

**COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STRATEGIC POLICY
COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Community, Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee was held in Council Chamber, Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle, Limerick on Monday 19 February, 2018

The following were in attendance:-

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr. M. Hurley

PRESENT: Cllr. J. Costelloe, Cllr. V. Crowley, Cllr. M. Collins, Cllr. M. Hourigan, Cllr. W. O'Donnell, Cllr. L.M. Sheehy, Cllr. M. McCreech, Cllr. C. Prendiville, Cllr. F. Foley, Cllr. S. Lynch, Cllr. K. Sheahan, Cllr. M. Sheehan, Cllr. B. Teefy, Ms. M. Vaughan Mullane, Mr. C. Flynn, Ms. D. Vuma

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. C. Kirby, A/Director of Service
Mr. S. O'Connor, Senior Social Worker
Ms. E. Humphreys, Executive Engineer
Mr. S. McGlynn, A/Senior Executive Engineer
Ms. A. Rizzo, Administrative Officer
Mr. R. Culhane, Clerical Officer
Mr. E. Quinn, Limerick Integration Working Group
Ms. L. Kerins, Limerick Integration Working Group

APOLOGIES: M. Fitzgerald, M. Healy, M. Foley Walsh, I. Hennessy, C. Farrell, G. Mitchell

Item 1: Adoption of Minutes of Community Leisure and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee held on 9 November, 2017

Minutes of meeting were unanimously agreed by members. Proposed by Cllr. M. Sheehan, seconded by Cllr. M. Hourigan

Item 2: Matters Arising

At the most recent meeting that took place on 9 November 2017, SPC members recommended that Limerick City and County Council embeds "accessibility for all" in all Council policy documents going forward.

Anne Rizzo informed members that this recommendation has been approved by full Council and that "accessibility for all" will now be embedded in all policy documents going forward.

Item 3: Presentation by Dr. Eileen Humphreys, Limerick City and County Council.

Dr. Eileen Humphreys gave a presentation on 'New Cultural Communities in Ireland' using figures obtained in the 2016 Census. Dr. Humphreys commented that new cultures are a key part of what we want to achieve as a progressive Local Authority, and the members were very complimentary about the presentation and the encouraging findings within it.

Item 4: Presentation by Eugene Quinn, Limerick Integration Working Group

Eugene Quinn gave a presentation on 'Belonging to Limerick City and County Integration Plan 2017-21'. The aim of the plan is to promote a vibrant, inclusive and intercultural Limerick City and County in which all residents belong and are equally valued, regardless of their nationality, religion or ethnic background.

Action

Eugene Quinn will circulate a draft of the Integration Strategy to members of the SPC and this will be available for consideration at the next SPC meeting and forwarded to full Council meeting for adoption.

Item 5: Update on visit to Intercultural Cities Conference in Lisbon on 28/29 November, 2017

This conference was attended by Cllr. M. Hurley, on behalf of the Mayor of Limerick City and County Council, and Anne Rizzo, Limerick City and County Council. The conference was deemed a very worthwhile experience.

It was highlighted that Dublin and Limerick are the only counties in Ireland with an Intercultural Cities Programme.

Item 6: Any Other Business

Cllr. Ml. Sheahan informed members that the University of Limerick has been named as the home of the Community Games national finals for the next three years. This was hailed as great news for Limerick by the members, and Cllr. Sheahan thanked Limerick City and County Council for their help in putting the bid together.

Ms. Donnah Vuma, member of the SPC was congratulated on receiving Clare Person of the Year Award for 2017.

Carmel Kirby reminded members that the closing date for submissions to the Social Enterprise Innovation Fund is today (19 February, 2018) at 5pm.

Minutes Proposed By: _____

Minutes Seconded By: _____

Minutes Signed By Chair: _____ Date: _____