

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference Celtic Conferences
Name of Conference Cohesion Policy 2014-2020
Location of Conference Four Seasons Hotel, Carlingford, Co Louth
Date of Conference 14-16th Dec 2018

Summary of Conference Content

2 days of information and discussions took place on various aspects of the Cohesion Policy.

European Structural Funding in relation to Agriculture, Fisheries, Regional and Social funding was also discussed.

Challenges to the farming community and in particular Climate change was discussed particularly among the rural delegates.

Youth Unemployment, Gas scheme and Leader Funding took up a large part of the conference.

€325bn has already been allocated to cohesion policy to help deliver the 2020 goals.

Signature: Michael Collins

Print Name: MICHAEL COLLINS

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Organiser of Conference CELTIC CONFERENCES

Name of Conference EMERGING THREATS + PERSISTENT
CONSERVATION - CHALLENGES FOR FRESHWATER BIODIVERSITY

Location of Conference _____

Date of Conference 9 - 10TH NOVEMBER 2019

Summary of Conference Content

DISCUSSIONS + PRESENTATIONS ON THE
FOLLOWING

CHANGING CLIMATES E-COMMERCE AND
INVASIONS, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS

EXPANDING HYDROPOWER,

EMERGING CONTAMINANTS

ENGINEERED NANOMATERIALS

MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION

FRESHWATER SALINISATION

DECLINING CALCIUM

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Kieran O'Hanlon



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Organiser of Conference NATIONAL WOMENS COUNCIL OF IRELAND

Name of Conference WOMEN BEYOND THE DAIL

Location of Conference MANSION HOUSE DUBLIN

Date of Conference _____

Summary of Conference Content


DISCUSSIONS + PRESENTATIONS ON
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCREASING REPRESENTATION
IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT,

REPORTS ON SURVEY OF THE 2019
ELECTED LOCAL COUNCILLORS

PRESENTATIONS ON PREPARING FOR
CAMPAIGNS, ATTITUDES ABOUT FEMALE
REPRESENTATION IN POLITICS.

GENDER EQUALITY ISSUES IN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT. DISCUSSION ON UNSUCCESSFUL
CANDIDATES + INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES
+ GENDER ORGANISATIONS

PRESENTATION ON THE JOBS OF COUNCILLOR
TIME + MONEY

Signature: 

Print Name: KIERAN O'HANLON

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Organiser of Conference Woodlands of Ireland Project

Name of Conference NATIVE WOODLAND SCHEME (NWS) Training Course

Location of Conference Summerhill House Hotel, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow.

Date of Conference 25th & 26th November 2019

Summary of Conference Content

This 2-day event covered the theory and practise of native woodland management. It was open to ecologists, woodland contractors, landowners, relevant State agencies (i.e. NPWS, EPA, etc) and Local Authority staff. Day one was classroom based and covered

- Woodland history, ecology, & management strategies for biodiversity
- Protecting & enhancing water quality & aquatic habitats through the strategic application of the NWS
- Key native woodland types, site vegetation & the NWS
- Soil identification: A fundamental tool for NWS planning
- Designing for deer management
- Silvicultural systems & wood production: Principles & practice
- Managing invasive species under the NWS: Experience & practice
- Creating new native woodland: Planning, planting & aftercare

Day 2 involved a field excursion to a native woodland to carry out a NWS Management plan by the course participants. Participants were divided into small groups to see first-hand an establishing native woodland planted adjacent to a relatively recently-developed secondary, oak-dominated woodland. Each group was accompanied by a facilitator who went through the planning, application & implementation phases of this project.

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Seán Hartigan 12/12/19

Print Name: Seán Hartigan

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Organiser of Conference Celtic Conferences

Name of Conference First - Time Home Buyers Incentives

Location of Conference The Four Seasons Hotel - Darlington Colouk

Date of Conference 13/14/15 December 2019

Summary of Conference Content

on Friday There was an opening
Address of conference

on Saturday: Help to Buy Incentives
Rebuilding Ireland Home Loans
Affordable purchase scheme

Help to Buy scheme has been
Extended for another 2 years.

Sunday overview of topics discussed
over week end.

