th September, 2016.

I attended the event on behalf of the Council. The event was a celebration of the life and work of Sir Terry Wogan, KBE, DL and was attended by members of the Wogan Family, former work colleagues, celebrities and the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

The service at Westminster Abbey featured performances from Katie Melua and Peter Gabriel. Warm tributes were paid to the late broadcaster and presenter from the BBC’s Director-General Tony Hall and DJ Chris Evans, who inherited eight million listeners when he replaced Sir Terry, who bowed out in 2009 after 27 years on his BBC Radio breakfast show.

Following the thanksgiving service I met with the Wogan family and the Lord Mayor of Westminster and conveyed my appreciation and good wishes to the family on behalf of the citizens of Limerick.

Is mise le meas,

Kieran O’Hanlon
Councillor Kieran O’Hanlon
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.

22nd November, 2016.