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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 8th July, 2021.

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Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr G Mitchell, seconded by Cllr F Foley, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 19th April, 2021 were adopted.

Item 2: Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Item 3: To consider a notice of motion from Cllr Daniel Butler (Referred from the Metropolitan District of Limerick meeting held on 17th May, 2021) *"I will call on Limerick Council to develop a recreation plan for Limerick City West to include a Municipal sports facility such as basketball, a skate/bike Park and other sports"*

Mayor D Butler was unable to attend the meeting and asked that the motion be considered in his absence. The motion was presented to the committee for their consideration. S O' Connor advised the members that Limerick City and County Council has commenced work on a Sports & Recreation and Facilities Strategy, covering all municipal districts. The development of this strategy has been delayed by Covid 19 restrictions.

The brief for the consultants includes examining all existing facilities for a full range of sports, which includes basketball, muga/skatepark among others and the need for potential new facilities. This notice of motion will be considered as part of the ongoing strategic study that is being prepared. This strategy will come back to the SPC for approval at a future date

Item 4: Audit of Community & Cultural Facilities (Short Presentation & Discussion)

The members received a further 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 was proposed that a workshop will take place to further input into the preparation of the strategy under the following headings,

1. The building (old / re-use, new build, shared)
2. Community development process & social inclusion
3. Managing activities & services – sustainable operation (governance, volunteer strategy, activity / business plan etc.)

Item 5: Sports Partnership- Active Cities (Presentation)

The members received a presentation on Active Cities from Sports Partnership. The presentation highlighted that the Active Cities framework suggests that activities should take place across four key themes of:

- Active Systems
- Active Environments
- Active Societies
- Active People

Active Cities is a National Initiative with 8 sites including Limerick, Cork, Galway, Waterford and Dublin x 4. A National Coordinator with 8 Local Active Cities Officers will be recruited and €3.5 Million will be used from Dormant Accounts over 3 Years across the 8 sites.

The presentation also discussed the next steps for the initiative, which include the need to convene an Active Cities Steering Committee to drive the initiative and the need to recruit an Active Cities Officer for Limerick & National Active Cities Lead. Active Cities will not replace LCCC responsibilities but will look for partnerships and synergies.

Item 6: Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC will take place on Monday 4th October 2021 at 3pm.

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Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon
Chairperson
Community, Leisure and Culture SPC