

# MINUTES OF MEETING Held on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 In Limerick Training Centre, Raheen, Limerick.

**Present:** Mr. Sean Mc Mahon, Chairperson

Ms. Joan Aherne Mr. Tony Brazil Ms. Mary Flanagan Cllr. Michael Hillery Cllr. Mary Howard Cllr. Gabriel Keating Ms. Mary Flanagan Cllr. Marian Hurley Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon Cllr. Elena Secas

Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy

In attendance: Mr. George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive

Ms. Bernadette Cullen, Education Officer

Ms. Shelagh Graham, Director of Organisation and Development

Mr. Paul Patton, Director, Further Education and Training Mr. Denis O'Brien, Head of Corporate Affairs and ICT

Ms. Mary Troy, Head of Finance

Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Recording Secretary

The CE and Board welcomed Mr. Gordon Mewis to the board and wished him well for his term of office on the Board.

A vote of congratulations was extended to Cllr. Liam Galvin and his wife, Catriona, on the birth of their son.

## 1. Apologies/Condolences

**Apologies:** Ms. Catherine Harran De Parra

Cllr. Ann Norton

Cllr. Richard O'Donoghue Cllr. Dónal O'hAiniféin

Mr. Eamon Murphy, Head of Capital and Procurement

Condolences: Ms. Rachel Magee (Thomond Community College) on the death of her

mother, Mrs. Marie Magee.

Ms. Josie Berkery, Administration Staff, Head Office, on the death of her

mother, Mrs. Peg Bourke.

# 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Liam Galvin.

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Ms. Joan Aherne queried the progress of purchase of site for Mungret Community College. The CE advised that documentation was outstanding with regard to maps from the Council but that the matter was close to finalisation.

Ms. Mary Flanagan queried the Solas Corporate Plan and felt that the projected increase in securing more learners, progression and certification was very ambitious. The Director of Further Education and Training, Mr. Paul Patton, clarified that this percentage increase was relative to current enrolment.

# 4. Correspondence

## DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

CL 0064/2017

October 17 Re: Prescribed material for Junior Cycle English (For students commencing Junior

Cycle in September 2017).

CL 0065/2017 Protection of Employees (Fixed-Term Work) Act 2003 – Implementation of

Agreement in respect of Tutors employed by Education and Training Boards

(ETBs).

On the proposal of Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr. Mary Howard, all Circular Letters listed in correspondence were adopted.

## OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Fr: Mr. Gordon Mewis Re: Acceptance of appointment to the Board of Limerick and Clare

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 Education and Training Board.

Noted.

Fr: Rt. Revd. Dr. Kenneth Re: Nomination of Dean Niall Sloane to Castletroy College Board of

Kearon, Bishop of Management.

Limerick and Killaloe Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, seconded by Cllr

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 Elena Secas.

Fr: Office of the

Comptroller and Auditor

General

11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Re: Special Report on Public Sector Financial Reporting for 2015.

Noted.

Fr: Castletroy College **Board of Management**  Re: Minutes of Board Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Mary Howard, seconded by Cllr.

Gabriel Keating.

Fr: QQI - Quality and **Qualifications Ireland** 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017

Re: Response to queries raised in relation to time taken by QQI to

process applications for validation.

Noted.

Fr: AONTAS

Re: Learner Representative to LCETB.

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

The CE outlined to the Board that he had sought a female nominee to the Board of LCETB under (Section 37 (1) (d) of the Education and Training Boards Act 2013) and that Aontas had responded with a male nominee. The CE advised that he would correspond with Aontas and

again request a female nominee to the Board.

Fr: St. Joseph's

Community College,

Kilkee

Re: Minutes of Board Meetings, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Mary Howard, seconded by Cllr.

Gabriel Keating.

# Chief Executive's Report Incorporating Post Primary Education & Further Education and Training

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

#### **Strategy Statement for LCETB**

Following significant consultation with various stakeholders and partners, a draft of the Strategy will be considered at the LCETB meeting.

## **ETBI National Induction Programme for Principals and Deputies**

A National Induction Programme for newly appointed Principals and Deputies was held in Mullingar on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September. There were one hundred and thirty new appointments to Principals and Deputies across ETB Schools. Further sessions are planned.

#### Patron's Day

ETBI hosted a session for CE and Directors of Schools on considering the area of characteristic spirit and ethos for ETB schools. It is envisaged that consultation will take place at ETB level to inform the further development of a patron's framework.

## **Year Head Training**

As part of the training calendar training for staff in the role of Year Head's was provided addressing the areas of role exploration, managing conflict and report writing.

#### **SNA Training**

In 2016 a survey of training needs with SNAs was conducted and the training calendar has been addressing the areas identified. A series of workshops have been provided in Limerick and Ennis during September and October. Further sessions are planned.

#### **Youth Work**

We have received notification from Department of Children and Youth Affairs of the Capital Equipment for Youth Club Grants Scheme. A sub-group is assessing the grants and recommendations will be presented at the October Meeting of the Board.

#### **ASD Special Classes Interagency Best Practice Seminar**

Seminar in partnership with Kerry ETB is scheduled for Post Primary Schools with ASD Units for Friday, 20th October and will explore partnership in the ASD Classroom with HSE disability services.

#### **Student Council Training**

Training is ongoing for Student Councils and areas covered include the function of Student Councils, leadership, role of Student Council Officers, planning for the year ahead.

#### Section 29

Section 29 received which was resolved through local resolution.

## Colaiste Mhuire, Askeaton

Transition Year student, Ellen O'Sullivan, has been selected by MEP Sean Kelly to travel to Brussels, Bruges and Ghent in December. Ellen entered an essay competition entitled "What Europe means to me". Ellen is one of ten winners.

## Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale

The school choir performed by invitation at the opening of the NAPD creative Engagement Exhibition. They also performed at the Limerick Diocesan World Families Event. Bishop Brendan Leahy visited the school. Both teaching staff and SNA staff have attended a number of courses as CPD. All staff received a talk from Mr Sean Ó Longáin – Barrister at law on working within the legal context.

#### **Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh**

Gaelcholaiste received notification that a number of projects have been shortlisted for the BT Young Scientist in January 2018;

Leader Name: Mary O' Callaghan

Project Title: Blagálaí AG Athrú Ár Sochaí? Staidéar AR Athrú Nósanna Daoine de Bharr An Meáin

Shóisialta Ref. No: 4229

Category: Social and Behavioural Sciences

Leader Name: Anna Shaw

Project Title: Boilgeoga & Broidearnach! Staidéar AR Ráta Imoibríocht Berocca

Ref. No: 2340

Category: Chemical, Physical & Mathematical Sciences

Leader Name: Grace McClure

Project Title: An Féidir Linn Plandaí A FÁS Le Ceirtíní Tais

Ref. No: 5020

Category: Biological and Ecological

The Board noted that over 2,033 projects were submitted nationally to the BT Young Scientist for 2018, with 550 projects selected to qualify. Tribute was paid to all involved.

## **FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING DIVISION REPORT**

#### **VTOS**

FET Centre, Kilmallock Town Campus

FET Centre, Kilmallock Town Campus has been awarded the Amber Flag in recognition of the initiatives undertaken in the centre in 2016 and 2017 to promote and actively bring about a culture change in the promotion of positive mental health. The flag is flown on buildings to show that people are open to talking about mental health.

The ceremony took place on May 25th in Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork where former Munster rugby player, Alan Quinlan, presented the flag to a number of schools, colleges and organisations on behalf of Suicide Aware. Alan spoke about his own struggles with maintaining positive mental health and said that "seeking help is a sign of strength - not weakness". The Amber Flag initiative is now been taken over by Pieta House, who will promote it nationally.

## FET Centre, Shanagolden Campus

The VTOS Shanagolden Awards Ceremony took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Information Processing Level 5 Major Certificates and Component Certificates were awarded to 13 VTOS graduates and learners at the annual award ceremony in Shanagolden. The ceremony was attended by graduates, learners, staff, family & friends. Guest speakers included AEO, LCETB and National VTOS Co-ordinator. A learner outlined the benefits he achieved during the course and how he is now using his bookkeeping skills in employment. All six graduating learners have progressed to employment and further training. The ceremony was covered in both the Weekly Observer and Limerick Leader newspapers.

