

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

Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee

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The Community, Leisure and Culture Committee meeting was held 5th December 2022 where the previous minutes of the meeting held 3rd October were adopted.

The members considered the **Draft Culture and Creative Strategy** (circulated in advance) and general queries were addressed at the meeting. The members discussed the draft strategy and agreed it is placed on the full Council agenda for consideration in terms of adoption. This was proposed by Cllr Olivia O'Sullivan seconded by Cllr Dan McSweeney. The members thanked all involved in the preparation of the draft strategy.

The draft **Limerick City and County Council's Festival & Events Strategy 2022-2027** was presented to the members who indicated they were satisfied with the draft to date. E Coleman SEO informed the meeting that further public consultation on the draft is continuing.

A general discussion surrounding the 500th Anniversary of the Askeaton Treaty in June 2023 took place. It was proposed the Council take the lead in the celebrations and that a committee with Limerick City and County Council and Askeaton Civic Trust be convened. This was proposed by Cllr K. Sheahan and seconded by Cllr. C Sheehan. G Daly advised a meeting will be arranged to explore the matter further. G Daly advised that LCCC could not commit to leading this as it only managed agreed civic festivals/events such as Riverfest etc but that a meeting will be arranged to explore the matter further to see what assistance could be provided to the community in Askeaton.

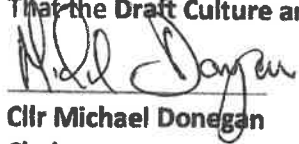
An update on the **Autism Friendly Project** was given to the members and indicated that Limerick City and County Council was successful in its application for funding under the Disability Participation & Awareness Fund from the Department of Children, Equality, Integration and Youth to develop Limerick as an autism-friendly location. The programme is to commence in December with awareness training to be provided to Council staff, Councillors and community groups. A working group has been set up to oversee the delivery of the Project and all members complimented the committee on the work done to date.

A presentation on the **Limerick Libraries Outreach Programme** was given where the members were informed of the wide range of initiatives delivered by the Library service which included outreach services in Nursing Homes, Women's and Men's Sheds such as Yoga, workshops on crafts, Tai Chi, mindfulness, EcoArt Therapy and guitar lessons. The members thanked the Library staff for the work carried out under the Outreach Programme.

A presentation was given to the members on the **Discover Limerick Official Limerick Sightseeing Pass**. The stakeholders involved in developing the pass are Limerick City and County Council, Fáilte Ireland Wild Atlantic Way and Limerick Wild Atlantic Way Gateway City Group. The Pass will be managed by Limerick City and County Council and is launching in Q1 2023. It will provide an opportunity to visitors to purchase a 1-day, 2-day or 3-day pass giving access to 14 attractions, can be purchased online, downloaded to a smartphone and presented at each attraction to gain entry. The members welcomed the initiative.

Recommendation to Full Council

That the Draft **Culture and Creative Strategy** be considered by the full Council for adoption.



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12th January 2023