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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 09<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

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**Summary Report/Main Issues:**

Four presentations, all with the common theme of disability awareness were made to the SPC members.

**Item 1: Presentation on Employ Ability by Michelle O'Connor**

Michelle O'Connor gave a presentation on Employ Ability. Michelle spoke about the very valuable work Employ Ability to coach clients with disability in their search for training courses, volunteering opportunities and full and part time options. The members applauded the work being undertaken by the group and pledged their support to Employ Ability.

**Item 2: Presentation on Community Participation Network (CPN) Hospital Family Resource Centre, Co. Limerick.**

A presentation was co-delivered by Martha Potter, Support worker and Noreen Meagher, service user. The focus of the presentation was around the work of the CPN and how it supports people in communities across the County of Limerick. The members were very supportive of the work being carried out at Hospital FRC and thanked both ladies for their inspirational, frank and uplifting presentation.

**Item 3: Presentation by Access Officer, Limerick City & County Council**

Geraldine Dollard reported to the attendees that she has taken over the role of Access Officer with Limerick City & County Council. She is looking forward to engaging with both staff of the Local Authority and groups and individuals who use Council facilities across the County. The Councillors welcomed Geraldine to her new post, and look forward to working with her in her capacity as Access Officer.

**Item 4: Presentation on Limerick Sports Partnership by Elaine Shea**

Elains Shea gave a presentation on the work of Limerick Sports Partnership. The presentation was based on the variety of sports programmes managed and delivered by Limerick Sports Partnership throughout communities across the County. The members were very complimentary regarding the works of the Sports Partnership and made specific mention of their role in the Special Olympics.

**RECOMMENDATION:-** It is recommended by the SPC members that Limerick City & County Council ensures “accessibility for all” is embedded in all Council policy documents going forward.

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**Cllr. Marian Hurley**  
**Chairperson**  
**Community, Leisure and Emergency Services SPC.**