

## 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](mailto: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:	Denis McAuliffe, Caillum Hedderman, Liz Gabbett, Michelle Hayes
4. Date of committee meeting:	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
5. Location of meeting:	Online via WEBEX
6. PPN representatives who attended this meeting:	Liz Gabbett, Michelle Hayes.
7. Meeting Agenda (bullet points):	<p><b>1. Minutes</b> - To consider the adoption of the Minutes of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment Strategic Policy Committee Meeting that was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p> <p><b>2. Directors Update</b></p> <p>No reply received from Ministers Leo Varadkar or Eamonn Ryan in relation to a recommendation made at the last Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC, that the proposed CETA trade agreement should be discussed by an Oireachtas Committee before a vote taken.</p> <p><b>3. Update on the URBACT Health and Green Space Programme</b></p>

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Presentation by Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer.

**4. (a). Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.”

**4.(b). Notice of motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**

**(submitted by Councillor Elena 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 Space Grant”.

Reply: LCCC supports the planting of native trees. During National Tree Week the Parks Sections distributes in the region of 250 native trees per annum to community grounds. LCCC are in the process of developing a Tree Management Strategy.

**5. Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

“I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council instal on-street compost bins for people to dispose of compostable cups and green waste”.

Reply: LCCC has no facility for segregating materials in litter bins and there are currently no plans for further upgrade to the bins.

**6. Notice of Motion referred from the Full Council Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021**

**(submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Cllrs. J. O’Donoghue(Proposer), B. Collins, S. Keary, E.O’Brien, K Sheahan, A. Teskey).**

“ 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 4 m all year round, so that our school buses, pedestrians, cyclists and all other forms of transport can use our roads safely”.

This Motion was not seconded at the meeting.

**7.Notice of Motion submitted by Ms Michelle Hayes**

“ I will move at the next meeting of the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC that the Committee recommends that the Annacotty Weir be

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	<p>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 <b>protected</b> under <b>Annex 11</b> and <b>Annex V</b> of the <b>EU Habitats Directive</b> .</p> <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"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Flow of water and speed of the current – the turbulence is too high.</li> <li>3. Speed of current.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr. Elena Secas immediately seconded the Motion.</p> <p>Nobody else present supported this Motion.</p> <p>Reply by 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 Limerick City &amp; Environs FRS). As part of the Scheme, LCCC appointed consultants who will be undertaking hydraulic modelling of the river to includes 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>It is acknowledged that Inland Fisheries are reviewing the feasibility of removal of some or all of the weir but that Limerick City and County Council have a role with regard to the weir in respect of the Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed to bring a recommendation from the SPC that Annacotty Weir be Removed because of its negative impact on biodiversity and critically endangered species.</p>
<p>8. Notice of Motion by S. Hartigan.</p>	<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 <a href="https://www.ltoa.org.uk/resources/cavat">https://www.ltoa.org.uk/resources/cavat</a>”</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
2. Directors Update	<p><b><u>Directors Update</u></b></p> <p>No reply received from Ministers Leo Varadkar or Eamonn Ryan in relation to a recommendation made at the last Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC, that the proposed CETA trade agreement should be discussed by an Oireachtas Committee before a vote taken.</p>		
3. Update on URBACHT Health & Green Space Programme	<p><b><u>3. Update on the URBACT Health and Green Space Programme</u></b></p> <p>Presentation by Anne Goggin, Senior Executive Engineer.</p>		
4.(a) Notice of Motion Submitted by S. Hartigan	<p><b><u>4. (a). Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 .</u></b></p> <p><b><u>(submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan)</u></b></p> <p>“ 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.”</p>		
4.(b) Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. E. Secas	<p><b><u>4.(b). Notice of motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>(submitted by Councillor Elena Secas)</u></b></p> <p>“ I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that</p>		

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<p>5. Notice of Motion by S. Hartigan.</p>	<p>Limerick City and County Council establishes and provides a tree planting grant for community and voluntary groups similar to the Maintenance of Open Space Grant”.</p> <p><u>Reply:</u> LCCC supports the planting of native trees. During National Tree Week the Parks Sections distributes in the region of 250 native trees per annum to community grounds. LCCC are in the process of developing a Tree Management Strategy.</p> <p><b><u>5. Notice of Motion referred from the Metropolitan District Meeting held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.</u></b></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><u>Reply:</u> LCCC has no facility for segregating materials in litter bins and there are currently no plans for further upgrade to the bins.</p>		
<p>6. Notice of Motion submitted by Municipal District Cllrs of Adare-Rathkeale</p>	<p><b>6. Notice of Motion referred from the Full Council Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021</b></p> <p><b>(submitted by the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale – Cllrs. J. O’Donoghue(Proposer), B. Collins, S. Keary, E.O’Brien, K Sheahan, A. Teskey).</b></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 4 m all year round, so that our school buses, pedestrians, cyclists and all other forms of transport can use our roads safely”. This Motion was not seconded at the meeting.</p>		
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	<p>the weir in respect of the Limerick City and Environs Flood Relief Scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed to bring a recommendation from the SPC that Annacotty Weir be Removed because of its negative impact on biodiversity and critically endangered species.</p> <p>Michelle Hayes asked a question why was the Annacotty Flood Relief Scheme included in the City Flood Relief when the Castleconnell and the Kings Island are separate and not included.</p> <p>Reply by LCCC: Castleconnell is a separate AFA (Area for Further Assessment).</p> <p>8. “ 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.  <a href="https://www.ltoa.org.uk/resources/cavat">https://www.ltoa.org.uk/resources/cavat</a>”</p> <p>Reply: LCCC as part of its Tree Strategy, a number of ways of valuing amenity trees will be examined. One of the methods looked at will be the CAVAT method.</p>		
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