

18th May, 2017

To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

**Chairperson's Report for the Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 10th
April 2017**

Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC Meeting held on 27th February 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Daly, seconded by Cllr. Gilligan, the minutes of the previous Committee Meeting of the 27th February 2017 were agreed and adopted.

Cllr McCreesh requested that the Minute of the 27th February 2017 be amended to reflect the fact that Cllr Costello had been in attendance at the Meeting.

Item 2: Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Gilligan

"I will move at the next Meeting that the Council begin talks with the relevant bodies to have the dump at the river side of King John's Castle removed."

Cllr Gilligan stated that there is an unsightly deposit of spoil on the River Shannon alongside the walls of King John's Castle. He expressed the view that the spoil deposit diminishes the visual aesthetics of the castle.

He requested that Limerick City and County Council engage with other relevant bodies with a view to ensuring that this deposit of spoil is cleared.

The Motion was seconded by Cllr Daly and unanimously agreed.

Item 3: Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

“I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council amend the guidelines for the current waiver scheme so that those persons in receipt of invalidity payments can also qualify, similar to those in receipt of disability allowance, for the waiver.”

Cllr Hourigan stated that this motion was a budgetary proposal which was discussed at length at the Annual Budget Meeting in November 2016. The Members agreed that this is a budgetary proposal and should be considered in the context of the Annual Budget discussions.

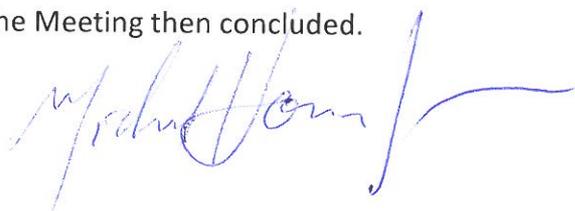
Item 4: Presentation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan – Mr. Ruairí Ó Conchúir

Mr Ó Conchúir of the Local Authority Water Community Office (LAWCO) gave a presentation on the public consultation process for the Draft River Basin Management Plans. He explained that the role of LAWCO is to facilitate submissions and public engagement. He confirmed that submissions must be made directly to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

Mr Ó Conchúir explained the second cycle of the Water Framework Directive has commenced and that this process is not related to water charges.

Mr Ó Conchúir explained that the consultation process will adopt a workshop based format, and that consultations will be framed by reference to immediate localities. Accordingly, he confirmed that the public will be consulted in relation to local rivers rather than entire river basin districts.

The Meeting then concluded.



Chairperson of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee