

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

Work Programme 2025-2029

Introduction

Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee has been constituted in accordance with the Strategic Policy Committee (“SPC”) Scheme 2024-2029 adopted by Limerick City County Council (“the Council”) on the 25th of November 2024.

Function of this SPC

The function of an SPC is to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy in relation to the functions of the SPC and the Local Authority and to advise the Authority on those matters. (Local Government Act 2001, Section 41)

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

Membership of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee comprises the following Council members and sectoral representatives.

Sectoral Representatives	Pillar
Eileen McMahon	Community/ Voluntary
John Ward	Development/Construction
Khurram Iqbal	Social Inclusion
Louise Crowley	Agricultural/Farming
Marion Hurley	Community/Voluntary
Padraig Lohan	Community/Voluntary
Pete Moles	Community/Voluntary
Randal Hodgkinson	Business/Commercial

Elected Members	Political Party
Fergus Kilcoyne - Chairperson	Fianna Fáil
Azad Talukder	Fianna Fáil
Brigid Teefy	Independent
Catherine Slattery	Fianna Fáil
Dan McSweeney	Fine Gael
Daniel Butler	Fine Gael
Gregory Conway	Fine Gael
John Sheahan	Fine Gael
Martin Ryan	Fianna Fáil
Michael Collins	Fianna Fáil
Olivia O'Sullivan	Fine Gael
P.J. Carey	Sinn Féin
Padraigh Reale	Labour
Sarah Beasley	Aontú
Shane Hickey O'Mara	Social Democrats
Tommy Hartigan	Independent Ireland

Council officials working within remit of the Community, Leisure, Arts, Heritage and Culture Strategic Policy Committee

Name	Position
Brian McCarthy	Director of Service, Regeneration, Community, Sport & Rural Development
Sean Lenihan	Director of Service, Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and Corporate Buildings
Stephane Duclot	Director of Service, Planning and Ryder Cup
Karen Burke	Town Centre First Officer
Fiona McCormack/ Declan White	Regeneration, Sports and Recreation
Maria Woods/ Grainne McMahon	Heritage
Damien Brady	City & County Librarian
Anne Rizzo	Community Department / Meeting Administrator
Joanna O'Donoghue	SPC Admin Support

Area / Action	Limerick Policy links	Who	KPI / date	Policy links
Culture				
Library Review 2021 - 2026 extended plan Draft recommendations for new Library Development Plan 2027 to 2031 Draft. New city library plan	Library Development Plan 2021-2025 mayoral-programme.htm Link to Corporate Plan Link to (draft) Annual Service Delivery Plan Add link for New Library Development Plan once it is available. Library Development Plan 2021-2025 mayoral-programme.htm Link to Corporate Plan Link to (draft) Annual Service Delivery Plan	Lead: Damien Brady Links with other SPCs: Finance Investment and Governance SPC Team / working group/ departments involved: Library Team <i>(applicable to all)</i>	Review conducted in Q1 2026 and presented to SPC (due to Covid 2020 plan extended by 1 year to include 2026). Draft recommendations Q4 2026 Achieve national funding and commence building work Q1 2027	Library is the Place National Strategy 2023-2027

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Arts and Creative Limerick				
Review Limerick Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023 – 2027	mayoral-programme.htm limerick-culture-and-creative-strategy-2023.htm Link to Corporate Plan Link to (draft) Annual Service Delivery Plan	Lead: Etain McCooney, Creative Ireland Coordinator/ Arts Officer Culture and Creativity Team (Creative Ireland designated) Link with other SPCs: Finance Investment and Governance SPC <i>(applicable to all)</i>	Q3 2027	Creative Ireland: Creative Ireland - Connecting people, creativity and wellbeing
Review need for Limerick 5 year Arts Plan aligned to Arts Council and national policy from 2028	mayoral-programme.htm Link to Corporate Plan Link to (draft) Annual Service Delivery Plan		Q2 2028	Link to Arts Council strategy 2027-2031 when available
Review Limerick Cultural Strategy framework 2016 – 2030	Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030 Link to Corporate Plan Link to (draft) Annual Service Delivery Plan		Q2 2029	S6 Arts Act 2003 S6 Arts Act 2003.htm
Limerick Gallery of Art				
Develop new 5 year strategy for 2027 - 2031		Lead: Siobhan O'Reilly, Executive Director		Arts Council policies Making Great Art Work

