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

Twinning Visit to Boston, Massachusetts

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

There have been ongoing discussions between Limerick City and County Council and Boston City Council, over a number of years, in relation to the development of a Sister Cities Twinning Agreement between both Authorities. It is hoped that the formalisation of this Agreement would yield significant benefits for Limerick in the areas of Tourism, Culture, Community and Economic Development. Companies such as Analog Devices have their headquarters at Boston and it is hoped to build on the linkages already developed to promote Limerick as an ideal location for development going forward.

The Sister Cities Association is in operation for over 60 years and actively promotes the development of lasting relationships between cities in the USA and in Ireland across the areas of business, tourism, culture, and economic development. The development of formal links with Boston under the Sister Cities programme would be a significant boost in furthering the promotion of Limerick on the wider US arena.

It is proposed that Mayor Galvin would travel to Boston in March from 14th to 21st to meet with representatives of the City Council in relation to finalisation of the Sister Cities Agreement. The Mayor will also represent Limerick at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in the city and will meet with a number of local businesses and tourism interests with a view to the promotion of Limerick as part of his itinerary while there.

In accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council is hereby sought for this proposed visit to Boston with an estimated cost of €3,874.

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Christy O'Connor,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services.