

Appendix D – Content of Deputy Lord Mayor Speech

Cllr Clancy thanked the City Council members for electing her Deputy Lord Mayor. She thanked Andrew Montague, her party colleague, for proposing her & Paddy Burke for seconding her.

She wished the incoming Lord Mayor every success. She congratulated the previous Lord Mayor & Deputy Lord on a very successful year. She also congratulated DCC on the Pride March for the way it was conducted & planned. Cllr Clancy said she looks forward to representing the city & working with the Mansion House & DCC staff.

Cllr Clancy went on to mention the four things she wish to champion which are:

1. ARTS PROGRAM

Cllr Clancy emphasised that a city's life made up of a combination of economic development, social inclusion, environmental protection and cultural expression. Dublin is a world renowned Capital City for culture and the Arts indeed culture and the Arts central to Dublin's international reputation and desirability as a location for business.

Dublin's Libraries Events Festivals and Arts Office are a key part of our local national and international infrastructure and with the launch of Creative Ireland by National Government the implementation for which will lie with Local Authorities, the programmes of City Council like Dublin Culture Connects and our new Arts in Education policy not to speak of our UNESCO City Of Literature will be seen as best practice now and in the future.

Cllr Clancy said she wants to support, in her term as Deputy Lord Mayor, the possibility of supporting artists in schools and perhaps to have in 2018 a pilot scheme in each Administrative Area that would bring together our Libraries Arts office and the Creative Ireland

2. MARKETS

Cllr Clancy said she firmly supports the delivery of a retail food Market at the Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Market in Dublin 7 through her work of the Markets Committee. This project could be iconic for the city and has the potential to enliven and regenerate a whole area of the city by increasing the retail offering in the North City and connecting Smithfield and the Henry Street/ Mary Street areas.

An indoor Food Market like this can be a huge attraction for any city, supporting the local economy, providing for the community and developing a significant tourist attraction.

3. Santry Greenway

Cllr Clancy said she looked forward to championing the Santry Greenway as Deputy Lord Mayor. This project, cited in our Development Plan and requiring NTA funding, has the potential not only to provide an invaluable green cycle and walk way along the Santry river from Ballymun down through Coolock and Harmonstown into Dublin Bay at Bull Island, providing opportunities for inclusive community development along the way.

4. Resolution for affirming Dublin City as a Welcoming City (this motion has now been passed at City Council at July Meeting)

The Deputy Lord Mayor said she hopes to progress this as a personal priority during the course of the year. That City Council adopt a Dublin City version of the San Jose resolution, affirming the City as a welcoming City & DCC that would circulate same to Cities with which we are twinned & have Friendship agreements. Cllr Clancy emphasized the importance of an inclusive and intercultural city which champions diversity & where all Citizens are valued equally.