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Visit To
Smart City Expo World Congress 2022, Barcelona

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

A delegation recently travelled from the Council to Barcelona, Spain following an invitation to attend the Smart City Expo World Congress. The delegation was comprised of Cllr. Francis Foley, Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Alan Dooley, Head of Digital Services & EU Programmes and Rob O'Driscoll, Programme Manager Digital Services. This is one of the world's largest smart city events attracting over 21,000 visitors and representatives from all over the world .

On Monday, November 14th, 2022, I travelled, along with Alan Dooley and Rob O'Driscoll, to Barcelona, Spain.

On Tuesday, November 15th, 2022, we attended the Expo and met with delegates from a wide range of companies who work in the fields of climate change, mobility, data platforms, traffic management, crowd management along with a variety of augmented and virtual reality experience providers. In the evening, we attended an event arranged by Smart Cities World, a smart cities publication. At this event, we met with representatives from several European cities. We also attended a dinner hosted by Invest Northern. At each event, some important connections were made.

On Wednesday, November 16th, 2022, we continued our walk through of stands at the Expo. We met with several companies who provide digital twin technology solutions and digital platforms that could be critical for the Council's measurement and management of carbon reduction targets. In the afternoon, Alan Dooley delivered a presentation for the EU Commission along with delegates from Sweden and Germany about local collaborative governance. Alan presented details on the work that has been completed by the Council as part of the +CityxChange EU project, in particular, the use of the Citizen Innovation Lab and the citizen led activities that have been undertaken in Limerick with regard to climate change. In the evening, we attended a networking event organised by Deloitte and Amazon where we met delegates from several other international cities. Several opportunities arose out of this event.

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On Thursday, November 17th, 2022, we attended the last few events at the Expo, including meeting individuals from the Living-In EU initiative with regard to joining the network, which is an EU Commission sponsored consortium focused on the digital transformation of cities and communities.

We returned to Limerick on Friday, November 18th, 2022.

The attendance at the Smart City World Congress in Barcelona has created some significant new links and opportunities for Limerick City and County. We had the opportunity to connect with industry and city leaders who are facing similar challenges to Limerick. We had the opportunity to talk about Limerick City and County on several occasions to highlight our region and generate interest in what we do here. Importantly, we have come away with a better sense of what technology investments Limerick City and County may need to deliver better, more efficient services and how we can continue to develop Limerick as a smart and sustainable region.

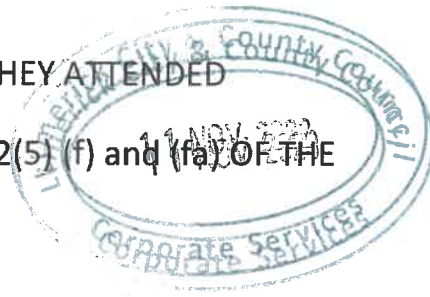
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Councillor Francis Foley
Mayor of the City and County of Limerick

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001



Organiser of Conference Bolton Conference

Name of Conference Practical Guide to Budget '23

Location of Conference Louise Leamas Hotel Curbingford

Date of Conference 30th Sept / 1st Oct '22

Summary of Conference Content

I attended the Conference 'Practical Guide to Budget '23' at the Louise Leamas Hotel Curbingford.

It was a very informative conference on the Budget and some very good discussions and debates.
Very good handout on the Budget

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Organiser of Conference: Celtic Conferences

Name of Conference: The Role of Local Authorities Addressing the needs of
Older People.

Location of Conference: Carlingford,
Co.Louth

Date of Conference: 11th – 13th November
2022

Summary of Conference Content

Presentation and discussion on the following Topic:

Sustainable Living Integrating Older people with Technological Advancements in Regeneration
Limerick (SLIOTAR)

The research and main key findings of the SLIOTAR project:

- Elderly people spending more time in their own homes.
- Older people's quality of life.
- Age friendly counties create the opportunities to establish a broad range of housing options.
- Good planning allows for social, health, transport and other key services to be put in place.
- Social inclusion.
- Enable people to age with confidence, security and dignity in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

Presentation and discussion on the following Considerations.

Physical Considerations: How the planning and design of accommodation complements the existing character of its surrounding environment.

Technological Considerations: How different technologies can monitor and report on aspects of a resident's daily life and routines for their increased security and comfort.

Social Considerations: How the residents are supported on an individual basis to manage their own lives as part of a community; and empowered to make informed choices about their life and care.

Cost Considerations: How cost effective, supported accommodation is in relation to European expenditure.

Presentation and discussion on Comparative Best Practice Case Studies

Key Points: To strengthen insight into these strands and current good practice to support the findings and provide further depth of evidence


Physical considerations, Technological considerations, Social considerations, Cost considerations

Presentation and discussion on the following Topic:

How Age Friendly Ireland actively promotes partnerships and collaborations.

Aims to streamline the work of all key players at local level, putting the views, interests and needs of older people at their core.

Older people exercise a strong, guiding influence on age-friendly local development.

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