## FET Centre - Clonroad Campus

In addition to academic programmes, Ennis VTOS learners participate in a wide range of events and extra mural activities including: Art and Craft Exhibitions; Knitting and Stiches Fair; National Museum; National Gallery; Powerscourt; Book of Kells; Guinness Store and the High Court. Learners organise Fundraising Events such as Daffodil Day and an awareness programme for Homeless and Simon Community. Employer Focus Week is a very important event that takes place February each year. Local employers come in to the centre, give talks, do mock interviews and it also helps strengthen the links between employers and VTOS.

FET Centre – Scariff Campus

VTOS Scariff welcomes their first year learners and wishes them well on their VTOS journey. Second year learners are also welcomed.

After extensive renovations during the summer, FET Centre Scariff Campus now has the uniform corporate colours of LCETB. Learners and staff have welcomed the enhancements and they all look forward to working in their new environment.

All at Scariff Campus wish their previous VTOS Coordinator every success in her new role as Adult Education Officer (Acting).

FET Centre, Kilmallock Road Campus

VTOS Limerick City has reached 210 learners. National Unemployment levels have fallen significantly therefore many challenges with recruitment and retention require creative responses from FET providers such as VTOS. Over sixty learners received their Junior Certificate results in September and these have now progressed to QQI Level 5 or Leaving Cert courses on VTOS. The Junior Cert (along with a number of QQI Level 3 modules) continues to provide a very solid foundation in core skills development and is a first step for many on their progression paths. Kilmallock Road Campus has had a number of improvements including the demolition of the old Sports Complex.

#### Youthreach

A number of new appointments to the posts of Youthreach Co-ordinators across LCETB has taken place.

Hospitality Education and Training Centre, Roxboro

Excellence in Local Government Awards showcase best practice in local government and recognise the skills, hard work, innovation and enthusiasm within local government that can often go unrecognised. HETC has been nominated in the final top five Excellence in Local Government Awards 2017 with an announcement in November. Excellence in Local Government Awards Shortlist 2017 - Promoting Economic Development

- Kerry County Council TasteKerry
- Limerick City and County Council Regeneration Programme: Model of pathways to employment in the hospitality and catering industry
- Meath County Council ECON COMMUTE Meath Economic Development A Strategic Approach
- Monaghan County Council Monaghan Town Team: Dedicated to promoting Monaghan
- Sligo County Council An Chroí South Sligo Enterprise Centre Commencement of the New National Level 6 Apprenticeship Commis Chef Programme.

HETC is the first ETB to commence this two year programme with a full class of 16 apprentices.

#### Diageo

Once again Diageo, 'Learning For Life' are on board with HETC for the delivery of September 2017 Bar Operations Course. HETC are the only centre in the country that Diageo are working with at this time. The Diageo Learning for Life Bar Operations Course September 2016 proved to be a great success with 76% employment rate for this group. The Diageo Bar Operations Course aims to equip young people with hospitality industry skills, providing real employment opportunities and facilitating future job growth.

#### **HETC Enrolment Numbers**

Hospitality	16
Bar	16
Career Traineeship	13
Culinary Skills Level 4	14
Professional Cookery Level 5	16
Apprenticeship Level 6	16
Total	91 (Record Number)

#### **Support Services**

Information, Recruitment and Guidance Support Service

FET Recruitment Days in Collaboration with DEASP

On the 5th - 7th September 2017, 16 staff from LCETB FET took part in Recruitment days in collaboration with DEASP staff. Staff members were from the Information, Recruitment and Guidance Support Service assisted by FET Provision Coordinators. Staff gave overview presentations to groups promoting the range of LCETB FET courses available. Staff then met the 285 participants who attended individually along with a DEASP Case Officer. The purpose of the individual meeting was to highlight and explore appropriate options for each participant. Statistical analysis of participant referrals was completed after the event, and a qualitative survey was sent to the 16 participating staff from LCETB's FET Division.

