

Meeting 4 of the Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) for a Directly Elected Mayor with executive functions for Limerick City and County Council

11 a.m. 11 March 2020, Newcastle West Municipal District Office

Attendance: Tim O'Connor (Chair), Mayor Michael Sheahan, Cllr Michael Collins, Cllr John Sheahan, Cllr Elena Secas, Cllr Sasa Novak, Pat Daly (LC&C), Caroline Curley (LC&C), Dee Ryan (Limerick Chamber of Commerce), Diarmuid O'Leary (D/HPLG)

Secretariat: Áinle Ní Bhriain (D/HPLG), James Clune (LC&C)

Apologies from: Dr Diarmuid Scully (University of Limerick), Barry Quinlan (D/HPLG), Cillian Flynn (Limerick PPN),

1. Outputs and actions from the last meeting, and matters arising:

- The draft Outputs and Actions document for meeting 3 of the IAG, which took place on 19 February 2020 was agreed.
- The Chair updated the meeting on actions taken by him since the previous meeting. He circulated a personal paper, which he is using as a briefing note. His intention is that this paper will be developed into a more formal briefing note for stakeholder engagement.

2. Public consultation exercise:

- The secretariat updated the group on progress on the public consultation proposal being devised by the University of Limerick. The proposal and the public consultation generally were discussed. It was noted that the current national status in relation to Covid 19 will play a factor in determining when any public meetings are held. At their request, the Elected Members will be briefed in advance of any public meetings.
- A stakeholder matrix, outlining other consultation exercises, beyond the scope of the UL public exercise was discussed and the following meetings will now be scheduled.

Stakeholder Area	Engagement
Elected members and council staff	Separate sessions for elected members and staff Staff session will be arranged as part of the UL offering and will be attended by staff representatives. All staff are separately free to make personal submissions via MyPoint etc.
Local Authority Associations and Regional Assemblies	A separate session will be scheduled with AILG and LAMA. Mayor and IAG Cllrs will attend (Query if secretariat attend this) Secretariat to write to CCMA immediately to invite them to a briefing session
Business	Chamber of commerce will facilitate a meeting of partners and stakeholders
Charter partners	Chair will engage with charter partners through meetings in person or phone calls as appropriate
LCDC	A separate session will be scheduled. Cllr Collins to lead this. Secretariat will also attend
Community	No need for a separate session. Community groups are generally represented by the PPN network
Public General	The secretariat will write to Limerick Sports Partnership to advice of the public consultation and to invite them to participate through MyPoint and the public meeting. Consider inviting them to host a public session
Student body/Youth Forum	J Scanlon to facilitate a consultation session as described by the public consultation model
National agencies, incl An Garda Siochána and HSE	Engagement will start with the parent department
Oireachtas members	DHPLG will update via existing channels (parliamentary questions, reps etc. CE will engage with them as part of regular engagement with Oireachtas members
Central Government,	Co Ordinated by DHPLG. Chair has met with some secretaries general. Chair will address an interdepartmental group on 20 April

Stakeholder Area	Engagement
Arts Heritage & Culture	Council Arts Officer to be asked to write to these groups to advice of the public consultation and to invite them to participate through MyPoint and the public meeting
Religious	To be invited to participate in public meetings

Consideration of how to engage with the Limerick Diaspora was raised. This will be considered at the next meeting.

3. Further consideration of case studies paper:

- Dr Diarmuid Scully advised the chair by email that he was working on some case studies and will discuss further at the next meeting.
- The Chair informed the meeting that the Political Counsellor at the British Embassy in Dublin has reiterated a willingness to collaborate in the case study work.

4. Technical working groups

- Draft TORs were discussed for the 2nd group. It was suggested that the governance of the DEM will be influenced by the outcome of the case studies. In the meantime the Mayor will convene the first meeting of this group to consider key questions around the roles within the chamber.

5. General Discussion

- There was some general discussion on how to identify the new policy areas to be assigned fully to the Mayor and/or the subject of Statutory Consultation. Drafting of a discussion paper is to be begin.

6. Next meeting of IAG:

- The next meeting of the IAG will take place on Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 2pm, in the Municipal District Office in Rathkeale.

7. Any other business.

- There was no other business raised.