

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

**Chairperson's Report of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting  
of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Officials Present:** Ms. P Liddy, (PL) Mr. H. McGrath (HMcG), M Fitzgerald, Ms Ú Walsh (ÚW) Ms. M. Corrigan (M.C.), Ms. M. Fitzgerald (MF), Mr. T. Goodwin (TG), Mr. S. McGlynn (SMcG), Ms C. Mulcahy (CM), Mary Hennessy, (MH), Tom Hayes (TH), Caroline Mulcahy (CM), Caroline Chambers (CC), Patrick O' Rourke (PO'R) , John O' Keeffe (JO'K), Assumpta Leahy (AL), Mr T Hayes (TH), Mr J O' Leary (JO'L), John Gannon (JG), Sasa Novak (SK)

**A Chomhairleoir, a chara,**

An in-person meeting of the above Strategic Policy Committee took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026. The following is a summary of the business transacted at the meeting.

**Item 1: Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 were proposed by Cllr. Jerome Scanlon and seconded by Cllr. John O' Donoghue and adopted.

The Chair thanked Hugh McGrath for working with the Committee, who has taken up a new role with Clare County Council, and welcomed Patrick O' Rourke, Senior Executive Technician.

**Item 2: Presentation on the Implementation of Built-Up and Urban Area Speed Limits – John O' Keeffe, Senior Executive Engineer**

'John O' Keeffe, Senior Executive Engineer, gave an update on the delivery of phase 2 of the 2023 speed limit review which includes for the implementation of urban core speed limits along with reduced speed limit zones outside of urban schools. Future phases will be delivered, with Phase 3 of the review including for a speed limit reduction on national Secondary Roads to 80kph and Phase 4 delivering reduced speed limit zones outside rural schools. Following discussions, Mr O'Keeffe responded to queries from the members on the scope of Phase 2. Members raised the matter of speed limits at a number of locations on regional roads, which it was clarified falls outside the scope of the Phase 2 review, and it was requested that such requests for speed limit reviews are referred to the Central Services Roads team as speed limit review requests to assess and respond.

Questions were raised relating to a review of the impact of the existing 30kph core in limerick City which was implemented in recent years, and if before and after speed have

been compared. Mr O' Keefe confirmed that he was not aware if before and after surveys have been undertaken but will but he will look into this and revert. The Chair asked for the presentation to be circulated in due course.

**Item 3: Strategic Policy Committee Meeting Workshop with the purpose of developing a work programme for the remainder of the current council with Facilitator Dr Philip Byrne of Byrne Training and Consultation Ltd.**

Dr Philip Byrne of Irish Public Administration and Byrne Training and Consulting Ltd facilitated a workshop on behalf of the members. The purpose of the workshop was to agree on a draft work programme for the remainder of the current council, 2024 - 2029.

His presentation covered:

- Key policies developed from 2019 to 2024
- Key Possible Strategic Travel and Transportation challenges facing Limerick to 2029 and beyond
- Potential Strategic Policies that could address the Travel and Transportation Challenges in Limerick
- Key Travel and Transportation objectives in Limerick City and County Councils Corporate Plan

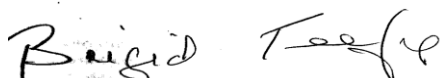
He then split the members into two groups with the task of:

- Identifying 5 strategic policies that they felt they could realistically achieve between now and 2029.
- Identifying the timeframe for each of the policies
- Identifying challenges facing implementation of policies
- Identifying solutions to overcome the challenges

Following discussion, the two groups presented their work to the other members. Dr Philip Byrne said he would record the notes taken and provide a presentation to that effect. The Chair thanked Dr Philip Byrne for the workshop and asked for his presentation to be circulated upon completion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Brigid Teefy,**  
**Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee**