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

**Fourth International Conference on Learning Cities (ICLC) 'Inclusion – A principle for lifelong learning and sustainable cities' in Medellín, Colombia 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

An invitation letter was received by Councillor Michael Sheahan, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2019, from Mr. David Atchoarena, Director of the UNESCO Institute of Lifelong Learning (UIL), to the fourth International Conference on Learning Cities (ICLC) 'Inclusion – A principle for lifelong learning and sustainable cities' which will take place in Medellín, Colombia from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019.

This event, which is being co-organised by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) and the city of Medellín, will gather approximately 650 participants, including Mayors of member cities of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC), city education executives, officials from ministries of education and representatives of UN agencies, regional organisations, non governmental organisations and private sector representatives. Additionally experts from the fields of lifelong learning and urban and sustainable development will present research findings and trends in the field.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet city representatives, including members of the UNESCO GNLC, to collaborate and to forge new partnerships that will enhance learning experiences for all people. The theme of this year's conference – 'Inclusion – A principle of lifelong learning and sustainable cities' – will guide participants to a great appreciation of the power equitable and accessible education has to uplift and advance communities. This event will afford participants the opportunity to develop a common understanding of inclusion within a lifelong learning perspective, to identify public policies and planning approaches that strengthen inclusion, to share experiences on the implementation of local actions that impact vulnerable groups and to document monitoring mechanisms that assess progress of inclusionary strategies.

In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of Mayor Michael Sheahan at this conference in Medellín, Colombia.

The estimated costs involved (flights, accommodation and transfers) will be in the region of €2,166.09.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Clune', is written over a horizontal line.

**James Clune**  
**A/Senior Executive Officer**  
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