



13th September 2018

TO : THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSONS'S REPORT FOR

THE CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Summary Report / Main Issues

Item 2. To receive a presentation on Healthy Ireland at Your Library by Tony Storan, Executive Librarian

Mr. T. Storan outlined the aims and objectives of the Healthy Library at Your Library Programme. Public libraries are currently delivering the nationwide Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme that will establish libraries as a valuable source within the community for health information. Funding granted by Healthy Ireland has enhanced health and wellbeing book collections (digital and hardcopy), and provided for staff training, events, and promotion. The Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme will continue to build on this and contribute to improving the health, wellbeing, and overall quality of life of communities and individuals at all life stages.

Item 3: To receive a presentation on the evaluation of the Festival and Events Professional Development Training Scheme by Theresa Mulvihill, Smart Marketing

Ms. T. Mulvihill, Smart Marketing, presented an evaluation report of the Festival and Events Professional Development Training Scheme recently delivered to 15 festivals over a 6 week period. This programme was jointly developed and delivered by Limerick Enterprise Office and Limerick Culture and Arts Department. The programmes objectives included

- Improving business know-how capability
- Improving grant preparation and writing skills
- Creating more informed organisers
- More professional approach to Festival and Event organisation
- Creation of an environment to support and facilitate networking

Item 5. To consider the new open call for individual arts bursaries – guidelines and criteria

Dr. P. Little presented the new open call for individual arts bursaries.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the composition of the assessment panel would be brought to the Party Leaders by the Mayor and that elected members would be agreed at party leaders.

It was unanimously agreed after discussion that the open call for individual bursaries be open to all disciplines.

Item 6. To note the Framework agreement between The Arts Council and Limerick City and County Council

Ms. S. Deegan presented the DRAFT Framework Agreement document that outlines 4 strategic actions that align the Limerick Cultural Strategy to the Arts Council Strategy 'Making Great Art Work'. They are;

1. Support for Artists and key strategic organisations
2. Excellence in Rural Arts
3. Young People, Children and Education
4. Festivals and Events

Ar moladh : E. McSherry,
Cuidithe ag Cllr. S. Ceallaigh, agus glacadh leis:

"To hold a workshop with the Arts Council to discuss."

Item 7. To consider the report on the evaluation of the recent Artist in Schools Programme

Ms. S. Deegan presented the report on the evaluation of the Artist in Schools Programme. The 2017-2018 Artist in Schools programme saw 3 festivals partnered with schools in 3 Municipal Districts diversifying the artforms available to 9 rural schools. 36 workshops were delivered to 262 pupils by 8 creative practitioners.

After discussion it was agreed that the recommendations in the evaluation be taken on board and agreed that an open call to festivals to deliver this programme be adopted.

Item 8. To consider the DRAFT strategy on Festivals and Events for Limerick City and County Council

Director of Service, Mr. G. Daly, presented the draft framework document in relation to festivals and events. He clarified that this document was an analysis on findings gathered through consultation with the sector by the Culture and Arts Department to support informing a future Festival and Events Strategy.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. K. O'Hanlon welcomed this framework and informed the SPC that he had written to Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ardstiúrthóir of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann to invite him to Limerick to kick-start the conversation about the Fleadh Cheoil coming to Limerick sometime in the future.

Welcoming the decision about the Fleadh, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick Cllr James Collins added that in addition to the plans for attracting the Fleadh to Limerick, he proposed the development of a formal Festivals and Events Strategy for Limerick City and County Council.

Ar moladh : Cllr. J Collins,
Cuidithe ag Cllr. K.O Hanlon, agus glacadh leis:

“That a brief for the development of a festivals and events strategy be brought to a workshop for further discussion to work towards a formal Festival and Events Strategy for Limerick City and County Council”.

Item 9. Consideration of Notice of Motion referred from Metropolitan District o Limerick : Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. Butler

I call at the next Meeting on Limerick City and County Council to develop an inventory of all Limerick's historical and artistic assets to ensure their preservation and to exploit their potential as tourist attractions and encourage civic pride.

Following discussion on this motion the following was proposed;

Ar moladh : Cllr. D. Butler,
Cuidithe ag Cllr. S. Keary, agus glacadh leis:

“to develop an inventory of all Limerick's historical and artistic assets to ensure their preservation and to exploit their potential as tourist attractions and encourage civic pride”.

Summary of recommendations to Limerick City and County Council for adoption

Recommendation 1

That the composition of the assessment panel for the open call on individual arts bursaries be brought to the next Party Leaders for discussion by the Mayor to appoint elected members to the assessment panel.

Recommendation 2

That a workshop be held to discuss the Framework Agreement document between Limerick City and County Council and The Arts Council.

Recommendation 3

That Limerick City and County Council prepare a brief for a festivals and events strategy. That a workshop be held to discuss the brief to work towards a formal Festival and Events Strategy for Limerick City and County Council.

Recommendation 4

That Limerick City and County Council develop an inventory of all Limerick's historical and artistic assets to ensure their preservation and to exploit their potential as tourist attractions and encourage civic pride

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Comh. Kieran O'Hanlon,
Cathaoirleach,
Cultural Strategic Policy Committee