## Key statistical outputs: - Breakdown of Participant Referrals

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## Feedback and Outcomes: -

- Collaborative Recruitment Days good for networking and partnership with DEASP
- Good way of promoting LCETB courses; opportunity to introduce LCETB to a wider audience.
- Time needed for following up with participants.
- Benefit for participants meeting another supportive service/person.
- Some participants definitely interested in training. (however many were already involved with other initiatives, e.g. through Turas Nua, looking for work)
- Some had good sense of the purpose and asked relevant questions.
- Key was all participants being aware that they were not forced to take up options.
- Put job seekers in contact with LCETB staff.
- Good preparation for future such initiatives and working together with DEASP something to build on.

#### Key Recommendations: -

- Provide follow up opportunities to meet with LCETB staff soon after the event.
- Schedule these days at key times in advance of terms commencing, for referral to programmes.

#### **LCETB Learning Limerick Initiative**

Limerick Receives UNESCO Learning City Award At Conference In Cork

On Monday 18th September, Mayor Stephen Keary accepted the UNESCO Learning City Award 2017 for Limerick at the Third International Conference on Learning Cities held in Cork. A jury comprising of 12 international experts from all the UNESCO regions selected Limerick for the award. Only 16 cities from around the world have been given this award this year. The award is given to cities that, by putting in place the building blocks of a learning city, have achieved exceptional progress in promoting lifelong learning.

In granting the Award for Limerick the jury had highlighted a number of particularly strong features, among them the involvement of stakeholders from different sectors as well as the organisation of celebratory events. The Learning Limerick steering group is a partnership forum that brings together sectoral networks and partnership including statutory, local development, social partners and community and voluntary groups. It is hosted by Limerick City and County Council, working very closely with the LCETB and the PAUL Partnership. The group runs the very successful annual Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival, which has proven to be an extremely effective mechanism for bringing education providers from all sectors together to promote both formal and informal learning activities and to connect with learners right across the region. The award recognises collaborative efforts to increase overall education levels in Limerick, reduce the region's high unemployment, and improve living conditions.

The award was made at the UNESCO Conference in Cork, and Cork had been just one of 12 cities to receive the same award in 2015. This makes Ireland one of only five countries with two UNESCO Learning City Awards, along with Brazil, China, South Korea and the UK. At the conference, Ms. Eimear Brophy, Adult Education Officer with the LCETB who made presentation entitled 'Learning Cities towards Employment and Entrepreneurship' at the conference said: "Limerick hosts many successful models for market-led training involving cooperation between education and training providers and industry, including clusters in the areas of Hospitality, Film, IT and Engineering. This work has led to the economic progress that has taken place with the rejuvenation of the region over the last number of years."

## **Part-Time Provision**

**Literacy Support Service** 

FET Centre, Scariff Campus

The FET Centre, Scariff Campus, received a new roof and an insulated outside wall. The interior has been painted and updated and is now refreshed and ready for education

provision to adults. Much thanks to the team involved in getting everything packed and out of the building and unpacked again.

The Literacy Support Service in East Clare is developing learning in new areas such as heritage and tourism. In Heritage, two free workshops were hosted, one by Archaeologist Kate Taylor and the other by John Rattigan, Curator of Clare Museum. A further workshop is being planned with the County Heritage Officer, Congella Maguire. In addition, links are being developed with Tourism East Clare.

## FET Centre, Shannon Town Campus

Dromoland Walled Garden: visits were held with the Head Gardener and Education Officer in Dromoland Castle, Newmarket on Fergus. It is planned to have visits as part of their education programme.

Allotment Restoration: work is ongoing to restore the allotment in conjunction with the Shannon Men's Shed.

Community Project with Schools: the local Men's Shed group are creating Buddy Chairs as identified in Clare Champion for children in Primary Schools.

A group in Shannon has started a Health and Well-being programme developed by NALA. Community Education

FET Centre – O'Connell Avenue Campus

Over 90 LCETB staff and local community co-ordinators attended the annual meeting/networking event organised by part-time provision which is either totally or partially based in the local communities in Limerick City (Community Education, BTEI, Literacy and Guidance). The purpose of this year's meeting was to provide participants with an opportunity to reconnect with the purpose of their work at a time when there is a lot of system change within FET. Following information updates from the Director of Further Education & Training, the FET Manager and FET Operations Manager, a World Cafe process was used to discuss two questions: 1) Who are the people you have met through your FET work who have left an impression on you. 2) What is it that connects us; what is our common purpose?