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	Link to Corporate Plan, Mayoral Plan, Annual Service Delivery Plan	Links with other SPCs: Finance Investment and Governance SPC	Q1 2027	And 5 year new plan being developed
Limerick Museum New 5 year Strategic Plan 2027 - 2031	Link to Corporate Plan, Mayoral Plan, Annual Service Delivery Plan	Lead: Matthew Potter Links with other SPCs: Finance Investment and Governance SPC	Q4 2026	Local Authority Museums Network and Irish Museums Association Policies

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Community				
Migrant Integration Strategy	New Limerick Strategy being drafted at present, expect to present to SPC Q4 2026	Lead: Limerick Migrant Integration Steering Group Links with other SPCs: Team / working group/ departments involved: Integration, Health & Wellbeing section of the Community Development Department	Q4 2026	Migrant Integration Strategy National Action Plan Against Racism Migrant integration projects - Migration and Home Affairs Local Authority Integration Teams Local Government Ireland Integration and community supports

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Our Rural Future Government will review current plan and the SPC will draft submission to support this process. Implement the Limerick Outdoor Recreation Strategy Prepare Town Centre First Plans in line with funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht	annual-service-delivery-plan-2025.pdf Mayoral Programme MP103 Mayoral Programme ML 27	Lead: Karen Burke Links with other SPCs: Economic Development, Enterprise, Tourism and Planning SPC, Team / working group/ departments involved: Multi disciplinary teams within Local Authority and with Sectoral interests.	Funding secured to deliver projects across rural Limerick Funding secured to deliver outdoor recreation projects across rural Limerick Town Teams established	Our Rural Future Embracing Ireland's Outdoors - National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2023-2027 town-centre-first.pdf

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Sports & Community facilities				
Review current policies for facilities / outreach work Development of the Local Sports Plan Draft recommendations for next steps and action plan	Note: can this be combined with community engagement and community sports facilities audit / feedback • Local Sports Plan • Limerick Sports Partnership • Limerick Smarter Travel • Age Friendly Limerick • Healthy Limerick	Lead: Links with other SPCs: Team / working group/ departments involved:		National Sports Action Plan 2024-2027 National Sports Policy 2018-2027 Embracing Ireland's Outdoors - National Outdoor Recreation Strategy 2023-2027 Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018 - 2030

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Heritage				
Quarterly Heritage Reviews • continue quarterly issue – Heritage forum meetings on a regular, usually quarterly basis, to assist with cooperation between heritage cultural personnel throughout the organisation., These meetings would provide the basis for heritage reviews.	Note: joint work with culture/library/museum/archives • County Heritage Plan 2017-2030 • Designated sites, recorded monuments and places • County Development Plan 2022-2028 • Mayoral Programme ML69 (p.52) • https://www.limerick.ie/council/services/your-council/your-mayor/mayoral-programme	Section lead: Grainne McMahon, lead for THRIVE. Lead: Murals and Architectural Conservation Shona O Keefe., Architectural Conservation officer) World heritage Tentative list: Shona, Sarah and Tom and Heritage forum. Community Monuments Fund (CMF): Sarah McCutcheon (LA Archaeologist) Tom O Neill for ecology input. Irish Community Archives network (ICAN) Tom O Neill. Limerick UNESCO: all of the above. Links with other SPCs: Environment SPC & Planning and Ryder Cup SPC Team / working group/ departments involved: Lough Gur (Limerick DAC and Parks). World heritage working group, Community, Planning and Environment.	4 cycles	Strategy for World Heritage in Ireland 2025-2035 - World Heritage Ireland Heritage Ireland 2030 Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2023-2028