

Statement of outcomes for PPN representatives on external committees

Limerick PPN representatives on external committees are expected to prepare and sign a Statement of Outcomes for any meetings attended – one statement per committee, rather than one per representative.

This template is to help Limerick PPN representatives who sit on external committees to report effectively to their respective PPN Linkage Groups, the Secretariat and the wider PPN membership. Please complete the template and return to ppn@limerick.ie as soon as possible after the meeting.

Please keep the Statement of Outcomes as brief as possible and note it will be added to the Limerick PPN website.

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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: | Tuesday 15 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. Agreement of the draft outputs and actions of the meeting of 3 September and matters arising. 2. Final consideration of papers previously circulated and discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP5 – Removal and recall of the Mayor • WP6 – the mechanics of electing a mayor • WP3c – The role of the chief executive. • WP4 – Additionality and Opportunity 3. Consideration of papers not yet discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WP9 Summary of stakeholder engagement • WP8 Outstanding recommendations in the Government’s detailed policy proposals document for final sign off. 4. Public consultation exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of UL report and summary chapter for inclusion in the final report. <i>(Possible presentation from Dr Adshead on the findings)</i> 5. Date and of next meeting 6. 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 |
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| | <p>The Group was informed of recent Oireachtas Committee discussions in relation to the DEM legislation.</p> <p>The Group was advised that, given the complexity of the legislation, it was considered very ambitious to have legislation passed by the end of 2020.</p> <p>Instead, it is intended to submit a general scheme of a Bill to the Oireachtas by the end of 2020. If the draft legislation proceeds through the Oireachtas in Spring 2021, mayoral elections could take place in autumn 2021.</p> | <p>The Group was informed that the Department will be meeting with officials from other Government Departments over the coming weeks.</p> <p>The Chair advised the Group that any remaining outstanding proposals from the original Government detailed policy proposals document will be considered in the next meeting, and that it will address matters still outstanding.</p> | |
| 1 | The draft outputs and actions document for meeting 10 of the IAG on 3 September was agreed. | | |
| 2 | <p>Final consideration of papers previously circulated and discussed.</p> <p>WP5 – removal and recall.</p> | <p>The Group was advised that the working paper had been adjusted to reflect the minor changes requested at the last meeting, i.e. to address the grounds for removal of the DEM. The adjustments to removal criteria were agreed by Group. It was agreed that examples from other jurisdictions of time periods between removal/recall attempts should be examined. The Minister’s role in a recall process was discussed.. It was suggested that some examples from international contexts should be examined. It</p> | |

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| | <p>WP6 – mechanics of electing a DEM.</p> <p>WP3c – role of chief executive.</p> <p>WP4 – additionality and opportunity.</p> | <p>was noted that, in any case, the Minister would have to sign an order for a mayoral election in the event that a Mayor is recalled from office.</p> <p>The adjustments made to the Working Paper were explained to the Group. It was underlined that the outlined nomination process had been changed to align more with the local authority membership nomination process, including a residency requirement, rather than a citizenship requirement as in the nomination process for a TD. There was discussion on the term limits for a DEM (i.e. a limit of two consecutive terms) It was agreed that the first term of a DEM, which will be shorter, will be considered as one full term. The group were asked to consider if an individual could run for a 3rd, non-consecutive term.</p> <p>It was agreed that, though agreed in principle by the Group, WP3c on the role of the chief executive would be further discussed at a meeting between the Chair and the CCMA.</p> <p>The adjustments made to the working paper were explained to the Group. It was agreed to refer to fully reflect the importance of policy initiatives being in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the final report, including in the Chair’s overview section. Changes were also made to reflect the possible need to prioritise and focus on certain additional mayoral functions; it was noted that the Mayor’s programme may do that anyway. A change was recommended to the document to ensure that references to rural and urban development would be in line with the objectives of the NPF and have an inclusive approach. It was agreed that the presence of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Limerick should be reflected in the section on international promotion.</p> <p>The need to briefly and clearly explain the office of DEM to the general public was highlighted. The Secretariat is also working with the local authority on a new section of the report which would set out in detail the existing executive functions which will transfer to the DEM. As further time for consideration of the report was requested, this will be revisited at the next meeting.</p> | |
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| <p>3</p> | <p>Consideration of papers not yet discussed.</p> <p>WP9 Summary of stakeholder engagement</p> <p>WP8 Outstanding recommendations in the Government's detailed policy proposals document for final sign off.</p> | <p>The working paper was explained and agreed by the Group.</p> <p>WP8 was deferred to the next meeting</p> | |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Public consultation exercise</p> <p>Consideration of UL report and summary chapter for inclusion in the final report.</p> <p>(Possible presentation from Dr Adshead on the findings)</p> | <p>Dr Maura Adshead (UL) delivered a presentation to the Group on the public consultation exercise carried out by the University of Limerick on the DEM for Limerick City and County Council. It was emphasised that an important goal of the public consultation exercise was to start a conversation and generate interest in the establishment of the DEM in Limerick.</p> <p>It was underlined that consultees thought it was most important to fix the system of local government.</p> <p>The robustness of the consultation exercise was highlighted to the Group. The standard sample size of 1000 people was used (927 responses received, plus submissions). Community conversations were held to obtain opinions.</p> <p>Dr Adshead was thanked for her work and the impressive response rate to the consultation was noted.</p> <p>The number of people involved in community conversations was not available. However, it was estimated that the conversation groups ranged from 8 to 21 people per group, with UL hosting 20 conversations; UL also provided facilitation guides so that people could hold their own community conversations, so it is possible that other community conversations were held. It was suggested that there should be a note submitted by Dr Adshead on the methodology of the consultation, to demonstrate the soundness of the exercise.</p> <p>The importance of the PPN to the success of the consultation exercise was highlighted.</p> | <p>CF thank Dr Adshead for her work in facilitating the consultation process and for collating the final report.</p> <p>CF & Limerick PPN was thanked by Dr Adshead and the Chair for their involvement and support of the public consultation process.</p> <p>Powerpoint Presentation attached</p> <p>Final report attached.</p> |

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| | | <p>The question as to whether it was considered to use a household survey was raised. In response, it was explained that the intention was to begin a conversation, hence approach taken, rather than sending out a survey. A household survey was also considered less effective in finding new information.</p> <p>It was proposed that the consultation report should itself be included as part of the IAGs final report, and that the consultation findings should be reflected in the final report, perhaps as vignettes/text boxes. It was noted that the consultation report was encouraging, as it independently reinforces the Group’s direction of travel with a scientific process and findings.</p> <p>It was noted that the consultation exercise was part of the wider stakeholder engagement effort, which includes the membership of the IAG itself, as it contains elected members and staff of Limerick City and County Council, as well as representatives of business, students, the PPN, and the Department.</p> | |
| 5 | Date of next Meeting | <p>The next meeting of the Group will be held on Thursday 24 September, and will be virtual.</p> <p>A first draft of the final report is to be circulated to the group in advance of the next meeting.</p> | |
| 6 | Any other Business | <p>The chair and the secretariat of the IAG will meet with the plenary Council of Limerick again to discuss the draft final report.</p> <p>It was suggested that this could take place physically, on Monday 5 October at 15.00, on a socially distanced basis at Limerick Racecourse.</p> | |

| NAME(S) PRINTED - OF EACH PPN REPRESENTATIVE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING | SIGNATURE(S) If no signature possible, an email confirming the Representative’s agreement to this Statement of Outcomes will be kept on file by Limerick PPN staff |
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