Signature: Fergus Kilcoyne

Print Name: FERGUS Kilcoyne

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Organiser of Conference

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Name of Conference

1st Time Buyer Initiative

Location of Conference

Caslingford, Lanc

Date of Conference

13th - 15th October 2019

Summary of Conference Content

- 1 Help to Buy Scheme - Rules - How Requirements -
Rules - How to apply.
Where to apply
- 2 Shared Ownership Scheme - Rules
Eligibility Criteria - Rules - How to apply -
Supporting documents, as indicated,
tenant or self-employed
Where to apply
- 3 Affordable Housing Scheme -
Affordable housing scheme - Part V of the
Housing Act - Affordable Housing Initiative -
Mortgages for Affordable Housing
Mortgage Interest Scheme

Signature:

Michael Sheahan

Print Name:

MICHAEL SHEAHAN

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Organiser of Conference Celtic Conferences

Name of Conference First Time Buyers Incentive

Location of Conference Carlingford

Date of Conference 13-15th December

Summary of Conference Content

Briefing on the new help to buy scheme for first time buyers arising from changes introduced for those who purchase a home between July 2016-December 2021. Overview of the rules and eligibility and the percentage drawdown grants provided. Also briefing provided on the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme which is a Government funded scheme to assist first time buyers secure a mortgage on preferential interest rate repayment terms. Overview of eligibility criteria and also breakdown of the necessary conditions that applicants must meet in order to qualify.

Signature: _____

Joe Leddin

Print Name: Joe Leddin



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Organiser of Conference_____CELTIC CONFERNCES

Name of Conference_____First Time Home Buyers Incentive

Location of Conference_____Carlingford, Co Louth

Date of Conference_____13th to 14th December 2019



Summary of Conference Content

Help to Buy Scheme

A new Help to Buy (HTB) incentive has been introduced. It is designed to help first-time buyers of newly built homes to assemble the required deposit. It also applies to once-off self-build homes.

The Help to Buy scheme provides for a refund of income tax and Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) paid over the previous 4 tax years.

Topics discussed included rules, tax requirements, rates and application process.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is a government backed mortgage for first-time buyers. Loans are offered at reduced interest rates and you can use them to buy new and second-hand properties, or to build a home. The rates are fixed for the full term of the mortgage, so you have the same repayments for the lifetime of the loan. The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan has been available nationwide from local authorities since 1 February 2018.

Topics discussed included rules, eligibility criteria, tax requirements, rates, supporting documentation and application process.

Affordable Housing Schemes

The affordable housing schemes aimed to help lower-income households to buy their own homes. They offered eligible first-time purchasers the chance to buy newly constructed homes and apartments at prices significantly less than their market value.

Discontinuation of programmes: It was announced in 2011 that all affordable housing schemes were being stood down.

Discussion included how the schemes worked, part V affordable housing, affordable housing initiative, mortgages for affordable homes and mortgage subsidy scheme.

Signature: Mike Donegan.

Print Name: Mike Donegan

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Organiser of Conference Celtic Conferences

Name of Conference first-time home buyers incentives

Location of Conference Carlingford

Date of Conference 13th and 14th of december 2014

Summary of Conference Content

The Conference Explored in detail the different incentives available to first time buyers it also gave an insight into the present property market and it gave detail in relation to the help to buy scheme

Signature: Alan Teskey

Print Name: 17/01/2020

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Organiser of Conference CELTIC CONFERENCES

Name of Conference FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS INCENTIVES

Location of Conference THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, CARLINGFORD, CO. DUBLIN

Date of Conference 13th - 15th DECEMBER, 2019

Summary of Conference Content

(See attached)

Signature:

Liam Galvin

Print Name:

LIAM GALVIN



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Celtic Confederates 13-15 Dec

- first time Buyers Qualify from 19 July 2016 to 31 Dec 2021
- you must Take out a mortgage of 70% of the purchase price
- if you Sign a contract Between 19 July 16 & 31 Dec 16 you may Qualify for a help to buy incentive up to €600,000 (property value)

Price & valuation
up to €400,000

Ref of
5%

You can Apply - Revenue's - my Account Service

ReBuilding Ireland Home Loan

you can Borrow 90% market value, - has to be under 175 Square meters

€329,000 Cork, Dublin, Galway, Kildare, Louth, Meath
€250,000 for rest of country

- have to be a first time Buyer
- Age - 18 - 70
- full Time employment 2 years
- evidence of refund from 2 Banks
- 50,000 or less gross / year
75,000 for Couple.
- Deposit of 10%.

The interest rates 2% ~~on~~ 25 years
2.25% 30 years

You will need

- letters from 2 Banks confirming no offers of finance
- complete HPLI form (Stamped by Revenue)
- A Salary cert
- P 60
- 4 Recent pay slips
- PHOTO - Drivers licence - etc
- 12 months Statements from Banks

Affordable Schemes

To Qualify

- You were in need of housing
- Registered on a housing List
- you are a Tenant for more than one year
- you are a Loc. Tenant & want to buy a private house, & return the council house
- Joint income of £75,000 or less
- Single £58,000

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17th January, 2020

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

Visit to Smart City Expo World Congress 2019, Barcelona

As Members are aware, an invitation was received earlier this year by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick from the **Smart City Expo World Congress 2019** in Barcelona, Spain. This was the world's largest smart cities event attracting over 21,000 visitors and representatives from over 700 cities and 146 countries.

