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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 21st June, 2017.**

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Summary Report/Main Issues:

Item 2: Presentation on EVA by Matt Packer, Director of EVA International
Matt Packer, Director of EVA International gave a presentation on EVA. He committed to extending the reach of the exhibition to the wider community and confirmed he was aware of the challenges. The members wished him well in his new position and welcomed his openness to their comments and suggestions.

Item 3: Presentation on Creative Ireland Limerick by Sheila Deegan, Arts Officer

Sheila Deegan, Arts Officer gave a presentation on the Creative Ireland Limerick Plan for the period 2017 to 2022. The Creative Ireland Programme is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. An internal cultural team has been established in the Council to deliver the programme and a programme of activities has been agreed for 2017.

Item 4 Update on Suicide Prevention

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

- Presentation by Jigsaw at last meeting. Jigsaw, who have offices in Arthurs Quay are new to Limerick and are focusing on early intervention with young people from 12 to 25 years of age.
- Dates for Safetalk training being finalised with HSE.
- Press to be invited to next meeting to discuss Media guidelines in relation to the reporting of suicide.

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**Cllr. Francis Foley
Chairperson
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