

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference: RIAI _____

Name of Conference: Resilience, Revival and Regeneration _____

Location of Conference: Strand Hotel, Limerick _____

Date of Conference: 06/03/2020 _____

Summary of Conference Content

The success of our cities has become central to national economics and culture. They drive investment, tourism and migration - the young, the educated, the creative and the rich are being drawn to live and work in urban areas once again.

As we have seen with Aarhus, Marseille and Rotterdam, the transformation of mid-level European cities is providing space for new ideas, enterprise, investment and even building types. But can growth and expansion provide an economy and wellbeing whilst also retaining a distinctive.

Limerick is one of the five cities forming part of the **Government's Ireland 2040** national planning Policy initiative. It has been an exemplar in implementing new city governance structures to advance regional growth as a counterbalance to the continuing growth of the greater Dublin Region.

Through a combination of cycling and walking tours, plenary and breakout sessions, panel discussions and speakers drawn from across Europe and beyond, we will learn how Limerick and others are creating high quality, yet attainable, living environments and in particular how they are addressing the affordable housing crisis.

The conference is a one-day event. We will explore topics such as the changing role of the public sector as an affordable housing provider, different community-led housing models, or the ways of achieving affordability through innovative design solutions. We will hear about and discuss the applicability of the various regulatory and policy mechanisms, new financial and partnership models used around the world to secure delivery of affordable housing as a key component of great placemaking.

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Organiser of Conference: Irish Green Building Council

Name of Conference: Regeneration Recreating Liveable Zero Carbon Cities

Location of Conference: online

Date of Conference: 15/05/2020

Summary of Conference Content

Historic cities and towns all face similar challenges to prosper in a world of climate change and environmental breakdown. Taking the example of Limerick, an 800-year-old Irish city, we look at how we can regenerate and rebuild healthy, climate resilient, carbon positive places.

To make real progress we need to stop thinking of buildings in isolation and work towards decarbonisation at a district, town and city level. Whilst it is challenging to decarbonise all existing buildings, including cultural heritage, we can still make considerable progress and make our new buildings to work even harder to offset the balance. How much can we improve our existing buildings such as inner core heritage? How do we deal with the upfront carbon* of new construction, and move to positive energy buildings?

Covid-19 shows how governments can react quickly in a radical way and bring about instant change in people's behaviour. Can this be extended to cities? Can we quickly and radically extend space for pedestrians and cyclists, and move to universally designed cities that prioritise space for everyone over cars? Can we densify creating at the same time better use of infrastructure and resources whilst improving health and amenities for everyone.

The theme of this online conference is re-generation. Our speakers will explore the role of regeneration in creating positive energy districts and recreating healthy walkable neighbourhoods. We will also focus on the role of refurbishing historic buildings and developing carbon positive new buildings, for full decarbonisation of our cities.

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Organiser of Conference _____ The Academy of Urbanism _____

Name of Conference _____ Limerick: Resilience, Revival and Regeneration

Location of Conference _____ Limerick Strand Hotel _____

Date of Conference _____ March 6, 2020 _____

Summary of Conference Content

_____ Content included the changing role of the public sector, how second-tier and mid-sized cities are using their assets, combined with events and milestones, to improve their offer and raise their profile; the role of digital urbanism in planning and servicing towns and cities; new financial and partnership models used around the world to secure delivery of affordable housing as a key component of great placemaking; contemporary thinking and innovative approaches to the design, operation and management of cities and towns. _____

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