

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

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The Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee meeting was held on 10th June 2026. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th April 2026 were adopted.

Update on Community Support Centres

The Committee received a detailed presentation from Anne Rizzo, Senior Executive Officer, on Community Support Centres, outlining their role in supporting community engagement, service provision and local development, with a particular emphasis on their function in responding to severe weather events. Members were advised that the centres are being developed as key local hubs during extreme weather conditions, providing safe and accessible spaces for communities while supporting a coordinated emergency response.

It was noted that, as part of the first phase of the initiative, nine centres have been identified across Limerick. Members were informed that works are currently underway to enhance the resilience of these facilities, including the installation of smart switch systems. In addition, four generators have already been delivered to Limerick City and County Council to ensure continuity of power supply in the event of outages. It is intended that additional Community Support Centres will be identified and developed in subsequent phases. Members were encouraged to inform their communities that expressions of interest for additional locations are welcome

Museum Policies for Consideration for recommendation to the Full Council

The Museum Curator, Matthew Potter, outlined the policy framework required under the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) and emphasised the importance of achieving and maintaining MSPI accreditation as a recognised benchmark of professional museum practice. Members were informed that Limerick Museum is progressing its

application to the programme, which necessitates the formal adoption and implementation of a comprehensive suite of governance, collections management and public service policies in line with national standards.

The Curator detailed the key policy areas required to support the application, including the Mission Statement, Collections Policy, Disposal Policy, Loans Policy, Care of Collections Strategy, Disaster Plan, Exhibitions Policy and Education Policy. Members were advised of the significance of these policies in ensuring accountability, safeguarding the museum's collections, and supporting public access, engagement and the achievement of ongoing MSPI accreditation.

On the proposal of Cllr. A. Talukder, seconded by Cllr. G. Conway, it was agreed that the Museum Policies be referred to the full Council for consideration.

Approval of The Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Work Plan

Director of Service, Brian McCarthy, outlined the development process for the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme. Members were reminded that training workshops for all SPC members were held in January 2026 and delivered by the Institute of Public Administration. Following this training, it was agreed that Limerick City and County Council would engage with each SPC in the preparation of individual work programmes. A dedicated Work Programme workshop was subsequently held in February 2026. A draft Work Programme was presented at the April 2026 SPC meeting and was thereafter circulated to all members for review and submission of comments. The Director of Service asked that members approve the final Work Programme to enable its submission to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) for consideration.

On the proposal of Cllr M. Collins, seconded by Cllr G. Conway, it was agreed that the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme be submitted to the CPG for consideration.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14th October 2026.

Recommendation:

- That the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee Work Programme 2025 - 2029 should be submitted to Full Council for approval.
- That Museum Policies be submitted to the Full Council for approval.

Cllr Fergus Kilcoyne

Chairperson

Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee

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