



Comhairle Cathrach  
& Contae **Luimnigh**

**Limerick City**  
& County Council

**10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

**To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council  
Chairperson's Report of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting  
of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

As requested at a recent Plenary meeting of the Council, all Limerick City and County Councillors were invited to the briefing for Item 1.

**Item 1: Presentation: MWNRDO Greenway Projects Update – David E. Leahy, A/S.E.E.**

Mr. David E. Leahy gave an overview of the MWNRDO Greenway Projects.

The members thanked Mr. Leahy for the presentation and welcomed the update. During discussion members sought clarification on issues including the following: -

- Update on the renovation of Abbeyfeale railway station
- Update with regard to the disused railway from Mungret by Ballinacurra
- Request for gate numbers/markers and also the matter of safety on the greenways
- Expenditure to date spent on feasibility
- The suggestion of looking at the N21 for the Rathkeale to Limerick greenway
- Identification of a corridor for the Rathkeale to Adare Greenway

In response to questions, Mr. Kennedy added the following: -

- All options and procedures in relation to greenways will have to be appraised as a requirement of TII guidelines and the Public Spending Code.
- The Dooradoyle to Mungret line was identified in the Transport strategy (LSMATS) as a commuter rail route. Mr. Kennedy will discuss the matter with Irish Rail & the NTA going forward.
- The Coonagh to Bunratty greenway route is within the LSMATS area and would be considered as an Active Travel project. The objective is to create connectivity and LCCC will go as far as the county bounds with Clare west of Coonagh. The continuation of Eurovelo Route 1 into Clare is a matter for Clare Co. Co. and the Council will liaise with them in this regard.
- Mr. Kennedy will bring the matter of distance markers and the matter of Abbeyfeale Railway station upgrade to Director Gordon Daly's attention.

- He will also bring the issue of safety on the greenway to the attention of the Department of Agriculture and National Parks & Wildlife Services regarding deer stag.

Mr. Leahy also added the following: -

- It is hoped that greenways could be delivered outside of CPO through agreements with landowners.
- Discussion with Irish Rail is ongoing on sharing of the IR corridor for the Rathkeale to Limerick Greenway.
- The Limerick to Scarriff scheme is being administered by Waterways Ireland and Clare County Council.
- The projects undertaken by MWNRDO come from TII only.
- Limerick to Oola Greenway is at stage 0 and no clear route has been determined at this stage. Consultants will be procured early next year to progress the project.
- The width of greenway can go up 4.5 meters. Design must be based on predicted usage.
- The corridor from Rathkeale to Adare has taken more time than was expected due to the announcement that Irish rail was reopening the line.
- Mr. Leahy will check the money spent to date on feasibility study and circulate the information to Members.

**Item 2: Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were proposed by Cllr. McSweeney, seconded by Cllr. Mitchell and adopted.

**Item 4: Notice of Motion Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney (referred from June Metro Meeting)**

**I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that in light of the many active travel improvements taking place in this district that we draft and implement a public engagement policy which sets out best practice for engagement with local stakeholders when this district is advancing Part 8 Planning Applications and Section 38s.**

In proposing the Motion Cllr. McSweeney requested that the response to the motion would set out how LCCC is going to engage with Members going forward. Cllr. O'Donovan seconded the Motion agreeing that guidelines are needed with clear communications.

In response, Mr. Josh Prenderville delivered a presentation on the non-statutory consultation communication template outlining the guide to phases proposed by Active Travel (AT).

The members thanked Mr. Prenderville and welcomed the template.

Cllr. McSweeney thanked Mr. Prenderville for the presentation. He added that an in-depth review of the pre consultative report is required, and the policy should set out a process of

how Active Travel engages with Councillors before the Part 8 process and how Councillors engage with people.

The Chair referenced the private briefing which Mr. Prenderville delivered to all elected Members on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> October. She very much welcomed this document and added that it is important that we have flexibility with the guidelines and all stakeholders.

Mr. Kennedy advised that the executive wants to ensure that all elected Members are fully briefed and will aim to improve the interaction going forward. He will discuss internally with the AT team. Mr. McGlynn also stated that the AT team is still evolving and all comments and concerns will be taken on board.

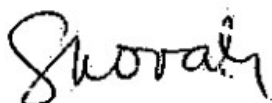
**Item 3: Presentation on Traffic Calming Policy - Mr. Hugh McGrath, S.E.**

Mr. Hugh McGrath delivered an update on Traffic Calming Policy and confirmed that the Council is commencing a review of the Limerick City and County Traffic Calming Policy for Urban Areas which will be presented to the SPC and the elected Members for approval. The existing Traffic Calming Policy to be circulated to the committee and elected members for review and comment.

The members thanked Mr. McGrath and welcomed the commencement of the review.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**