



10th March 2019

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

CHAIRPERSONS'S REPORT FOR

THE CULTURAL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 12th FEBRUARY 2019

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Summary Report / Main Issues

In budget 2019, an amount of €450,000 was allocated for the delivery of the eight objectives of the Limerick Cultural Strategy. As in previous years, a workshop was held to assist members in making recommendations to go forward to the full council. During the workshop held in January 2019, it was agreed to reallocate €47,000 from 2018 investment towards 2019.

Recommendation

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

"That the recommendations (**below**) from the recent workshop for strategic investment in the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy for 2019 be adopted, and the recommended allocations go forward to full council for approval in the amount of €497,000."

Item 2. To consider the recommendations from the recent workshop for strategic investment in the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy for 2019

Objective 1

To grow Limerick's cultural capacity by retaining and attracting creative practitioners to live and work in Limerick

Activity

Amount

(i) Travel and Training Awards /International Mobility Award (open call) **€10,000**
(see recommendation 2 of allocation of €5,950 in Round 1)

(ii) Bursaries to provide opportunities for creative practitioners to make new work (open call) to include Dolores O’Riordan Music Bursary	€50,000
(iii) Strategic Fund to enable leveraging of funding from other sources for cultural and creative activity	€35,000
Total amount (19% of total investment)	€95,000

Objective 2

To grow the physical and human resources, infrastructure and support for staging large scale interventions, performances, festivals and productions

Activity	Amount
Open Call Festival and Special Events (F&E) Fund including collaborative and community based projects	€270,000
Specific cultural event/festival (timing and nature of event/festival tbc)	€50,000
Technical assistance (e.g. for panels, workshops and associated costs with SPC)	€20,000
Total amount (68.5 %of total investment)	€340,000

Objective 3

To support and grow innovative and creative collections in Limerick

Activity	Amount
	€0
Total amount (0% of total investment)	€0

Objective 4

To foster multiple examples of imagination, innovation and integration in Limerick and to use creative approaches to help citizens and visitors to re-imagine Limerick

Activity	Amount
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Utility Art Project	€12,000
Twinning/Wild Geese initiative	€ 5,000
Traditional Music / Irish Language Event	€ 5,000

Total amount (4.5% of total investment)	€22,000
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Objective 5

To place culture at the heart of economic growth and regeneration of Limerick

Objective 6

To engage citizens through involvement in culture

Activity	Amount
	€0
Total amount (0% of total investment)	€0

Objective 7

To become a centre for active research and problem-solving in culture that will have local, national and European significance

Activity	Amount
	€0
Total amount (0% of total investment)	€0

Objective 8

To increase/support the role of creative industries

Activity	Amount
Practical provision / support for cultural and creative industries	€20,000
Contingency	€20,000
Total amount (8% of total investment)	€40,000

Item 3. To recommend Round 1 of the International Mobility Awards allocations

Grant Recipient	Art Form	Grant Awarded
Ann Blake	<i>Theatre</i>	€1,000
Chantal McCormick/Fidget Feet	<i>Circus</i>	€1,000
Deirdre Power	<i>Arts Participation</i>	€1,000
Emma Langford	<i>Music</i>	€1,000
Hugo Byrne	<i>Traditional Arts</i>	€650
Jo Slade	<i>Literature</i>	€500
Mary Conlon	<i>Visual Arts</i>	€400
Niamh Brown	<i>Visual Arts</i>	€400
Total Grant Funding Awarded		€5,950

The Cultural SPC is requested to recommend the allocations outlined amounting to €5,950 be brought to full Council for approval.

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

“That the recommendations for the International Mobility Award Scheme 2019, Round 1, go forward to full council for approval.”

Item 4. To consider the Open Call guidelines for the Theatre Bursary Awards

The Guidelines/Criteria and Application Forms for the Limerick Theatre Bursaries Award Scheme were presented for recommendation.

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

“That the Guidelines/Criteria and Application Forms presented for the Limerick Theatre Bursaries Award Scheme go forward to open call.”

Item 5. To consider the Open Call guidelines for the Short Film Bursary Awards

The Guidelines/Criteria and Application Forms for the Limerick Short Film Bursaries Award Scheme were presented. A discussion ensued and it was decided that further input required and be presentated at the Cultural SPC in April.

Item 6. To consider the Guidelines for the Strategic Fund

The Guidelines for the Strategic Fund Award Scheme were presented for recommendation.

Ar moladh Cllr. M. Sheahan,
Cuidithe ag Cllr. K. O'Hanlon, agus glacadh leis:

"That the Guidelines for the Strategic Fund Award Scheme go forward to full council for approval."

Item 7. A presentation and update on Limerick City Gallery of Art, by Una McCarthy, Director/Curator

Item 8. A presentation and update on Limerick Museum, by Dr. Matthew Potter, Curator

Item 9. Note of Motion referred from Metropolitan District of Limerick (21st January 2019)

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor F.Daly (To be referred to Cultural Strategic Policy Committee)

I will move at the next meeting to have the theme of our St. Patrick's Day Parade be designated as commemorating the centenary of the Limerick Soviet. The celebrations planned by Trade Unions this year all surround the fight that workers took to have clear passage to their workplace's without hindrance from the Military forces in our City at that time. It is a forgotten time in our City's History and we need to have the celebrations highlighted as much as possible.

Gordon Daly, Director of Services, replied:

At the request of the members of the Metropolitan District Council at a meeting on the 21st of January, a workshop was held on the 29th of January for members to receive further information about the Limerick St. Patricks Festival and to discuss the proposed allocation of €30,000 from the GMA the Festival. At this workshop, Cllr. Frankie Daly agreed that he would withdraw his Notice of Motion to have the theme of the St. Patrick's Day Parade designated as commemorating the centenary of the Limerick Soviet.

Item 10. Question submitted by Councillor E. Hogan referred from Metropolitan District of Limerick (21st January 2019)

Question submitted by Councillor E. Hogan

I will ask at the next meeting, following my previous motion submitted, if there is any update on plans to enhance/decorate the Municipal and Utility Boxes in the Metropolitan Area?

Ms. S. Deegan, Culture and Arts Officer, responded:

We have written to the area manager in ESB in Limerick and are awaiting a response around permission for use of their utility boxes. In the interim based on research and information from similar projects, we have gathered and begun to design a process for Expressions of Interest from artists and groups who would like to engage in this creative community enhancement project, once the approval for funding has been approved by full council.

Summary of recommendations to Limerick City and County Council for adoption

Recommendation 1

That the Guidelines for the Strategic Fund Award Scheme go forward to full council for approval.

Recommendation 2

That the recommendations for the International Mobility Award Scheme 2019, Round 1, go forward to full council for approval in the amount of €5,950.

Recommendation 3

That the recommendations and allocations from the recent workshop for strategic investment in the delivery of the Limerick Cultural Strategy for 2019 go forward to full council for approval in the amount of €497,000.

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