

Statement of outcomes for PPN representatives on external committees

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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:	13 th of April 2021
5. Location of meeting:	Online via Microsoft teams
6. PPN representatives who attended this meeting:	Michelle Hayes, Liz Gabbett.
7. Meeting Agenda (bullet points):	<p>1. Minutes - To consider the adoption of the Minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting that was held on 9th Feb 2021.</p> <p>2. Directors Update</p> <p>Mr. Kennedy presented the Director’s Report and referred to the correspondence issued to the Minister for Enterprise and Trade, Mr Leo Varadkar TD and Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Mr Eamon Ryan TD, regarding the CETA Agreement between the European Union and Canada. A response is awaited.</p> <p>On the issue raised by Cllr. Collins (B) on the cutting of willow on the river bank in Adare, Mr. Kennedy advised that representations were made by Limerick City and County Council that the future cutting of the willow should be undertaken in the Autumn rather than Spring and the OPW have indicated that this should be possible and they will raise the matter with the relevant maintenance staff/contractors.</p>

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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
3. Update on the URBACT Health and Green Space Programme	Presented by Anne Goggin. Senior Executive Engineer. https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2021-04/urbact-presentation-for-20210413-cabe-spc.pdf	See link for the presentation given	PPN are already part of the URBACT consultation process and this was noted in the presentation.
4.a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan (Referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15 th February, 2021)	Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15 th February, 2021 (submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan) “I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council investigate the possibility of introducing a bye law, requiring any landowners in the Metropolitan area who permits grazing horses on their lands, to apply for a holding licence. Licence holders would be required to keep a record of horse owners using their land and associated microchip numbers. Failure to have a holding licence would permit the Council to enter lands, seize horses and recover the costs from the landowner.”	The motion was seconded and will be brought the council executive.	
4. b. Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15 th February, 2021 (submitted by Councillor E. Secas)	“I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council establishes and provides a tree planting grant for community and voluntary groups similar to the Maintenance of Open Spaces Grant.” Reply from LCCC. Limerick City and County Council currently supports community groups to undertake planting of native trees. During National Tree Week the Parks Section provides in the region of 250 native trees per annum to community groups. In addition, the Parks Section would provide a similar number of trees to communities outside of the National Tree Week period, in particular working with Tidy Towns groups. The benefit of this approach is that the trees are sourced by the Parks Section from certified native tree nurseries and the Section can offer advice and support on the correct siting, planting and maintenance of the trees to the host communities. We are currently in the process of	This motion was seconded by Cllr Bridie Collins who also added that native trees species be recommended to community groups. Cllr Sean Hartigan also requested that planting advice be given to local groups to ensure longevity of the tree(s).	

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	<p>developing a Tree Management Strategy for Limerick City and County. It is intended that the Strategy would include guidance on tree planting in new/existing developments, and consideration on the most suitable trees to plant in a particular location. This concept is something we can explore further in the context of the development of our Tree Management Strategy and may be considered for future years budgets.</p>		
<p>5. Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Friday 19th March, 2021 (submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan)</p>	<p>“I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council install on-street compost bins for people to dispose of compostable cups and green waste.”</p> <p>Reply from LCCC: Limerick City and County Council completed the replacement of all street bins in the City and its Environs in 2020. At present, there is no facility for segregating materials in the litter bins. As this would require changes to the street bins and to the vehicle fleet that collects the rubbish, there are currently no plans to further upgrade the bins as outlined above. Limerick City and County Council are exploring future recycling possibilities to include composting.</p>	<p>This motion was seconded and passed</p>	<p>Liz Gabbett added her support for the motion and recommended that education and awareness promotion needs to be part of any compost bin provision in public areas. Past experience in UL showed that contamination with non-compostable materials e.g. recyclable and non-recyclable items being put in compost bins, very often resulted in the contents not being suitable for composting. Liz suggested the proposal should be trialled before widespread installation of compost bins across the city and county.</p>
<p>6. Notice of Motion referred from the Full Council Meeting of 22 March, 2021 (submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-</p>	<p>“We will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council immediately address the safe passage of people on our local, regional and national roads by way of ensuring that all roads have a clear margin of at least 1m to a height of 4m all year round, so that our school buses, pedestrians, cyclists and all other forms of transport can use our roads safely.”</p> <p>Reply from LCCC: see https://www.limerick.ie/sites/default/files/media/documents/2021-04/noms-and-replies-cabe-spc-13.04.21.pdf for lengthy reply.</p>	<p>The Motion was not seconded/agreed</p>	<p>Liz Gabbett did not support this motion due to concern that the wording of the motion would result in widespread hedge cutting across the county during the closed season. Our hedges and verges are essential corridors and</p>

