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

**Attendance at The Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade 2024
Rockaway Beach, Queens, New York**

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An invitation has been received by the Mayor of the City and County of Limerick, Gerald Mitchell, to attend the Annual Queens County St. Patrick's Day Parade at Rockaway Beach, Queens, New York, on 2nd March, 2024.

This is the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York and is held in early March where it gains significant exposure prior to the other large St. Patrick's Day parades held around St. Patrick's Day itself.

It is important that every opportunity is taken by the Council to build on existing links with groups in the USA to promote Limerick in the areas of Tourism, Culture, Community and Economic Development. With the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City, there will be high profile opportunities to promote Limerick across a broad range of business and community events for business and community leaders who will be attending the parade and associated events.

It is proposed that a delegation, would travel to Queens County for the St. Patrick's Day Annual Parade and associated events. This will help foster and develop the existing links and provide an opportunity to promote Limerick in the broader international arena.

In accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended, the approval of the Council is hereby sought for this proposed visit to Queens County, New York, with an estimated cost per Councillor of €2,500.00.

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Laura Flannery

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