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

### **Attendance at Austin Sister Cities International Passport to the World Festival**

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An invitation was received by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick to attend the 2023 Austin Sister Cities International Passport to the World Festival. The event took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2023.

The Passport to the World Festival is a family friendly event open to the public to enjoy an afternoon of programming exploring Austin's rich international community through live performances, interactive games, crafts, and education booths. The event is supported in part by the City of Austin Economic Development Department

In 2019, a deligation from Limerick led by then Mayor Cllr James Collins, travelled to Austin and signed a Memorandum of Understanding between our two sities. This was the first of a three step process towards an official Sister Cities agreement between Austin and Limerick.

Since 2019, a number of objectives and initiatives outlined in the MOU have been achieved and relations between our two cities have progressed. Attendance at the 2023 Passport to the World Festival was an opportunity to progress the relationship further and move to step two of the process, "Friendship City" status.

The costs involved (flights and accommodation) were approximately €3,074.04

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 by Councillor Dan McSweeney, Deputy Mayor of the City and County of Limerick.

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*Eileen Coleman*

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