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To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 14th November, 2019.

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Summary Report/Main Issues:

A series of short presentations were made to the SPC members in order to give all present a flavour of the work programme of the SPC. The presentations introduced the various strategies that are currently in train by Limerick City and County Council.

Item 1: Briefing of Community, Leisure and Culture SPC

As this was the first Community, Leisure and Culture SPC, Gordon Daly and various staff members gave presentations on the functions of the Community Directorate and an overview of the Strategic Policy Committee.

The members thanked the speakers for their presentations and asked if they could be put up on SharePoint in order that they could be viewed again, as there was a wealth of important information contained in them.

Item 2: Presentation on Learning Cities

Before the presentation Cllr Sarah Kiely gave the members an informed update on her recent trip to Medellin in Columbia where she deputised for the Mayor as part of the UNESCO: International Conference on Learning Cities. She highlighted the links between Medellin and Limerick and the strong position Limerick is as a Learning City. Cllr Kiely also highlighted the significance of branding Limerick as a Learning City.

The members then received a presentation on Learning Limerick. The members were informed of the background, key objectives, key challenges and the strategic Priorities of Learning Limerick. The presentation also highlighted that a 10-year Anniversary event was planned for April 2020 along with recent initiatives such as Learning Ambassadors (March 2019) and Learning Neighbourhoods (2019).

Proposed Strategies

Item 3: Update on Proposed Burial Ground Strategy

The members received an update on the Proposed Burial Ground & Internment Strategy. The presentation explained that an analysis is to be done by each Municipal and Metro District and will include the number of local burial grounds, population, average number of plot purchases per year and the number of remaining spaces/ capacity. It also outlined that there will be SPC workshops taking place in early 2020 on the proposed strategy.

Item 4: Update on Proposed Sports & Recreation Strategy

The members received an update on the Sports and Recreation Facilities Strategy. The presentation outlined that this strategy is required in order to assist in the development and management of Council owned and operated sports and recreation facilities for the period 2020-2030. It also advised that after a tender process 4global Consulting had been appointed and that it is estimated that a draft strategy should be ready for presentation to the SPC members in either quarter 3 or 4 2020.

Item 5: Update on Proposed Festival & Events Strategy

The members received an update on the formulation of a festival and events strategy for Limerick 2020-2030. The presentation outlined the aims of the strategy to the members and also gave an overview of how Limerick City and County Council plays a role as direct producer, partner, facilitator and provider of direct assistance in relation to festival and events. It also advised that after a tender process FEI-Nordcity Partnership have been appointed to undertake the strategy, review the current festival portfolio and consultation with key stakeholders. This will result in a baseline and emerging themes report and will presented to the SPC members in 2020.

Item 6: Update on Survey of Community Facilities

The members received an update on the survey of Community Facilities & Cultural Arts Facilities. The update outlined the objectives and purpose of the study. Some of the issues that will be covered in the Survey are Location & Contact Details, Physical building, Space, Facilities, Uses and Ownership and Management. It also highlighted that the survey is finalised and ready for administration and that by mid-February a draft report and draft template for an online directory will be ready.

After all the presentations and updates were finished the members thanked the staff for their presentations and were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Item 7: 2020 Meeting Schedule

Provisional dates for meetings of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC for 2020 were agreed as follows:

3rd February, 2020 3:00pm

11th May, 2020 3.00pm

7th September, 2020 3.00pm

9th November, 2020 3.00pm

Locations of the above meetings are to be decided.

Cllr O' Hanlon thanked all speakers and acknowledged the hard work they had put in to today's presentations.

As there were no other matters for discussion, the meeting was brought to a close.

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Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon

Chairperson

Community, Leisure and Culture SPC.

