



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

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**Chairperson's Report for the Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee**



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The Community, Leisure and Culture Strategic Policy Committee meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were adopted.

The members were advised that the Draft Age Friendly Strategy went to the Full Meeting of Limerick City and County Council on 22/01/2024 for Noting.

#### Comhairle Na nÓg Presentation

A presentation was given by three members of Limerick Comhairle Na nÓg which outlined the work Comhairle Na nÓg does and the groups responsible for overseeing Comhairle Na nÓg including the Local Authority and The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, and Integration. It also outlined that the programme is delivered by Limerick Youth Service in partnership with Limerick City and County Council. The presentation gave details of World Health Organisation Award received by the group on the Not Around Us Initiative and the Comhairle Na nÓg members spoke in the European Parliament, the Dáil and the Seanad.

The Chairperson thanked John Real, Limerick Youth Service who is the Coordinator of Limerick Comhairle Na nÓg, the three members who gave the presentation and Limerick City and County Council staff who work with Comhairle Na nÓg.

#### Limerick Sports Partnership Presentation

Phelim Macken of Limerick Sports Partnership (LSP) gave a Presentation to the members updating them on the Workings of Limerick Sports Partnership. This included details regarding funding, new programmes being run by LSP including MoveWell Physical Activity for Health, details of Local and National Sports/Activity Plans and details around participation in sport and volunteering. It also outlined the benefit sport has on mental, emotional, social and physical health and initiatives and public awareness campaigns aimed at increasing participation in sport and exercise.

Details of the BoxUp and other initiatives giving free access to sports equipment in local parks along with details regarding community hubs delivering physical activity programmes were outlined in the presentation.

The Chairperson thanked Phelim Macken for the presentation and the excellent work LSP carries out in the community. These comments were endorsed by other members of the committee.

It was advised that LSP hopes to bring Limerick Sports Strategy 2024 to 2027 to a full council meeting of Limerick City and County Council at the end of 2024 or early 2025.

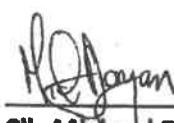
**Highlights of the current Strategic Policy Committee**

The Chairperson noted that this meeting was the final meeting of the current council term. He outlined details of Presentations given to the SPC, Strategies that came before the SPC and details of initiatives which the SPC took during his term as Chairperson

S. Duclot on behalf of the Executive thanked all the SPC members for their attendance and participation. He also thanked Cllr. M. Donegan and Cllr. K. O'Hanlon who chaired the SPC during its current term.

The Chairperson thanked all members of the SPC and Limerick City and County Council staff for their assistance and their input during his time as Chairperson and wished everyone well for the future.

A date will be set for the next SPC meeting when the calendar of meetings for the incoming council has been agreed.



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**Cllr Michael Donegan**  
Chairperson  
Community, Leisure and Culture SPC  
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