

Statement of outcomes for PPN representatives on external committees

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1. Name of Committee:	Implementation Advisory Group to consider Directly Elected Mayor with Executive Functions in Limerick City & County.
2. Name of Linkage Group:	PPN Secretariat
3. Name of PPN Representative(s) on this committee:	Cillian Flynn
4. Date of committee meeting:	Thursday 03 September 2020
5. Location of meeting:	Online
6. PPN representatives who attended this meeting:	Cillian Flynn
7. Meeting Agenda (bullet points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Additional Item: Minister of State Peter Burke T.D., addresses the group</i> 2. Agreement of the draft outputs and actions of the meeting of 20 August and matters arising. 3. Consideration of Working papers previously circulated but not yet considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP5 – Removal and recall of the Mayor • WP6 – the mechanics of electing a mayor • WP7 - The Budgetary Process • WP3c – The role of the chief executive. 4. Consideration of revised WP4 – Additionality and Opportunity 5. Outline of the final report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Report Outline • Introduction and Statement of vision from the Chair 6. Date and of next meeting: 7. Any other business.

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Agenda item relevant for discussion	Discussion please give brief outline of the discussion in <i>bullet points</i> – being mindful of any confidentiality requirements	Action please give brief details of actions agreed or outcomes – being mindful of any confidentiality requirements	Specific input/influence of PPN representative(s) Give brief details of proposals or outcomes from PPN representation in the meeting
5.	With the agreement of the members, the Chair moved the consideration of the outline of the final report and the Chair's introduction and vision document (item 5 on the agenda) to the start of the meeting.	<p>The outline final report was briefly summarised and explained to the members.</p> <p>The Chair introduced the introduction and vision document</p> <p>The outline final report and the introduction and vision document were broadly agreed, subject to finalisation</p>	<p>CF asked if the Public Consultation Report as a whole would be included in the final report.</p> <p>It was confirmed that it will be included ion the appendices.</p>
1.	Minister of State Peter Burke visited the meeting briefly	<p>The Minister thanked everyone for their hard work on the DEM project. He stated his appreciation for the importance of this major reform to Limerick City and County and looks forward to playing his part in advancing the project.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed the Minister and expressed thanks on behalf of the Group. The Chair noted that in spite of delays caused by the pandemic, the work of the Group is progressing and that a final report is being prepared.</p> <p>Mayor Collins welcomed the Minister. He expressed appreciation for the Minister's support for the hard work carried out by the Group, and hopes that the Group will be able to meet with the Minister in person before the completion of the DEM project.</p>	
3.	Consideration of WP5 – Removal and recall of the Mayor:	<p>A presentation was given to the Group outlining the content of WP5</p> <p>The following points were made in the ensuing discussion:</p> <p>It was suggested that the period between attempts to recall or remove a DEM should be 12 months</p> <p>It was suggested that the proportion of members necessary to pass a motion should be the same for both recall and removal motions</p> <p>It was felt that the language around grounds for removing a DEM from office should be re-examined to ensure that it is in line with existing provisions relating to the removal of office-holders and officials from their positions</p>	

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		<p>It was noted that difficulties could arise if a regulation to remove a Mayor was not passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas</p> <p>WP5 was broadly agreed, subject to finalisation</p>	
	<p>Consideration of WP6 – The mechanics of electing a Mayor</p>	<p>WP6 was introduced to the members It was clarified that the eligibility requirements for candidates for DEM were modelled on requirements for Teachtaí Dála. It was suggested that, in view of the unique nature of the role of DEM and the onerous service-delivery obligations attached to the office, a higher number of proposed nominations should be required for a candidate to stand for election.</p> <p>It was suggested that the residency requirements for nominators should be clarified in the context of the procedure for nominating candidates for DEM The proposed method of electing a DEM was considered, including the suggestion that, in line with jurisdictions like France and Germany, a two-stage election process might be used. In such a system, if no candidate receives over 50% of the votes cast, a run-off election is subsequently held between the two highest-polling candidates to decide the election. The Secretariat undertook to discuss this proposal with Department’s Franchise Section. WP6 was broadly agreed, subject to finalisation</p>	
	<p>Consideration of WP7 – The budgetary process</p>	<p>The revised WP7 was introduced to the members It was noted that step 3 of the proposed budgetary process provides for 1 month, whereas current requirements under the Local Government Act 2001, as amended, are for 14 days. It was agreed that WP7 should be amended to reflect present requirements WP7 was broadly agreed, subject to finalisation</p>	
	<p>Consideration of WP3c – The role of the chief executive</p>	<p>It was suggested that WP3c should either state that the role of the chief executive would remain in Limerick City and County but would be redefined, or that it was going to be removed and replaced with a new office with a new title, such as Director General.</p> <p>It was noted that the views of the CCMA should be sought on WP3c</p> <p>The importance of ensuring that the role of chief executive (or any successor role) remains attractive</p>	

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		to high-calibre candidates was discussed. It was suggested that in view of the enhanced complexity of the role when a DEM has been established, it might be appropriate to review and adjust upwards the conditions attached to the position <i>WP3c was broadly agreed, subject to finalisation</i>	
4	Consideration of the revised WP4 – Additionality and Opportunity	The changes made to WP4 were briefly summarised and explained to members. <i>WP4 was agreed, subject to finalisation.</i>	
7A	Public consultation report:	The Group was advised that it is hoped the public consultation report will be made available by Dr Adshead soon.	The importance of the public consultation and of a public information campaign to ensure proper public understanding of the role of DEM were noted
7B	Any Other Business	The Group agreed that the elected Council of Limerick City and County should be further consulted on the IAG’s final report, including the findings of the public consultation exercise, before it is finalised. This is line with a commitment given to the elected members at workshops held during July. The Council agreed to consider the possibility of organising such a consultation during the week of 21 September, in line with Government public health advice.	
6	Next Meeting	It was agreed that the next meeting of the Group will take place on 15 September	

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1. Cillian Flynn	1.
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