

11th July, 2017

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

Chairperson's Report for the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
of the 12th June 2017

Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 3rd April, 2017 were proposed by Cllr. Donegan, Seconded by Cllr. Mitchell and unanimously agreed and adopted.

Item 2: To consider Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Marian Hurley

"I will move at the next meeting that traffic wardens and litter wardens be deployed at regular intervals to patrol all residential estates in the immediate vicinity of University of Limerick where a large percentage of Limerick's Student accommodation is based, with effect from mid-September".

The Director of Service read out the reply as previously circulated to this notice of motion.

The Members outlined the difficulties that are arising in the area due to the illegal parking of cars and the amount of littering that is taking place.

Members argued that UL should play a more pro-active role in relation to combating these issues outside of the actual university itself.

The Director of Service stated that he would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues in greater detail with the Members with a view to establishing how the Council might possibly enforce current legislation more effectively and/or strengthen the powers available to it through the Bye-Law process.

Item 3: To consider Notice of Motion submitted by Cmhrl. O’Séighin O’Ceallaigh

“I will move at the next Meeting that this Council devise a strategy on the implementation of ramps, across the Metropolitan District”.

The Director of Service read out the reply as previously circulated to this notice of motion.

Cmhrl. O’Ceallaigh stressed the need for a co-ordinated strategy for the delivery of ramps, traffic calming measures, 30 kmph speed limits etc. in the Metropolitan area.

Cllr. Donegan supported the motion and offered the view that the motion should be amended to include Limerick City and County rather than just the Metropolitan District. This was agreed by the Members.

The Director of Service requested that the Members forward to him their recommendations in relation to any proposals or initiatives they feel would be of benefit.

Item 4: Presentation on “My Limerick” – Dr. Mihai Bilauca, Digital Strategy Department

Dr. Mihai Bilauca presented on Limerick’s Digital Strategy (Draft) – Building Ireland’s First Digital City towards a Smart Limerick City, Region and Communities.

Dr. Bilauca introduced Limerick’ Digital Strategy Roadmap 2016 – 2020. He explained that Limerick’s Digital Strategy Framework was launched in 2016, with Digital Platforms for Marketing, Personalised Services, Engagement, Data and Insights going live in 2017.

Dr. Bilauca advised that all agencies involved in the promotion of business and tourism in Limerick are working very closely with the Council. He further advised that a Marketing/Communications campaign, including a series of videos will be launched in August/September 2017 aimed at promoting the new and existing features of the Limerick.ie website.

Members expressed their satisfaction with the developments to date and offered the view that the availability of services as outlined in the presentation would allow both Members and the public to interact more efficiently with the Council across a wide range of functions.

Item 5: Information Briefing on Possible Car Sharing Scheme in Limerick – Mr. Vincent Murray

Mr. Murray outlined how a possible car sharing scheme might develop and function if introduced in Limerick.

Members expressed their support for this initiative citing their belief that it represented a viable alternative to owning a car, with considerable environmental benefits.

Item 6: Presentation on Government Road Funding – Capital Plan – Mr. Kieran Lehane

The Director of Service gave a presentation to the Members on Capital Funding for Roads Projects.

Mr. Lehane advised that funding for major roads projects is guided by the Strategic Framework for Investment in Land Transport (SFILT) and that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) is the government agency responsible for the provision of funding for these projects.

He explained that there has been underinvestment in our roads infrastructure since 2008/2009 but he advised that investment in infrastructure is set to increase in the short term.

Item 7: Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Frankie Daly

“I will move that Limerick City & County Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Transport and Sport to set aside one day in the year for a National Campaign called “Respect for Others on the Road Day””.

Cllr. Daly explained that the aim of this campaign would be to increase awareness amongst all road users of the need to respect other road users thereby improving road safety through better road user behaviour. He stated that this campaign will build on the many respect campaigns that now operate in sport, schools and workplaces.

Cllr. Daly proposed that this initiative be commenced in Limerick later in 2017 on a pilot basis.

The motion was proposed by Cllr. M. Sheahan, Seconded by Cllr. Mitchell and unanimously agreed.

“That Limerick City & County Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Transport and Sport to set aside one day in the year for a National Campaign called “Respect for Others on the Road Day.”

The Meeting then concluded.

Summary of Recommendations to Full Council:

Recommendation 1: regarding a proposal to promote good driver behaviour in the interest of road safety

“That Limerick City & County Council calls on the Minister for Transport, Transport and Sport to set aside one day in the year for a National Campaign called “Respect for Others on the Road Day.”



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