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To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council

Re: Attendance at the final Conference of the +CityxChange Horizon 2020 Project in Trondheim Norway

The Mayor of the City and County of Limerick was invited to attend the final conference of the H2020 +CityxChange Project of which Limerick is one of two lead "Light-House" partners. The conference took place from the 3rd to the 5th of October 2023.

The +CityxChange project brings together 7 cities across Europe, Trondheim (Norway), Alba Lulia (Romania), Voru (Estonia), Sestao (Spain) Pisek (Czech Republic) and Smoylan (Bulgaria) and Limerick and over 40 industrial and academic partners across Europe. The purpose of the project is to examine ways of creating Positive Energy Districts in our cities. A Positive Energy District is an area, which produced more energy than it consumes. The project ran from October 2018 to Oct 2023 and was a total investment of €6M in Limerick by the EU.

As this was the final meeting of the project, it was important to have a strong presence from Limerick to demonstrate our commitment to the Climate Change Agenda and co-operation with our EU partners. Strong ties have been built not just with the other cities but also with a number of industrial partners with whom work is continuing to examine and develop new and exciting projects that will benefit Limerick in the coming years.

The cost of the trip (flights, accommodation, trains etc.) came to €1661.15 which was entirely funded from the projects budget. In accordance with section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended , the retrospective approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of Councillor Daniel Mc Sweeney , Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick at these events.

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Vincent Murray
Director of Services, Planning, Environment and Place-Making