Due to the unavailability of Mayor Michael Sheahan because of other official commitments, I travelled to Barcelona as Deputy Mayor for this event accompanied by Dr. Mihai Bilauca, Head of Digital Strategy & EU Programmes.

At the same event Limerick City and County Council were asked to represent Limerick and attend the +CityxChange project stand organised by the European Commission for Smart Cities and Communities from 19th to 21st November, 2019.

Limerick and its 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 its 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 1st November, 2018 when Limerick and Trondheim became EU Lighthouse Smart Cities as part of the project.

On Monday, 18th November, 2019 I travelled, along with Dr. Mihai Bilauca, Head of Digital Strategy & EU Programmes, to Barcelona, Spain.

On Tuesday, 19th November, 2019, we had meetings with the officials representing the other 16 EU Lighthouse Smart Cities projects, presented in the image below, as part of the European Commission Stand for Smart Cities and Communities. In the afternoon, we met city officials from the City of Aurora, Carlsbad, Buenos Aires, etc. present at the Harvard

TECH workshop, in collaboration with City Possible, organised by the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard.



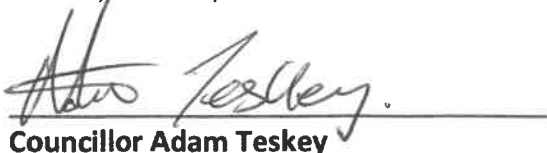
Wednesday 20th of November, we attended demonstration events and talks including: Building Smarter Cities for a Better Future, Energy Transition: Redefining the Energy Mix and Distribution Systems, Sharing Cities Stand Lab, Internet of Things: Connectivity for Data-Driven Cities. To strengthen our relationship with Trondheim City Norway we participated at the Nordic Countries Smart Cities Stand where we met representatives from Trondheim, Stavanger, Oslo and many other cities and countries.

On Thursday morning, 21st November, 2019, the Head of Digital Strategy & EU Programmes gave a presentation on Limerick's Digital Strategy at the Open and Agile Smart Cities (OASC) forum stand. OASC is a non-profit, international smart city network that connects +140 smart cities globally organised in national networks from 27 countries and regions. Limerick is a member of OASC since 2015.

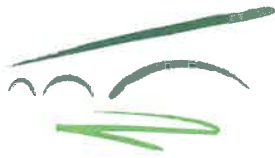
We returned to Limerick on Thursday, 21st September.

The attendance at the Smart City World Congress in Barcelona has strengthened our relationship with Norway and the Nordic countries. It has also highlighted the importance of our leaders being more aware of how cities and regions in Europe and worldwide are adopting digital technologies to deliver better, more efficient services and how we can develop Limerick as a Sustainable Smart City-Region.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Teskey".

Councillor Adam Teskey
Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick



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

Visit to New Brunswick, New Jersey

As Members are aware, an invitation was received from the Mayor of New Brunswick for the Mayor and a delegation from Limerick to visit New Brunswick. Limerick and New Brunswick have enjoyed a long history and close ties since a twinning relationship was established in 1999. Limerick City and County Council formalised it's 15 year friendship with the City of New Brunswick with the signing of a Twinning Charter on 14th November, 2014.

I, as Mayor of the City and County of Limerick and Councillor Francis Foley, Councillor Joe Leddin, Cllr. Brigid Teehy and Councillor John Sheahan travelled to New Brunswick from 4th to 8th December, 2019. Dr. Pat Daly, Chief Executive and Mr. James Clune, A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services, accompanied the delegation.

Wednesday, 4th December, 2019

Meeting with Director, International Programs

Thursday, 5th December, 2019

Tour of Premier Apartments and New Brunswick Performing Arts Center developed by DEVCO which is a Council led Development Company

Meeting with Mayor Cahill in Mayor's Office

Walking Tour of New Brunswick

Dinner at New Brunswick Performing Arts Center hosted by President Christoher J. Paladino, DEVCO

Friday, 6th December, 2019

Meeting with DEVCO

Tour of Zimmerli Art Museum

Meeting with Johnson & Johnson Medical Device Company at The Powerhouse Museum

Meeting with Rutgers Global University

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, 7th December, 2019

'The Big Chill' 5 kms Race (Charitable event – Supporting Local Communities)

20th Sister City Celebration Dinner hosted at home of Jimmy Lenihan

Sunday, 8th December, 2019

Meeting with Director, International Programs, City of New Brunswick

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Sheahan".

**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL SHEAHAN
MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LIMERICK**