

17th May, 2017

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

Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services
Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 26th April, 2017.

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Summary Report/Main Issues:

Item 2: Presentation on Healthy Limerick by Mo Foley-Walsh, Healthy Limerick Co-Ordinator

Mo Foley-Walsh, Healthy Limerick Co-Ordinator gave a presentation on Healthy Limerick. The presentation outlined the purpose of Healthy Limerick which is to improve health, positive wellbeing and quality of life by ensuring all sectors are aware of the social determinants approach to health. The policy context to Healthy Limerick is Healthy Ireland: The National Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing and Putting People First.

Item 3: Suicide Awareness Working Group – update

Cllr L.M. Sheehy advised of progress made on the 2017 workplan:

Cllr. LM. Sheehy gave Members the following update on the Suicide Awareness Working Group:

- Update pending from the HSE and An Garda Síochána regarding their proposals on public spaces under the Connecting for Life Local Action Plan.
- Safetalk training for staff scheduled for September. Chairperson to follow up on training for Councillors
- Terms of Reference being developed at present in the context of the Connecting for Life Plan.

Cllr Sheehy advised that Limerick Mental Health gave a presentation at their last meeting and reminded members that the groups are running an awareness mental health week in October, which the Council should consider supporting.

Item 4 Presentation on festival and events research carried out by Limerick City and County Council and GM Innovations by Aoife Potter-Coogan.

Aoife Potter-Cogan, Assistant Arts Officer, delivered a presentation on the interim results and findings from consultancy group GM Innovations on developing a Framework Document and Strategy for Festivals and Events.

Item 5 Any Other Business

A query was submitted in advance of the meeting in relation to the role of the Access Officer in the Council and the response from the Access officer was read out, outlining his role, how this service is currently advertised within the Council and how Limerick City and County Council services are currently proofed to ensure compliance with the 2005 Disability Act.

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**Cllr. Francis Foley
Chairperson
Community, Leisure and Emergency Services SPC.**