



18th May 2018

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

**Report on Festivals and Events Assessment Panel**

**A Chomhairleoir, a chara,**

It has been the policy of Limerick City and County Council to use independent experts on assessment panels for arts grants. In 2017, the assessment panel for grants under the Open Call for Festival and Events comprised three independent experts, the Mayor of the Council and the Chair designate of the Cultural SPC (5 people in total).

At a Cultural workshop held on the 8th May the assessment panel policy was discussed and a recommendation was put forward to the Cultural SPC held on 14th May 2018.

The recommendation from the Cultural SPC to Council for the assessment panel for 2018/2019 is as follows:

Ar moladh : Cllr M. Collins,  
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Hurley, agus glacadh leis:

“That the assessment panel be comprised of:

- 6 Cross Party Representatives from the Cultural SPC
- 2 Sectoral Interest from the Cultural SPC
- 1 Independent National Expert from Festivals/Events”.



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The Cultural SPC, having considered the timeline between advertising and announcing results of grant applications and in order to give as much lead in time as possible to successful applicants also agreed that the Assessment Panel for the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018-2019 will be convened on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. This date ensures that the recommendations from the panel can be placed before the Cultural SPC meeting and Council Meeting in July 2018.

Is mise le meas,

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