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**Chairperson's Report of the Blended Meeting of Limerick City & County Council Climate Action,
Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee held on
Wednesday 10th February 2026 at 1.30pm.**

Item 1 – Adopt minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 03rd December 2025.

The minutes of the meeting held on 08th October 2025 were proposed by Mr. S. Lavery and seconded by Cllr. E Ryan.

Items 2 – Notice of Motion

Item 2 - Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue (*referred from December Metropolitan Meeting*).

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the current Presentation of Waste Byelaws are updated to reflect the current volume of required segregation of waste, and that a programme of clear communication around these updated byelaws is developed.

It was agreed that a review of the Presentation of Waste Byelaws would be undertaken following the completion of the Feasibility Study for Waste Management system in the city centre, which is due to be complete in March

Item 3

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. Reale (*referred from December Metropolitan Meeting*) –

I will move at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provides a public schedule of Bring Bank and Clothes Bins collection days at all locations across the Metropolitan District so that people looking to recycle can schedule their trips on days that these bins are emptied and have adequate space to dispose of such items. This will further allow this Council to alternate collections between various locations.

It was agreed that collection days would be posted to Bring banks where feasible.

Item 4 - Feasibility Study for New Waste Management System for Limerick City Centre –Stakeholder Engagement - KEO Consultants – Edward Wilkins and Cristina Harber.

Mr. Wilkins and Ms. Harber provided a detailed update on the Feasibility Study for a new Waste Management System for Limerick City Centre. The objectives of this project are to:

- improve the storage and presentation of waste, particularly in sensitive historic and retail districts
- encourage greater participation by residents and businesses in waste prevention, litter prevention, disposal, and recycling
- streamline collection, recycling, and disposal processes as part of an integrated waste management system
- reduce environmental impacts while supporting Limerick in meeting EU recycling and circular economy targets

Discussion following the presentation focused on the ongoing issue of dumping at Bring Banks in the City and the need for further direct engagement with the public and business owners.

A proposal was made to remove textile banks where persistent illegal dumping occurs. After discussion, it was agreed that CCTV and other mitigation measures would first be given time to have an impact, and the situation would be reviewed at a subsequent SPC meeting.

It was agreed that the presentation would be shared with all members of the SPC.

Item 5 – The Million Trees Project – Can tree planting provide a sustainable, long-lasting environmental legacy to the Ryder Cup – Aidan Finn, Senior Engineer.

Mr. A Finn gave a presentation on the Million Trees Project, a carbon off-set project for the Ryder Cup. The aim is to plant 100 acres of trees by 2027 ideally in Limerick using trees of native provenance and the Miyawaki Method of planting. Adare Manor will plant 20 acres of trees on their property. The Council is seeking landowners with land parcels of 10 acres or more who may wish to participate. Should a landowners' land be deemed suitable by the Forestry Service, grant aid and premium support is available to the landowner. The lands will be assessed and planted by the project; all the landowner needs to do is make the lands available.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the presentation would be shared with all members of the SPC.

Cllr Joe Leddin
Chairperson of the Climate Action Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee
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