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Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of the 3rd October, 2022.

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Item 1: Adoption of Minutes

On the proposal of Cllr S Kiely, seconded by Cllr F Foley, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 13th June, 2022 were adopted.

Item 2: Matters Arising

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

Item 3: Report on Research on the impact of COVID-19 on the Arts and Culture Sector in Limerick

Dr. Pippa Little, Limerick City and County Council presented a Report on Research on the impact of COVID-19 on the Arts and Culture Sector in Limerick. A discussion took place among the members regarding the report. Eileen Coleman, Limerick City and County Council advised that the Report was an important piece of work and the findings align to the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028, Draft Culture & Creativity Strategy 2023-2027 and the Festival & Events Strategy. She thanked the members of the Sub-Committee and the staff in Limerick Arts Office for their work on the report. Eileen suggested that the Sub-Committee would meet once more and this agreed by the members.

Item 4: Draft Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027

The Draft Limerick Culture and Creative Strategy 2023-2027 was presented to the members by Brian O'Regan, Arts Leaders Associates Ltd. Cllr Azad Talukder queried whether engagement with Migrant Communities was included in the Strategy. Seamus O'Connor, Limerick City and County Council advised that the Council supports the Migrant Community through Africa Day and other initiatives and he stated that the Council is drawing up an Integration Policy, which should come before this SPC. Cllr Azad Talukder was advised that Aim 1 of the Strategy looks at reaching out to different communities across Limerick City and County. It was agreed to bring the Draft Strategy to this SPC in December and the Full Council meeting in January 2023.

Item 5: Limerick Public Participation Network (PPN) Briefing

Sean Kelly, Facilitator of Limerick Public Participation (PPN) Secretariat gave members a briefing on Limerick PPN. The Chairperson Cllr Michael Donegan thanked Sean for the presentation. Cllr Elisa O'Donovan informed the members that she was a former member of the PPN and she advised that the training given to her for this role has been very beneficial to her in her role as an Elected Member.

Item 6: Audit of Community Cultural and Arts Facilities in Limerick City and County Report

Dr. Eileen Humphreys, Limerick City and County Council gave members on update on the Audit of Community Cultural and Arts Facilities in Limerick City and County Report. She advised that it is estimated that there are 304 potential organisations from the community, culture and arts sector that have buildings, however, it could not be verified that every facility included in the list is eligible and that every facility has been covered in the Report. Cllr Dan McSweeney advised that there needs to be follow up and the Report Needs to be published. Eileen advised that the report is ready for publication and Seamus O'Connor advised that the Council will endeavour to have the strategy published online in the following weeks.

Item 7: Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Limerick

Dr. Eileen Humphreys, Limerick City and County Council gave members on update on the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) Limerick to the members. An instruction and briefing of the LECP guidelines went before this SPC in April 2022 and she advised that it is a 6 Year Plan and that an Advisory Group has been set up to Report on the LECP. Eileen advised the process is ongoing and it will come back to this SPC at various stages during the time the plan is being drafted.

Item 8: Date of next Meeting

Chairperson Cllr Michael Donegan thanked all for the informative presentations made and the input of the members. Cllr Donegan thanked all the members for attending. The next meeting of the Community, Leisure and Culture SPC will take place on Monday, 5th December 2022 in Council Chamber, Dooradoyle at 3pm.

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Cllr Michael Donegan

Chairperson

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