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**To: The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick
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Mayoral Visit to New York, USA – 6th March – 9 March 2026

Background

An invitation was received by the Mayor of Limerick John Moran to attend the Annual St Patricks Day Parade in Rockaway, Queens, New York on Saturday 7th March, 2026. This is the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York and is held in early March, where it gains significant exposure prior to the other large St. Patrick's Day parades held around St. Patrick's Day itself.

At the September 2025 Meeting, approval was given by the Council to this proposed visit, in accordance with Section 142(5) of the Local Government Act, 2001, as amended.

Delegation & Trip

As the Mayor was not in a position to attend this event, I was nominated as Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Newcastle West Municipal District to lead the delegation that visited Rockaway, Queens, New York for this Annual St Patricks Day Parade.

On Saturday 7th March, the delegation travelled out to Rockaway and attended the Mass for Peace and Justice in Ireland at St Francis de Sales Church, Rockaway where Michael Benn, President of the Parade and a Limerick native, introduced the delegation to the congregation.

After mass, the Delegation attended a St Patricks Day Breakfast Brunch Event at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Rockaway where the delegation met with members of the Irish American Community, along with local elected and business representatives and officials.

At this function, there were discussions amongst those present on the developments and progress in Limerick in terms of investment and tourism, and the importance of further developing linkages between Limerick, the Mid West, and Ireland with the United States.

Following on from this, the Delegation participated in the St Patricks Day Parade, which commenced from Beach 130th Street and Newport Avenue in Belle Harbor.

This was led by Grand Marshal, Michelle Cusack, CFO of Northwell Health (she is of Irish descent, from County Limerick), Honorary Grand Marshal, John Norbury, President of Construction & General Building Laborers' Local 79, and Gael of the Year: Dennis Schock, President of the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association. They were joined by several honorary Grand Marshals, including Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy in Belle Harbor, and Peter McMahon, the owner of Harbor Waterproofing Services.

Discussions also took place with Michael Benn regarding plans and preparations for the New York St Patricks Day Parade. It should be noted that Michael Benn had the honor of serving as Grand Marshal for the 264th New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade along Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, New York in March 2025.

Francis Foley

Cllr Francis Foley
Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Newcastle West District

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED UNDER SECTION 142(5) (f) and (fa) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001

Organiser of Conference _____

Name of Conference National Young Green Conference

Location of Conference D.C.U. Dublin

Date of Conference 07/03/2016

Summary of Conference Content

The Council hosted Catherine Conway President who spoke to those gathered. The Council explained the importance of young greens and how we encourage more youth to get involved. There was a large attendance with interaction Q&A's.

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Print Name: Adam Tesley

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Organiser of Conference _____

Name of Conference National young carers conference

Location of Conference University college Dublin

Date of Conference 7 March 2026.

Summary of Conference Content

young carers and family carers. This conference was for people who have a family member who

(1) Has a disability

(2) Has a long term injury or illness

(3) Has a mental health condition

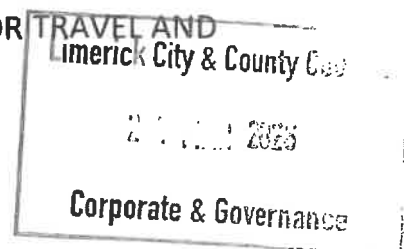
(4) Has Addiction Challenges

5 Has Experienced trauma such as a person who has experienced refugee or asylum seeker status living in the community or direct provision or in a ipas Accommodation

Signature: Fergus Kilcoyne

Print Name: Fergus Kilcoyne

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Attendance at Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in New York

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

As Members will be aware, a delegation from the Council travelled to New York for the Annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations where the Grand Marshal this year was Robert J. McCann who is a dual U.S. and Irish citizen and a prominent board member of The Irish Arts Centre.

The delegation was comprised of Cathaoirleach of Metropolitan District of Limerick, Councillor Daniel Butler, Councillors J. Leddin, A. Teskey, S. Keary, F. Kilcoyne, T. Hartigan and P. Reale along with Mr. Vincent Murray, Director of Service and Ms. Ciara Farrell, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services and Governance.

The official delegation travelled on 14th March and returned on 18th March.

Saturday, 14th March

Travel day and Group Networking Dinner

Sunday, 15th March

Liveable Limerick : Walk of The High Line Park and Chelsea Food Market
Group Networking Dinner with business representatives

Monday, 16th March

Ireland US Council Business Lunch and met with Irish Association
Tour of United Nations Headquarters with Mr. Donal Cronin, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ireland to The United Nations in New York

Tuesday, 17th March

9.00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
Tour of building development Manhattan
Participation in St. Patrick's Day Parade with Limerick Association
Limerick Business Network

Wednesday, 18th March

Meeting with IDA

Meeting with Tourism Ireland

Thursday, 19th March

Meeting at Brooklyn Borough Hall with Chief of Staff, Ms. Laura Imperiale and Land Use Team Brooklyn Borough

Is mise le meas,

Daniel Butler

**COUNCILLOR DANIEL BUTLER
CATHAOIRLEACH
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**