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

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Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 13th June, 2022.

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As the chairperson was unable to attend, Cllr C Sheehan chaired the meeting.

Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr F Foley, seconded by Cllr S Kiely, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 4th 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 Councillor J. Leddin (referred to the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee)

"I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick Metropolitan Council consider the placement of mobile swimming pools in suitable locations such as the grounds of Mungret Park to facilitate and encourage young people to learn how to swim similar to an initiative by Fingal County Council".

The motion was proposed by Cllr C Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. A Talukder.

S O'Connor advised that the motion will be discussed in the context of the Sports and Recreation Strategy and a draft of the strategy will come to the SPC for consideration. He indicated there will be an opportunity for members to raise various considerations at that stage having regard to the budgetary requirements of such a provision.

Item 4: To consider a Notice of Motion from Councillor S. Kiely (referred from Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 19th April, 2022)

"I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that we examine the possibility of having a temporary library for the Castletroy/Annacotty community until a permanent solution is found for the provision of a library for the area".

The motion was seconded by Cllr. O O'Sullivan.

D Brady advised that Limerick City and County Council is currently examining possible site locations for a library in Castletroy and highlighted the significant planning and organisation required in acquiring a site, building a library that can house books for adults and children, the inclusion of meeting rooms and the subsequent financial costs.

Item 5: Update on progress and implementation of Limerick Libraries Development Plan, People, Place Platform, 2021-2025

The members received an update on the 5 year Library Development Plan. The plan is set within a strategic framework using three key themes of people, place and platform underpinned by 60 priority actions. Currently there is a roll out of a new National Library Management System. Minister Heather Humphries has launched a public consultation on the development of a new national library strategy.

Item 6: Interim Briefing on survey results from the recovery of the Arts and Culture sector from COVID-19 (GM Innovations)

The members received an interim briefing on the results from the recovery of the Arts and Culture sector from COVID-19. Respondents ranged from a broad representation of the sector assessing areas of financial impact, methods used to supplement lost income, expectations of overall severity of impact to the sector and looked at the most challenging aspects of managing arts/culture work during the pandemic. The survey also analysed the impact on well-being and looked to the future of the sector identifying key opportunities that have arisen as well as the priorities required for Limerick City and County Council in supporting the sector over the coming years.

Item 7: Comhairle na nOg Presentation

The members received a presentation from members of Comhairle na nOg who are a youth council supporting young people to be heard in the development of local and national services and policy. The council allows young people discuss issues and identify actions for the Comhairle to work on in the following years. Since 2019, the council has worked on issues across youth homelessness, public health in the 'stop smoking campaign', attended EU projects and identified issues in the areas of gender equality and LGBTQIA+.

Item 8 Autism Project Update

The members received an update on the Autism project. An application for funding to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth was submitted by Limerick City and County Council. The application focussed on autism awareness training for Council staff and community based organisations/groups with specific measures to be championed. Collaboration with all sectors to support them to self- assess their operations. The application was successful and €75,000 was awarded. A part-time member of staff will be assigned to drive the project within and outside of the council for one year initially. The Public Participation Network Secretariat has agreed to work on the community element of the



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project with the council. It was agreed that a steering group would oversee the progress of the programme and this would be overseen by the current SPC Chair.

Item 9: Date of next Meeting

Cllr. Sheehan thanked all the members for attending and for the various updates given at the meeting particularly Comhairle na nOg. The next meeting of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC will take place on Monday 3rd October 2022 in Council Chambers, Dooradoyle at 3pm.

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Cllr. Kieran O' Hanlon

Chairperson

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