



7th November 2018

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

CHAIRPERSONS'S REPORT FOR

THE CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5th NOVEMBER 2018

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Summary Report / Main Issues

Item 2. To recommend the Individual Arts Bursaries 2018

Cathaoirleach, Cllr. K. O'Hanlon motioned for the recommendations from the assessment panel for the allocation of grants under the Individual Arts Bursaries Scheme 2018 to go forward to the November meeting of full Council for approval. This was unanimously agreed.

Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Emma Langford	€4,000
Isabella Oberlander	€4,000
Sarah Ellen Murphy	€4,000
Cindy Fogerty	€3,707
Fiona Linnane	€3,413
Rose Hanley	€880
Total Grant Funding Awarded	€20,000

Item 3. To consider the International Mobility Award Guidelines and Criteria for the 2019 Scheme and to note 2018 round two allocations

Dr. P. Little presented a report on the International Mobility Award Scheme 2019. Limerick Culture and Arts Department recommended approval for an increase to €8,000 to the Scheme for 2019 and proposed the following Schedule:

GRANT SCHEME OPENS, Monday 3 December, 2018
CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS IN 2019
Round 1, 5pm, Monday 7 January, 2019
Round 2, 5pm, Monday 17 June, 2019

It was agreed that the International Mobility Award Guidelines and Criteria for 2019 be adopted.

The following International Mobility Awards, Strand 1, Round 2, 2018 were noted.

Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded
Association of Irish Choirs (Dermot O'Callaghan, Lily Lacey)	€450
Breda Lynch	€150
Fiona Quinn	€350
Limerick Choral Union	€500
Mary Conroy	€800
Sáerlaith Molloy	€200
Stephen Murphy	€250
Total Grant Funding Awarded	€2,700

Item 4. To receive a report on the Christmas in Limerick Programme

Ms. Sheila Deegan, Culture and Arts Officer, presented a report on Christmas in Limerick. This year there was a cross directorate approach to delivering and promoting Christmas events.

Thousands of people are expected to attend the Light up Limerick event organised by Limerick City and County Council, which takes place on O'Connell Street from 4.30pm on Sunday 18 November 2018. The award winning Toots Christmas Train will arrive in Limerick for the festive season. Starting at King John's Castle's Magical Christmas, Toots Christmas Train will travel around the city centre allowing families to experience the spectacular line up of festive events, traditional food and craft markets, exciting entertainment and the impressive display of Christmas lights.

Item 5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Hogan (referred to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee from the Metropolitan District Meeting of 15th October 2018)

"I will move at the next meeting that the Limerick Metropolitan Area identify a suitable multidisciplinary space which would be suitable for use by various sports, arts and cultural groups in the City for training, practices, and rehearsals."

Director of Service, Mr. G. Daly's reply:

'Arising from the increased number of calls to provide funding or facilities for community and cultural activities throughout Limerick it is recommended that as a first step an audit of existing facilities is conducted. This audit would identify the existing provision of facilities across Limerick City & County and inform a strategy that would seek to ascertain future needs.'

Item 6. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor C. Prendiville (to be referred to the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee from the Metropolitan District)

"I will move at the next meeting of Limerick's Metropolitan District that we call on the Council to intervene in the threatened eviction of Ormston House to ensure this gallery retains a home in the heart of the city, preferably by purchasing the building they are currently in."

Head of Property Services, Ms. J. Leahy's reply:

'Limerick City and County Council had agreed to purchase No.'s 9 & 10, Patrick Street in February 2017. Prior to the Council signing contracts these properties were withdrawn from the market. Subsequently, No.'s 9, 10 came back on the market with the addition of the property at No. 11 (River Deep Mountain High) at a substantially higher purchase price.

Limerick City and County Council did not pursue the purchase of the 3 properties as there was insufficient funding available to buy all 3. In addition, the Council did not require the property at No. 11.'

Item 7. Correspondence

Thursday, 1 November 2018

Josepha Madigan TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, launched the public consultation process for a new heritage plan for Ireland, Heritage Ireland 2030, a key commitment in the Programme for Partnership Government.

This public consultation process will include digital and social media and a series of regional workshops over coming months, arranged in collaboration with key heritage partners culminating after February 2019 with a national heritage forum in Dublin, which will lead to the completion of drafting of the new Heritage Plan.

Item 8. Any Other Business

Cllr. M. Collins, Deputy Mayor, visited the Centre Culturel Irlandais (Irish Cultural Centre) in Paris and spoke with the Director Ms. N. Hickey M'Sichili, about a 1 month residency opportunity for a Limerick arts practitioner. It was agreed that Limerick Culture & Arts Department will engage with the Centre Culturel Irlandais in order to facilitate a residency opportunity.

Ms. S. Deegan confirmed the date of the Arts Council workshop as Monday 10th December 2018.

Summary of recommendations to Limerick City and County Council for adoption

Recommendation 1

That the recommendation from the assessment panel from the Individual Arts Bursaries 2018, be recommended to Council for approval.

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