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TO THE MAYOR AND EACH MEMBER OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

RE: DRAFT LIMERICK CITY AND ENVIRONS GREEN AND BLUE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

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I attach herewith, for your consideration, a copy of the Draft Limerick City and Environs Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy.

The aim of the Strategy is to inform and guide the planning and management of a network of multi-functional green and blue spaces, helping drive the transition to a low carbon and climate resilient society.

The benefits of green and blue infrastructure are multi-faceted including - improving mental and physical health; improving the aesthetic value of the public realm; promotion of play, education and interaction with nature; improving air quality and noise regulation; provide space for biodiversity and improved ecological resilience; carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation; promotion of active travel; reduction of risk of flooding and improvement in water quality; increased economic activity and improved property prices; urban cooling and enhanced efficiency of building climate systems.

The draft Strategy was presented to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee at its meeting of 21st June 2022, which recommended that the draft Strategy be referred to Full Council for approval to go on Public Display. It is intended that the public consultation period will run from mid-August until the end of September, 2022.

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Nuala Gallagher
Director of Service