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Meeting of Adare-Rathkeale Municipal District to be held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Kevin Sheahan:

"I will move at the next Meeting that our District should adopt a policy of seriously promoting the arts in our own District, in consultation with the arts office at HQ".

REPLY:

The Arts office aims to grow Limerick's arts and cultural capacity, across all Municipal Districts, including Adare – Rathkeale, through delivery of the adopted Limerick Cultural Strategy Framework 2016-2030. This sets out a clear vision and ambition that allows for the strategic planning and commitment to the continuous development of culture and arts in both Limerick City & County through dialogue with key stakeholders and influencers, at local and national level, artists, creative practitioners, communities and key cultural organisations. The Arts Office also works within the parameters of the Framework Agreement with The Arts Council / An Comhairle Ealaíon and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Creative Ireland Initiative.

Adare-Rathkeale MD is home to a number of practitioners and organisations who are supported through various grants schemes and funding opportunities provided through Limerick City and County Council Arts Office and through the Tourism Department in relation to festivals and events.

The Arts Office would welcome awareness raising and arts promotion initiatives in Municipal District areas. In January 2024, information sessions on funding opportunities were held in all Municipal Districts including Adare/Rathkeale M.D. Opportunities under the Grants Under the Arts Act scheme and Creative Ireland Made In Limerick Grants, were recently advertised and are open to all. In addition, individual arts bursaries, Dolores O'Riordan and Theatre bursaries will be open to applicants in coming weeks. All of these interventions assist in promoting and supporting arts activities throughout the City & County

Other Initiatives specific to the Adare-Rathkeale MD area this year, include the proposed loan of the Limerick Art Collection to Croom Hospital and supports under the Festival and Events programme.

Eatin McCooey, Arts Officer, Limerick City and County Council

Date: 27th February 2024