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

**Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee  
Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.**

**A Chomhairleoir, A Chara,**

At the beginning of the meeting the Chairperson got agreement from the members to discuss a notice of motion referred to him following a Metropolitan Municipal Meeting earlier in the day. The Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor Catherine Slattery was:

**"I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that basketball facilities be established at parks and outdoor recreational facilities in Limerick City and County."**

Cllr Slattery outlined the reasons for the motion. Gordon Daly informed the members that a Draft Sports & Recreation Facilities Strategy for Limerick City & County Council is currently being prepared and that the proposals in relation to basketball would be considered as part of same. Cllr Slattery and the members were satisfied that the review will include all sports facilities that the motion was withdrawn.

**Item 1: Adoption of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr C Sheehan, seconded by Cllr T Ruddle, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021 were adopted.

**Item 2: Matters Arising**

The members discussed the recording of meeting minutes and the Chair advised that minutes should focus on key decisions and key items only. It was not necessary to include every individual contribution made during a meeting in the minutes.

**Item 3: Consideration of Draft Burial Ground & Interment Strategy.**

The members were briefed on the Draft Burial Ground & Interment Strategy. The Strategy was discussed at a previous meeting and the draft strategy was circulated to all members

prior to this meeting. Limerick City and County Council needs to have a strategic approach in the planning and delivery of burial ground and interment provision throughout the City and County. The strategy sets out the strategic approach required to meet the need for these services.

G Daly indicated that with the recommendation of the SPC, the draft Burial Ground & Interment Strategy will go forward to the Full Council for approval at the next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

It was proposed by Cllr M Donegan, seconded by Cllr G Mitchell, and agreed, that the Draft Burial Ground & Interment Strategy go to Full Council for approval.

#### **Item 4: Limerick Covid 19 Community Response (Presentation)**

The members received an update on Limerick's Community Response to Covid 19. The detailed presentation covered the initial structure of the Community Response, statistics on the first year of operation, initiatives rolled out, information on the Keep Well Campaign and the next steps going forward. Some of the next steps going forward include continuing: Freephone call line and email, projects to keep communities engaged, upload daily call figures to national database, upload weekly engagement figures to Pobal portal and national Database, continue to engage with key stakeholders, continue to update Forum regularly and administer funding opportunities as requested by Government.

#### **Item 5: Impact of Covid 19 on Arts & Culture Sector.**

The members received an update from PPN member Mary Conlon on the Impact of Covid 19 on the Arts & Culture Sector in Limerick. She suggested that the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC establish a working group to review the recommendations in the Arts & Culture Recovery Taskforce Report to support the sector in the challenges presented by the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The impact of Covid 19 on the Arts & Culture Sector in Limerick was discussed by the members. It was agreed by all that this impact has presented serious challenges for the sector and the establishment of a working group would prove helpful.

Following the discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Donegan, seconded by Cllr C Sheehan that the working group on the Impact of Covid 19 on the Arts & Culture Sector be established.

#### **Item 6: Audit of Community & Cultural Facilities (Presentation)**

The members received a detailed update on the Audit of Community & Cultural Facilities. The Presentation outlined the background & objectives of the audit. The audit will inform Limerick City & County Councils strategy on community and cultural facilities. It will identify gaps in provision, demand, capacity to deliver and operational models. It will also highlight areas for

investment in necessary improvements. The members were informed that a presentation will be given to all elected councillors at Municipal District level It was agreed that this item be put on the agenda at the next SPC meeting to discuss further.

**Item 7: Date of next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC will take place virtually on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 3pm.

**Recommendation 1:**

That the Draft Burial Ground & Interment Strategy be approved by Full Council.

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Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon

Chairperson

Community, Leisure and Culture SPC

