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**To The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

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**Re : Attendance at a Cycling Study Tour in Utrecht, Holland**

The Active Travel Unit organised a study trip to Utrecht, Holland, to review the cycling network within Utrecht and surrounding areas. The travel arrangements were made leaving Limerick on the Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 and returning on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

The purpose of the trip was to get insight into how the cycle network developed in Utrecht and for the delegation to physically see various types of cycle infrastructure and how it works with pedestrians, buses and cars.

Utrecht consider cycling and walking as the most important means of transport in the city and are building a network of major bicycle routes, connecting the city to the region. One of the main themes of Utrecht's Mobility Plan 2040 is to progress developments in the fields of traffic and mobility, within the limited available space; the plan also addresses how smart planning of public space can ensure that people walk or bike more often.

This trip was an excellent opportunity to build relationships and tap into the excellent manner in which pedestrians, cyclists and public transport is prioritised.

The cost of the trip (flights, accommodation, transfers, etc.) came to €11,191.48 which was fully funded by NTA and paid for from the Active Travel budget.

In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2021, as amended, the retrospective approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of Councillor Sarah Kiely, Councillor Sean Hartigan, Councillor Dan McSweeney, Councillor Sasa Novak, Councillor Kieran O'Hanlon, Councillor Michael Sheahan and Councillor Olivia O'Sullivan on this cycling study tour.

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**Brian Kennedy**  
**Director of Service, Transportation & Mobility**