



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae **Luimnigh**

**Limerick City**  
& County Council

**DATE: 18 December, 2019.**

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

**Chairperson's Report of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting  
of 3 December, 2019.**

**Item 1: Adoption of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr Leddin (B), seconded by Cllr Butler, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 15 October, 2019 were unanimously adopted.

**Item 2: Director's Report**

Mr. Kennedy updated the members on matters arising from the meeting on 15 October 2019.

- a) Arrange workshop with Members on the outline proposals from the LSMATS.
- b) Circulate the LSMATS Baseline Study.
- c) Discuss segregation of cyclists and walkers on the UL to City Centre Smarter Travel Route.
- d) Write to Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport seeking consideration of extending penalty points to include illegal parking offences.
- e) Develop proposals for actions to deal with illegal parking.
- f) Duration for Impounded Vehicles.

The Members thanked Mr. Kennedy for his report.

**Item 3: Agree Dates for T&T SPC 2020**

The Members agreed the following dates for 2020 meetings:

Tuesday 18 February, Tuesday 21 April, Tuesday 20 October, Tuesday 15 December.

All meetings will be at 3:30pm in the Council Chamber, Merchant's Quay.

The Chair confirmed that if an additional meeting were required this could be facilitated in June 2020.

**Item 4: Update on Schemes in Limerick City**

Mr. Slavin, Executive Engineer gave an update to the Members on schemes including Castletroy Urban Greenway; R445 Dublin Road Improvements; Castletroy Link Road and Golf Links Road; Park Road Bridge; Milford/Plassey Park Junction Improvements; MIC & LIT to City Centre Cycle Lanes; Raheen Roundabout to Quinn's Cross and Fr. Russell Road Cycle Lanes; Newcastlewest Public Realm and Movement Plan; Abbeyfeale Traffic Calming; Parnell St/Wickham St Upgrade; Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme.

The Members thanked Mr. Slavin for his update.

**Item 5: Consider Draft Road Safety Plan**

Mr Slavin gave a presentation on the contents of the draft Road Safety Plan. The plan is an inter-agency approach to ensure the safety of all road users, reduce road collisions and road deaths. He stated that it is the responsibility of all road users to ensure their own safety, and the safety of other road users.

The plan proposes a range of measures under the Four 'E's of Road Safety: enforcement, engineering, education and evaluation to target further reductions in deaths and injuries on Irish roads.

The Members thanked Mr. Slavin for his presentation.

**Item 6. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Butler (deferred from Metro Meeting)**

*"I am calling on Limerick City and County Council to hire an experienced senior Active Transport Officer in order to support the Council's work in developing an active transport strategy that supports cycling and walking as a mode of transport".*

In proposing the notice of motion, Cllr Butler stressed the need for a dedicated active transport co-ordinator to support the roll out of projects under the LSMATS and other strategies and schemes. He felt that the coordinator should have an engineering background, and have experience in the area of transport planning. Cllr Leddin (B) seconded the motion.

In a written response, the Director advised that the Council has employed a transport planner since the outset of the Smarter Travel Programme, and while the position had been recently vacated, he was hopeful that it would be filled shortly.

Cllr Butler thanked the Director for his response.

**Item 7. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Leddin (B) (deferred from Metro Meeting)**

*"I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council would employ an in-house chartered transport planner to provide professional input to all Directorates".*

In proposing the notice of motion, Cllr Leddin (B) stressed the need for a chartered transport planner to bolster the team and support the delivery of the workload. Cllr Butler seconded the motion.

In a written response, the Director advised that the Council has employed a transport planner since the outset of the Smarter Travel Programme, and while the position had been recently vacated, he was hopeful that it would be filled shortly. He added that funding is available for this position, but that there was not funding for other positions at present.

Cllr Leddin (B) thanked the Director for his response.

**Item 8. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Leddin (B) (deferred from Metro Meeting)**

*"I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council would set an active travel modal share target of 50% for the Limerick Metropolitan Area as an objective of the Limerick Shannon Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS)".*

In proposing, the notice of motion on Cllr Leddin (B) stated that the active modal share in Limerick recorded in the Census 2016 was very low, and argued that the LSMATS was an opportunity to set ambitious targets to achieve a greater modal mix.

In a written response the Director stated that while the National Transport Authority would not be setting active modal share targets in the LSMATS, it is expected that in the 2020-2040 time period the walking mode share in Limerick City could reasonably reach 25% - 30% and that for cycling 15% - 20%, combining to give a total of between 40% and 50%.

Cllr Leddin (B) thanked the Director for his response.

**Item 9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hartigan (deferred from metro Meeting)**

*"I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council provide a cycle lane from Wickham Street to the Park Canal".*

In proposing the notice of motion on behalf of Cllr Hartigan, Cllr Leddin (B) stressed the need for a link between the city centre cycle networks and the Park Canal cycle route.

In a written response, the Director stated that the County Council will progress this as a scheme with the National Transport Authority (NTA) for funding in 2020, if confirmed as a cycling route in the Transport Strategy. The Council recognises that a definite desire line exists for cycle connectivity along this route.

Cllr Leddin (B) thanked the Director for his response.

**Item 10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Sheehan (deferred from Metro Meeting)**

*"I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the Council investigates the feasibility of developing a cycle path from the Mill Road to the city centre along the riverbank".*

As Cllr Sheehan was not in attendance, the Chair deferred this Motion to the next Committee Meeting.

**Item 11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Mc Sweeney (deferred from Metro Meeting)**

*"I call on Limerick City and County Council to engage with the National Transport Authority to seek improved bus services for Ballybrown/Clarina and Patrickswell area".*

As Cllr McSweeney was not in attendance, the Chair deferred this Motion to the next Committee Meeting.

**Item 12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. O' Sullivan (deferred from Metro Meeting)**

*"I will move at the next Metropolitan Meeting of Limerick City and County Council that the Council examine the entry to Limerick city from Co Clare and look at installing welcome signage at the Clondrinagh Roundabout approach on the Ennis Road that is befitting of Ireland's third largest city and the commercial, administrative and cultural capital of the Mid West".*

In proposing the notice of motion, Cllr O'Sullivan noted that there was a multiplicity of signage in the City of which some was out of date and others were confusing. She called for a review of signage and the installation of updated "welcome" signage at the entrance points to the City.

In a written response, the Director advised that a Wayfinding Orientation and Place Making Strategy, managed by the Tourism Section, has recently gone out to Tender. The receipt of submissions is mid-January 2020. All aspects of signage in the Metropolitan area including 'welcome signage' will form part of this project.

Cllr O'Sullivan thanked the Director for his response.

**Item 13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Leddin (B) (Deferred from Metro Meeting)**

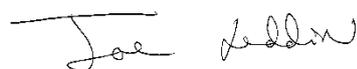
*"I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council immediately revises current transport infrastructure programmes to be ready to achieve at least 10% expenditure on facilitating cycling by Q4 2020, as mandated in the Government's Climate Action Plan".*

In a written response, the Director noted that it was a requirement of Action 97 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 that DTTAS revise its current transport infrastructure programmes to achieve at least 10% expenditure on facilitating cycling by Q4 2020. He continued by saying that the Council will comply with any grant condition from DTTAS pertaining to Action 97 once they are introduced by the Department.

Cllr B Leddin acknowledged the reply and indicated that he was happy with the response.

The Meeting then concluded.

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**Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**