

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2015

Notice of Motion submitted by Cmhlr. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh

I will move at the next meeting that this District calls for prominence to be given to the Irish Language in the Limerick 2020 bid and for the language to be included in the title of the bid, making it Limerick2020Luimneach.

REPLY:

The title of European Capital of Culture shall be awarded each year to a maximum of one city in each of the two Member States appearing in the calendar set out in the Annex of **Decision 445/2014/EU**, which governs the European Capital of Culture Union action for the years 2020 to 2033. Under the formal criteria it states “an English version of the application will be the working version for the panel (jury) established to carry out the selection procedure”. With this in mind the bid book was prepared in English.

The visual identify and logo for the Limerick bid is indicated as Limerick 2020. We will ask the creators of the visual identity to address the idea of including Luimneach in the next iteration of the visual identity.

The bid itself must ensure a relevant European Dimension and within this context Limerick will include a project that will highlight the growing diversity of Limerick and the increasing numbers of new Irish and migrants and the resultant number of languages spoken in Limerick, including the Irish language. We acknowledge that the Irish language is a vital part of our living heritage.

Mike Fitzpatrick
Director
Limerick 2020 European Capital of Culture Bid