

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

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**Re: Advancing Limerick 2030 Strategic Sites**

At the Council meeting in March the Council enabled the newly formed LCO Company to drive forward with the Hanging Gardens Project. The company now formally in place has as its membership:

- Denis Brosnan, Chair
- Conn Murray
- Pat Daly
- Michael Cantwell, Company Secretary
- Cllr. James Collins
- Cllr. Séamus Browne,
- Cllr. Joe Pond

The company at its last meeting confirmed the appointment of the design team for the project. The planning application for the development of the site will be before the Metropolitan Council for decision at its June meeting. In the meantime preliminary work on the conservation aspects of the project are underway and the timeline for full construction is on target for September 2016.

The advancement of the Hanging Gardens project along with the other specified strategic sites outlined in Limerick 2030 are essential to the economic transformation of Limerick.

In this regard there remains an urgent need to move to identify viable uses and advance movement on the remaining strategic locations: Cleeves site, Colbert Station Phase II, Opera site and the Georgian area.

To ensure that these sites are progressed in a consistent and co-ordinated manner that will ensure both economic and social return to Limerick, it is recommended that the LCO Enterprise Development Company be requested to prepare design frameworks for each of the above mentioned sites and other sites identified in Limerick 2030.

The purpose of the design frameworks is to identify the optimum use, mix and key urban design principles that should apply to their development and to examine and prepare the business case for their development.

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