

14th March 2018

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

Report on the strategic investment priorities identified for the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy in 2018

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At the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, held on the 5th March 2018, Ms. C. Curley, Director of Service, presented a report on recent workshops held for the elected members, sectoral interests and arts and culture representatives, that considered the recommended strategic investment priorities identified for the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy in 2018.

After discussion, it was agreed that the recommendations go forward for approval to the full council.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Hurley,
Cuidithe ag Cllr M. Sheahan, agus glacadh

“That the recommendations on strategic investment for delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy in 2018 as outlined in the report be brought to full Council for approval.”

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Cllr. Seighin Ceallaigh
Cathaoirleach, Cultural SPC

RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FOR DELIVERY OF THE LIMERICK CULTURAL STRATEGY IN 2018

Total investment available: €500,000

Objective 1

To grow Limerick's cultural capacity by retaining and attracting creative practitioners to live and work in Limerick

| Activity | Amount |
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| (i) Travel and Training Awards (open call) | €7,000 |
| (ii) Bursaries to provide opportunities for creative practitioners to make new work (open call) | €60,000 |
| (iii) Strategic Fund to enable leveraging of funding from other sources for cultural and creative activity | €28,000 |
| Total amount (19% of total investment) | €95,000 |

Objective 2

To grow the physical and human resources, infrastructure and support for staging large scale interventions, performances, festivals and productions

| Activity | Amount |
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| Open Call Festival and Special Events (F&E) Fund including collaborative and community based projects** | |
| <i>Strand 1 – Delivery and programming of small & community focused F&E</i> | €65,000 |
| <i>Strand 2 – Delivery and programming of medium and large scale F&E</i> | €205,000 |
| Technical assistance (e.g. for panels, workshops and includes €12,500 towards cancellation costs in respect of NYE festival) | €35,000 |
| Total amount (61% of total investment) | €305,000 |

** some specific allocation towards local, non-political commemorative events

Objective 3

To support and grow innovative and creative collections in Limerick

Activity**Amount****€0**

Objective 4

To foster multiple examples of imagination, innovation and integration in Limerick and to use creative approaches to help citizens and visitors to re-imagine Limerick

Activity**Amount****€0**

Objective 5

To place culture at the heart of economic growth and regeneration of Limerick

Activity**Amount**

Decision that spend in this area is required but detail of activity to be further considered and agreed. May include animating the city, use as a response/contingency fund for opportunities that arise throughout the year or for specific community activities that enhance the positioning of culture in Limerick

€40,000

Total amount (8% of total investment)**€40,000**

Objective 6

To engage citizens through involvement in culture

Activity**Amount**

To support engagement from new audiences, new communities/social inclusion initiatives

€25,000

Total amount (5% of total investment)**€25,000**

Objective 7

To become a centre for active research and problem-solving in culture that will have local, national and European significance

| Activity | Amount |
|-----------------|---------------|
| | €0 |

Objective 8

To increase/support the role of creative industries

| Activity | Amount |
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| To support those working in the cultural and creative industries through practical provision such as the development of creative spaces or hubs | €35,000 |

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| Total amount (7% of total investment) | €35,000 |
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