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**To: The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

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

**A Chomhairleoir, A Chara,**

The Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were adopted.

### **Draft Local Sports Plan**

Mark O'Connell, Director of Repucon Consulting, presented Final Draft of Limerick Local Sports Plan. Members were informed that the main aim of the plan is to provide opportunity for every Limerick resident to be active. Mr O'Connell explained extended consultation process used to ensure, the needs of local communities and stakeholders are reflected in the plan. Importance of synergy with local, national and international policy was also noted. Priorities and goals of the Plan were presented to the members, together with action plan that emerged from them.

### **Library Tablet Lending Project in partnership with Vodafone Foundation**

Presentation was given by Noreen O'Neill, Senior Executive Librarian on the Library Tablet Lending Project in partnership with Vodafone Foundation. Senior Executive Librarian informed members that this Limerick Library program was shortlisted for the National Age Friendly Award. Main purpose of this project is to increase access to digital resources and improve digital skills for older people. This program allows people to loan a tablet from their local library for extended periods of time. All the devices are loaded with mobile internet and

have pre-installed app's including digital literacy training, specially designed for elderly users. Program is very popular and brings very positive feedback from the users.

### **Age Friendly Ireland – National Update**

Dara McGuigan, Age Friendly Regional Programme Manager gave an update on the national Age Friendly Programme. Members were informed of the role of the Shared Service hosted by Meath County Council, as well as local program structure. Information was provided on the Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme that aims to support older people to remain living in their own homes, or homes appropriate to their needs, for as long as possible, and to avoid admittance to residential care. The referral process was explained including contact details for Limerick programme coordinators. Regional Programme Manager mentioned other programs currently being undertaken by Age Friendly Ireland nationally and locally, as well as forthcoming events including the National Age Friendly Awards.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

**Cllr Azad Talukder**

**Acting Chairperson  
Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture SPC**

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