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

**Attendance at Smart City Expo World Congress 2019 in Barcelona**

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An invitation was received by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick from the Smart City Expo World Congress 2019 to attend the Congress in Barcelona, Spain on 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

The Smart City Expo World Congress is the world's largest smart cities event attracting 21,000 visitors and representatives from over 700 cities and 146 countries.

Limerick and it's partners have been awarded a €6.5m grant for the +CityxChange project in the biggest EU Research and Innovation Funding Programme, Horizon 2020, for smart cities and communities from which almost €2m was allocated to the Council. The full scale project will receive €20m funding for it's 32 partners (including Limerick City and County Council) from 11 countries. The +CityxChange (Positive City ExChange) is a smart city pilot project, in co-operation with Trondheim City in Norway, based on transforming the Georgian Neighbourhood in Limerick into a Positive Energy District – a district that produces more energy than it consumes. The +CityxChange Project officially commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2018 when Limerick and Trondheim became EU Lighthouse Smart Cities as part of the Project.

The costs involved (flights and accommodation) will be in the region of €970.00.

In accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the retrospective approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance by Councillor Adam Teskey, Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick as Councillor Michael Sheahan was unavailable to attend due to other engagements.

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**James Clune**

**A/Senior Executive Officer**

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