

**To the Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council
Chairperson's Report of the Meeting of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism, and
Planning Strategic Policy Committee of Monday, 8th June 2026.**

Item 1:

Minutes

The Minutes of the Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism, and Planning SPC Meeting held on 13th April 2026 were proposed by Cllr. Michael Collins and seconded by Mr Michael Joyce

Item 2:

Update from Jerry Hallissey of Shannon Foynes Port Company

Mr. Jerry Hallissey delivered a detailed presentation to the Committee on the Shannon Foynes Port Strategy. The presentation provided an overview of the Action Plan, focusing on manufacturing, job creation, and training and education. It was noted that successful delivery will require strong collaboration between local authorities across the Mid-West region, alongside engagement with relevant Government Departments and stakeholders.

Members discussed regional connectivity, noting that the primary focus is on cargo transport while raising concerns regarding passenger mobility/road and rail infrastructure, and readiness for commercial growth. Discussions amongst members also focused on the regional approach in what the local authority can do to strengthen our connections between Limerick/Clare and Kerry

Members highlighted international comparators, including the Port of Savannah in the USA, as potential models for engagement and learning and a great opportunity to foster relationships. Discussions around centres of excellence(education) and rail infrastructure (Western Rail Corridor), including the protection and future use of inactive rail corridors were also highlighted.

The Chair thanked Mr. Hallissey for his very detailed and excellent presentation and confirmed that the report would be circulated to members once available. Members commended the ambition of the Action Plan and thanked Mr. Hallissey for attending to provide the update.

Item 3:**Update on Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy submission – Carmel Brislane – SEP**

Carmel Brislane (SEP) briefed the members on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy submission. The presentation focused on Transport, Accessibility, Renewable Energy and infrastructure Capacity.

Members discussions centred around infrastructure capacity, which was identified as a key constraint to delivery, funding sources and the sequencing of infrastructure investment. Member also requested if it would be possible to set out the RSES in a spatial way as opposed to a list. In terms of sectoral priorities, it was noted that transport and accessibility are referenced within the strategy. In addition, members discussed the importance of environmental protection and highlighted increasing pressures at a local level, particularly in areas experiencing growth. The Chair thanked Ms Brislane for her detailed presentation.

Item 4**Update on Clarina Ballybrown Public Realm Enhancement Plan – Aoife Martin – EA**

Aoife Martin (EA) briefed members on the Clarina Ballybrown Public Realm Enhancement Plan. The presentation focused on proposed layouts, extended walkways and safety measures.

Members discussions ensued around pedestrian crossings/cross collaboration with Active Travel/pedestrian permeability and concerns that vehicles are getting physically bigger and increasing in their numbers in our towns and villages(SUV's/EV's) It was advised that Forward Planning team has engaged extensively with Active Travel Department of LCCC on this Public Realm Enhancement Plan. In concluding the discussion, there was general agreement that the role of the SPC should be strengthened going forward, with a particular focus on earlier involvement in the drafting process, enhanced consultation structures, and improved governance arrangements.

The Chair thanked Ms Martin for her excellent and detailed presentation.

Item 5**Date of next SPC meeting.**

The next blended SPC meeting date will be confirmed after the July Full Council meeting.

The Chairperson, Cllr. P. Doyle thanked everyone present for attending the SPC meeting.

The business of the meeting concluded at 4.45pm



Cllr. Peter Doyle, Chairperson

Dated: 29th June 2026