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<p>Rathkeale - Councillors J. O'Donoghue (Proposer), B. Collins, S. Keary, E. O'Brien, K. Sheahan, A. Teskey)</p>			<p>habitats for all wildlife. Liz recommended that the existing Wildlife Act gives sufficient provision to the Council to cut back verges and hedges where necessary for public safety.</p>
<p>7. Notice of Motion submitted by Ms M Hayes</p>	<p>"I will move at the next meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC that the Committee recommends that the Annacotty Weir be removed because of its negative impact on biodiversity and critically endangered species."</p> <p>Reply from LCCC: Inland Fisheries Ireland, in their role in the protection, management and conservation of the inland fisheries resource, are, in conjunction with OPW, reviewing the feasibility of removal of some or all of the weir. The implications of removing the Weir will have to be carefully considered. Annacotty (to a point just South of the M7) is within the Study area for the Limerick City & Environs FRS. As part of the Scheme, LCCC appointed consultants who will be undertaking hydraulic modelling of the river to include effects of any existing structures within the rivers. As part of the Options Development, the removal of existing structures will be assessed, in terms of flood risk.</p>	<p>This motion was seconded by Cllr Elena Secas</p>	<p><u>7.Notice of Motion submitted by Ms Michelle Hayes</u></p> <p>" I will move at the next meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC that the Committee recommends that the Annacotty Weir be removed because of its negative impact on biodiversity and critically endangered species"</p> <p><u>In moving this Motion – Michelle Hayes stated:</u></p> <p>We have a climate change crisis, but we also have a biodiversity crisis and they are two sides of the same coin, but we cannot forget biodiversity loss.</p> <p>There are 3 main species affected; these are Salmon, Lamprey and European Eel. These species are protected under Annex 11 and Annex V of the EU Habitats Directive .</p>

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		<p>The Mulkear River forms part of the Lower River Shannon Special Area of Conservation. It is a designated Natura 2000 site at EU level.</p> <p>The Weir is creating a barrier to fish migration. It prevents protected species from going up river to reach their spawning grounds.</p> <p>There are three main issues;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Height of the Weir - Lamprey, eel and Salmon are not able to jump high enough to get over the weir. They become exhausted from trying to jump and die. 2. Flow of water and speed of the current – the turbulence is too high. 3. Speed of current. <p>Cllr. Elena Secas immediately seconded the Motion.</p> <p>Nobody else present seconded this Motion.</p> <p>Reply by LCCC: Inland Fisheries Ireland, in their role in the protection, management and conservation of the</p>
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			motion but added that assessment for any proposed works was needed. Passage for salmon, lamprey, eels and all fish must be protected, biodiversity must be protected.
8. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan	<p>"I will move that Limerick City and County Council utilize Capital Asset Valuation of Amenity Trees (CAVAT) as a method for managing trees as public assets rather than liabilities. See https://www.ltoa.org.uk/resources/cavat"</p> <p>Reply from LCCC: REPLY: Limerick City and County Council fully supports the idea of ascribing a value to amenity trees that reflects the benefits they confer on the public, including the ecosystem services they provide. As part of the preparation of the Limerick City and County Tree Strategy, a number of methods of valuing amenity trees will be examined to see which is the most appropriate in the Limerick context. One of the methods looked at will be the CAVAT method.</p>	This motion was seconded and there were no objections from anyone present. It was broadly supported.	

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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2. Liz Gabbett	2.
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