

18th September, 2024.

To: The Príomh Comhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

RE: Formation of the new Limerick Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)

Appointment of Chairperson and Committee members.

Section 21 & 22 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998 requires each Local Authority to establish an LTACC to advise on the provision and management of Traveller accommodation.

The role of the LTACC is as follows:

- Advise in relation to the preparation and implementation of a Traveller accommodation programme for the functional area of the appointing authority concerned;
- Advise on the management of accommodation for Travellers;
- Provide a liaison between Travellers and members and officials of the appointing authority concerned, with regard to any aspect of accommodation for Travellers.

In addition, other sections of the legislation provide a role for the committee and the relevant housing authority must:

- Give notice to the committee of its intention to carry out an assessment of accommodation needs;
- Have regard to the views, if any, of the committee in making an assessment;
- Give notice to the committee of its intention to prepare a draft accommodation programme;
- Provide the committee with a copy of the published notice indicating its intention to adopt an accommodation programme;
- Provide the committee with a copy of the draft accommodation programme which has been submitted to members; and
- Furnish the committee with a copy of the adopted programme.

The Committee will meet at least four times a year and training will be provided to members of the committee as required.

The following Councillors have already been nominated by the Council to the Committee:

- Councillor Frankie Daly
- Councillor Catherine Slattery
- Councillor Sean Hartigan
- Councillor Tommy O Sullivan

It is now necessary to appoint a Chairperson of the Committee. The role of the Chairperson is crucial to the success of the committee and the position can be reviewed at the end of the second year of appointment, if required. The appointment of a Chairperson is a reserved function of Council.

The appointment of Committee members is also a reserved function. The following persons are recommended for nomination to the LTACC for the next five years:

Council Officials

- Director of Service, Housing
- Senior Executive Officer, Traveller Accommodation Unit, Housing
- Executive Engineer, Traveller Accommodation Unit, Housing

Traveller Representatives

- **Rathkeale Together** – Valerie Foley & Amanda Sheridan
- **West Limerick Primary Health Care Project** : Margaret Harty & Hannah Hehir
- **Ballyhoura Primary Health Care Project** : Bridget McDonagh & Noreen O'Reilly
- **Limerick Traveller Health Programme** : Nora O' Neill & Kathleen Ward Benn
- **Limerick Traveller Network** : Anita Pannell & Bridget Casey

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John Moran,
Mayor of Limerick