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

Launch of the Global Irish Festival Series 2018 in New York September 2018

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

An invitation was received on 1st August, 2018 from The Consul General of Ireland, in partnership with the Executive VP – US & Canada Tourism Ireland inviting the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to a reception to launch The Global Irish Festival Series 2018, announcement of the 2018 Programmes of The I.NY Festival and the Richard Harris International Film Festival in New York on 6th September, 2018.

This initiative enables local communities to further build upon diaspora networks, deepen connections around the world and encourage those abroad to return home. Engaging with the diaspora through new channels, it will be possible to re-affirm the value of global Irish diaspora and re connect them to the county of their heritage.

The festival series provided funding and support to local and community event organisers which tap into international diaspora networks. The new festival series provides funding and support to local and community event organisers which tap into international diaspora networks. The Global Irish Festival Series will be piloted along the Wild Atlantic Way in Limerick and Donegal this October, with €210,000 in funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade granted for the four festivals and events in these areas. It is hoped that this new festival series will increase the potential to grow tourism in the regions outside of high season.

Retrospective approval is now sought for Mayor James Collins who attended the reception to launch The Global Irish Festival Series 2018, which was held on 6th September, 2018 in New York.

In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, retrospective approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of Mayor James Collins at this event in New York with an estimated cost of €2,000.

Is mise le meas,

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