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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 19th February 2018

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Summary Report/Main Issues:

Item 1: Presentation by Dr. Eileen Humphreys, Limerick City and County Council on the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)

Dr. Eileen Humphreys gave a presentation on "New Cultural Communities" as part of Limerick City and County Councils Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). Using figures from the 2016 census Dr. Humphreys showed that building and supporting new multi-national communities are a key component of the LECP. The elected members were very complimentary about the presentation and the encouraging findings within.

Item 2: Presentation on Limerick Integration Working Group by Eugene Quinn.

Eugene Quinn presented on the new integration strategy for Limerick. This will be Limerick's third strategy and will be titled, Belonging to Limerick – Limerick City & County Integration Plan 2017 – 2021. The aim of the plan is to promote Limerick City and County as a vibrant, inclusive and intercultural place to live, in which all residents belong and are equally valued, regardless of their nationality, religion or ethnic background. It was agreed that the final draft of the Integration Strategy would be circulated to all members of the SPC, with it being formally approved at the next SPC meeting to be held on April 16th, 2018 in City Hall, Merchant's Quay.

Item 3: Update on Intercultural Cities International Conference, Lisbon, November 2017.

This conference was attended by Cllr. Marian Hurley, on behalf of Mayor Stephen Keary, and Anne Rizzo. Cllr. Hurley reported that the conference was a most informative and worthwhile event. It was highlighted by Cllr. Hurley that in Ireland only two counties, Dublin and Limerick have signed up to the International Intercultural Cities Programme.

Item 4: Update on Community Games

Cllr. Michael Sheahan informed members that the University of Limerick has been chosen to host the Community Games national finals for the next three years. Councillors complimented Limerick Community Games and University of Limerick for applying to host the games. Cllr. Sheahan thanked Limerick City and County Council for assisting with the preparation of the successful bid.

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Cllr. Marian Hurley

Chairperson

Community, Leisure and Emergency Services SPC.