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

Re: Mayoral Visit to London, Greenville and New York.

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A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

Approval for the Mayors attendance in Savannah, Georgia, USA was given at the January 2022 Meeting of the Council. Visits to London, Greenville and New York City were added to the Mayors Savannah itinerary in the preceding weeks .

An invitation to lead the London St Patricks Day Parade was received from the Irish Exiles Association in London. Invitations were also received to attend a St Patrick Day Breakfast hosted by the Irish Exiles and a Lunch in the Irish Embassy in London hosted by An Taoiseach Mr Micheál Martin.

This London visit builds on an earlier visit to London to visit our Diaspora in the UK and is intended to deepen the connections with Limerick people living/working in the UK.

The purpose of the visit to Greenville is to visit the Global Headquarters of Ortec Inc. who are currently building their first overseas facility in Newcastle West. There has been a long-standing open invitation to visit the Piedmont site. In addition, the Mayor will be meeting with representatives of the Greenville Area Development Association to exchange information and discuss area of mutual interest.

On the New York leg of the visit I will visit Bloomberg Philantropies in Manhattan on the morning of 22nd March to discuss the details of the Bloomberg / LCCC training initiative on vacancy and dereliction on town centres. I will also meet with officials of the Parks & Recreation Dept of NYC City Hall in Battery Park, Lower Manhattan to visit the statue of John Wolf Ambrose (originally from Newcastle West). Mr Wolf Ambrose was highly respected engineer who was responsible for many New York infrastructural and architectural landmarks including the main deep-water channel into New York Port.

The Mayor will be accompanied by an official from the Trade & Investment Unit of Economic Development Directorate.

The additional costs associated with the Mayoral visit amount to €1,960 (internal flights, transfers and accommodation).

In accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, the retrospective approval of the Council is hereby sought for the addition of visits to London, Greenville and New York, USA to the previously approved visit to Savannah.

Yours sincerely,

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