

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.

1. Name of Committee:	Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC
2. Name of Linkage Group:	Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Linkage group
3. Name of PPN Representative(s) on this committee:	Caillum Hedderman, Michelle Hayes, Denis McAuliffe, Liz Gabbett
4. Date of committee meeting:	8 th of Dec
5. Location of meeting:	Online via WEBEX
6. PPN representatives who attended this meeting:	Caillum Hedderman, Liz Gabbett. Apologies from Michelle Hayes
7. Meeting Agenda (bullet points):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes To consider the adoption of the Minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting that was held on 13th October 2020. 2. Director’s Report 3. Update on the Climate Action and Low Carbon (Amendment) Bill 2020: (Dara McGuigan) 4. Update on the Water Framework Directive and Water Quality in Limerick: (Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, LCCC) 5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan (Referred from the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 December, 2020)

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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
2. Directors report	Mr. Kennedy presented the Director’s Report and referred to the correspondence received from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Mr. Darragh O’Brien TD regarding reviewing legislation relating to the display of election posters. Mr. Kennedy agreed that a copy of the correspondence from the Minister would be circulated to all members. Cllr Hartigan welcomed the Minister’s response.		No PPN input
3. Update on the Climate Action and Low Carbon (Amendment) Bill 2020: (Dara McGuigan)	<p>Local Authority Climate Action Plan, presented by Dara McGuigan, A/Senior Executive Officer of Physical Development Directorate for Limerick City and County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each LA will have to make a Climate Action Plan • Shall take account of the most recent approved climate action plan and national adaptation framework • Shall have regard to - (a) the most recent approved national long term climate action strategy, (b) the most recent approved sectoral adaptation plans, (c) any guidelines of the Minister and (d) any policies of the Minister or the Government on climate change. • Must take Adaptation & Mitigation into account - review and update Adaptation Strategy • Consultation, collaboration & coordination with ‘adjoining’ Local Authorities • 2 month public consultation period • Approved by resolution by Elected Members • 5 Year Plan (annual reporting and review mechanism) • Each local authority shall have regard to its local authority climate action plan when making a development plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dara stated he would provide a brief update at the February/April meetings if there is any update to give. 	<p>Caillum – After observing the presentation by Dara McGuigan, A/Senior Executive Officer of Physical Development Directorate for Limerick City and County Council, it was clear that there would be a clearer picture by the next CABE meeting on the input we could provide on the Local Authority Climate Action Plan. On that note, I offered to send the questions raised by the Linkage Group, specifically Extinction Rebellion, via email. Dara followed up with an email after the meeting stating that he would attempt to answer any questions the best he could with the information he has been provided with.</p> <p>At the next CABE Linkage Group meeting I propose we discuss this and formulate a list of questions, if they arise, and I will liaise with Dara on these points.</p>

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<p>4. Update on the Water Framework Directive and Water Quality in Limerick: (Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer, LCCC)</p>	<p>Water Quality Report 2018-2019 – Limerick Anne Goggin played a EPA synopsis of the national state video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-y9hqG6tNiw</p> <p>In Limerick less than half, i.e. 46% of our surface water bodies have satisfactory water quality. The national figure is 53%</p> <p>Limerick has seen a 3.8% deterioration since 2015.</p> <p>Limerick has only one high status water body – i.e. pristine water – The Behanagh near Aherlow.</p> <p>And one bad water body the Ahavarragh river in Dromcollogher. This is due to sewage discharge.</p> <p>The main pressures on water quality come from agriculture, hydromorphology (river structure alteration from e.g. arterial drainage, dredging, flood works), urban treatment plants, forestry, domestic septic tanks, peat, industry, mines and quarries.</p>	<p>Limerick City and County Council’s Role: Protect & Restore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring and Responding to pollution complaints • Investigations to identify pressures. • Working with the farming community to minimise impact • Supporting Maigne Rivers Trust • Working with LAWPRO in and with communities (CWOs etc) <p>There were many questions from the councillors about treatment plants. The LCCC director of services said Irish Water does not have sufficient resources to address all plants that are over capacity or not fit for purpose. He asked for help from councillors and other representatives to lobby for more and sufficient resources.</p>	<p>Liz – asked about the treatment plants in Hospital & Knocklong. The director of service said they do need work but it is not at the top of the priority list for Limerick. Glin and Drumcollogher treatment plants are at the top of the list</p>
<p>5. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan (Referred from the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 3 December, 2020)</p>	<p>Referred from the Full council meeting Thur 3rd Dec 2020. I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council assess the possibility of providing a roadside tree maintenance grant scheme. This scheme would provide some financial assistance to communities and groups that undertake roadside tree maintenance and the cutting of overhanging trees to assist landowners in complying with their responsibilities under Section 70 of the Roads Act, 1993.</p> <p>Cllr Hartigan was looking for a solution to stop mature trees been felled but still give landowners and</p>	<p>Sean Hartigan to get clarity on what the existing legislation requires (there was disagreement between the Cllrs present on what landowners were permitted to do)</p>	<p>Liz – on behalf of Limerick Pedestrian network – They support Cllr Hartigan's motion but asked that roadside trees be maintained to avoid overgrown branches and roots impeding on pedestrian and cyclist safety. It's important to protect our urban greenery and we'd hope that any grant scheme could include support for the maintenance and support of roadside trees which are a crucial health and wellbeing indicators for citizens.</p>

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	community the necessary support to cut back overhanging branches.		

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
1. Liz Gabbett	1.
2. Caillum Hedderman	2.
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