# 6. Finance, For Adoption

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Galvin, seconded by Cllr. Mary Howard, the Financial Report was adopted.

## 7. Appointments to Boards of Management

On the proposal of Ms. Joan Ahern, seconded by Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Mr. James Collins was appointed to the Board of Mungret Community College.

On the proposal of Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy, seconded by Cllr. Mary Howard, Ms. Joan Aherne was appointed to the Board of Mungret Community College.

On the proposal of Cllr. Marion Hurley, seconded by Ms. Joan Aherne, Cllr. Daniel Butler was appointed to the Board of Mungret Community College.

On the proposal of Cllr. Elena Secas, seconded by Ms. Joan Aherne, Cllr. Tomas Hannon was appointed to the Board of Mungret Community College.

Nominee to the Audit Committee – deferred to the November Meeting of the Board.

## 8. For Approval

Following a brief presentation on the Strategy Statement by Ms. Shelagh Graham, the Board adopted same on the proposal of Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy, seconded by Cllr. Gabriel Keating.

The following were also adopted by the Board on the proposal of Cllr. Liam Galvin, seconded by Cllr. Elena Secas.

- Final 6 month reports for the 3 VECs
- 2013/ 2014 Service Plan
- 2013/ 2014 Annual Report
- 2015 Service Plan
- 2015 Annual Report

# Board of Management Minutes:

On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Howard, seconded by Cllr. Gabriel Keating the following Board of Management Minutes were adopted by the Board;

Castletroy College – Minutes dated 8th May, 2017.

St. Joseph's Community College Kilkee – Minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

## 10. For Approval: Capital Equipment for Youth Club Grant Scheme

The following draft proposals were unanimously adopted by the Board on the proposal of Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy, seconded by Cllr. Elena Secas. In doing so, the Board paid tribute to the Youth Officers, Ms. Jackie Dwane, Mr. Cora Foley and Mr. Seamus Bane and the awarding committee for their deliberations with regard to same. Cllr. Galvin asked that the volunteer leaders of these groups be written to and congratulate them on their work. This was agreed as part of their letter of award.

Co. Clare	No	Name of Club	Draft Recommendation
	1	Ballyvaughan Scouts	€5,000
	2	Banner Spokes	€5,000
	3	Claecastle Scouts	€4,626
	4	Clonlara Scouts	€5,000
	5	Clonlara Youth Club	€1,891
	6	Club Ogras Bhaile an Droichid	€1,302
	7	Coder Dojo Ennis	€5,000
	8	Cratloe Scout Group	€4,993
	9	Crusheen Youth Club	€3,617
	10	CYS Ennis Music Project	€4,985
	11	CYS Shannon Music Project	€4,756
	12	Doonbeg Youth Club	€2,781
	13	Ennis Girl Guides	€4,949
	14	Ennis Scouts	€5,000
	15	Ennistymon Scouts	€2,994
	16	Fishbowl Youth	€2,998
	17	HYPE Youth Club	€4,889
	18	Kildysart Youth Club	€4,982
	19	Killaloe Scouts	€4,813
	20	Kilmaley Youth Club	€5,000
	21	Kilnaboy Youth Club	€1,909
	22	Lough Graney Youth Club	€4,980
	23	Miltown Malbay Scouts	€4,534
	24	Mountshannon Scouts	€2,983
	25	Mullagh Youth Club	€1,943
	26	Newmarket Scouts	€3,003
	27	Order of Malta Cadets, Shannon	€4,968
	28	Ruan Scouts	€5,000
	29	Scariff Foroige Legends Youth Club	€3,661
	30	Shannon Scouts	€4,750

	24	C' sallala dala a Casa da	64.002
	31	Sixmilebridge Scouts	€4,993
	32	Skyview Youth Club	€5,000
	33	The Buzz Stop Youth Café	€5,000
	34	Triple C Youth Club	€2,900
	35	Tulla Scouts	€5,000
	36	Youth Shack	€4,936
TOTAL:			€150,136
	No	Name of Club	Draft
Limerick City			Recommendation
	1	Bedford Row	€4,960
	2	Queen of Peace	€4,998
	3	SOS Congolese	€4,918
	4	St Johns 3rd/14th scouts	€4,084
	5	Limerick City Rhythm Marching band	€5,000
	6	Order of Malta	€2,611
	7	Laff café	€4,750
	8	Lava Java's	€2,245
	9	St Mary's 2nd/6th Limerick Scout	€5,000
	9	Group	€3,000
	10	Learning Hub	€4,967
	11	GOSHH	€2,489
	12	Adapt House	€4,814
	13	Southill Youth Club	€2,999
	14	St Johns Youth Club	€4,662
	15	Garryowen Youth Committee	€4,844
	16	23rd Scout Group (Caherdavin)	€4,986
	17	Steps Youth café	€4,369
	18	Kings Island Youth Club	€3,123
	19	Dochas Fun Club	€4,442
	20	Blackberry Guides	€4,809
	21	Christ Church	€2,119
	22	St Patrick's Youth Club	€4,719
	23	St. Bridget's Guides	€4,810
	24	St Joseph's Scouts	€2,060
	25	25th Limerick Scout group	€4,260
	26	Corbally Girl Guides	€846
TOTAL:			€103,884
	No	Name of Club	Draft
Co. Limerick			Recommendation
	1	Abbeyfeale Youth Club	€4,945.30
	2	Ahane 45th Scouts	€5,000
	3	Askeaton Ballysteen Youth Club	€1,621
	4	Ballingarry Youth Club	€1,021
	5	Ballybricken Scouts	€5,000
	6	Ballybrown Girl Guides	·
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	7	Ballycummin District Guides	€2,587.75
	8	Bruff District Guides	€4,068.61
	9	Bruff 29th Scouts	€4,800.00
	10	Caherconlish Youth Club	€4,697.97
	11	Cappamore Youth Club	€1,097.94
	12	Castleconnell Scouts	€3,078.48
	13	Castleconnell Youth Club	€4,596.33
	14	Castletroy Youth Club	€1,395.89
	15	Cappamore Cools Club	€4,697.97
	16	Clarina 12th Scouts	€4,727.05
	17	Crescent District Guides	€2,281.34
	18	Croom Scouts	€4,842.72
	19	Diversity and Youth (DAY) Club	€4,122.35
	20	Domain Youth Club	€2,488.00
	21	Fedamore Activity Club	€1,354.00
	22	Fedamore Youth Club	€2,757.73
	23	Friars Gate Youth Theatre	€5,000
	24	Granagh Youth Club	€3,625.99
	25	Hawthorn Girl Guides	€1,996.87
	26	Kileedy Youth Club	€4,813
	27	Knocklong Youth Club	€713.64
	28	Monaleen Milford Scouts	€2,622.42
	29	Newcastle West Youth Club	€4,424.53
	30	Oola Youth Club	€1,435.00
	31	Pallasgreen Youth Club	€882.98
	32	Parteen/Corbally Youth Club	€4,975.92
	33	Rathkeale Youth Club	€4,322.22
	34	Rathkeale Scouts	€2,992.80
	35	St. Pauls Scouts	€4,970.45
TOTAL:			€117,837.89
TOTALS:	Co. Clare	€150,136	
	Limerick		
	City	€103,884	
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	Limerick	€117,837.89	
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TOTAL:		€371,858	

# 12. Any other Business with the permission of the Chairperson

The CE advised Members that both he and the Chairperson were requested to appear before the Public Accounts Committee to answer questions on the 2015 financial statements. Mr. Tony Brazil stated that the amount of work in finalising the cohesion and blending of financial statements of the three VECs was not acknowledged by the Department and that he had every faith in the Finance

Section of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. This was unanimously agreed by the Board on the proposal of Ms. Joan Ahern and seconded by Cllr. Gabriel Keating. Cllr. Mary Howard stated that at the recent ETBI Congress it was acknowledged that the financial systems in Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board were an exemplar for other Education and Training Boards.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017.

(Signed) GEORGE O'CALLAGHAN, Chief Executive