

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **MAY 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

- Letter received on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for the reinstatement of the *Early Retirement Scheme from Farming* and the *Farm Installation Aid Scheme*.
- Letter received on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, from the Executive Manager, Dublin City Council.
- Letter received on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council.
- Memorial Card received on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Golden and O'Sullivan Families, Dundalk, arising from Books of Condolence opened following the death of Garda Anthony Golden.
- Letter received on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from Irish Water in reply to resolution adopted by the Council requesting Irish Water to publish the figure for the number of people who paid the third water bill.
- Letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Offaly County Council.
- Letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Offaly County Council.
- Letter received on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from Brigid Quilligan, Irish Traveller Movement, following Books of Condolence opened for the Victims of the Carrickmines Fire.
- Letter received on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Office of the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in reply to resolution adopted by the Council in relation to the unsatisfactory situation regarding the marketability of lands designated for the hen harrier.
- Letter received on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.

- Letter received on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
  - Letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Meath County Council.
  - Letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, from the Office of the Minister for Finance in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to introduce a Tax Incentive Scheme to encourage people to live in rural towns and villages.
  - Letter received on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, from Corporate Affairs, Laois County Council.
  - Letter received on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Waterford City and County Council.
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Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin 2.

Oifig an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, Baile Átha Cliath 2.

10 March 2016

Ms Tina Knox  
AO – Corporate Services  
Corporate Services and Change Management  
Limerick City and County Council  
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Our Ref: 2016/55088N

Dear Ms Knox

I refer to your letter dated 25 February, 2016 concerning the resolution of Limerick City and County Council calling for the reinstatement of the Early Retirement Scheme from Farming and the Farm Installation Aid Scheme.

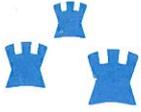
The Minister has no plans to re-introduce the Early Retirement Scheme from Farming or the Young Farmers Installation Scheme. Instead, the means of supporting young farmers now incorporates a dedicated Young Farmer's Scheme giving preferential access to the National Reserve and additional payment, while a dedicated scheme offering greatly enhanced rates of aid for capital investment has also been introduced, offering a grant of 60% compared to the standard rate of 40% available to other farmers. These new TAMS II schemes, launched in May, 2015, include grant aid for a wide range of investments including animal housing, slurry storage, dairy equipment, specialised slurry spreading equipment, animal welfare and farm safety, and specialised pig & poultry investments. In addition, young farmers are able to avail of grant aid for the construction of new dairy buildings.

The combination of these various measures strongly encourage transfer of lands, which the previous early retirement and installation aid schemes were intended to do, while also directly providing these young farmers with the means to significantly expand and improve production.

I trust this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

  
Graham Lennox  
Private Secretary



Chief Executive's Office  
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Our Ref: CW/VN0703

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Ms. Tina Knox**  
**Administrative Officer**  
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**Limerick City and County Council**  
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Dear Ms. Knox,

I wish to inform you that Dublin City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 noted the content of your letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 requesting the Ministers responsible, namely Finance and Agriculture, to legislate for the immediate reintroduction of the Early Retirement and Farm Installation Schemes so as to ensure viability and continuity within this valuable sector of our local economy.

Yours sincerely,

**Vincent Norton**  
**Executive Manager**



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6<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

TO: **Each Local Authority.**

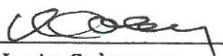


A Chara,

At the April Meeting of Sligo County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:

*“Call on the Department of Health and the Minister for Health to consider the introduction of a sugar awareness day as part of a national health promotion campaign to inform the public of the high sugar content in many process foods and the possible negative health effects of a high sugar diet”.*

Mise, le meas,

  
Kevin Colreavy  
Meetings Administrator

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*Death leaves a heartache*

*no one can heal,*

*Love leaves a memory*

*no one can steal.*



*Nicola, Lucy, Alex, Andrew and  
the Golden and O'Sullivan families  
wish to convey their grateful appreciation  
for your support in their time  
of bereavement.*

*Your sympathy and kindness will always  
be remembered with sincere gratitude.*



Ms Tina Knox,  
AO - Corporate Services,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchant's Quay,  
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11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Ms Knox,

Thank you for your query. Irish Water can confirm that nationally, 928,000 customers have paid part or all of their bills by the end of the third billing cycle, representing 61% of customers, with revenue of €110m being received to date.

For further detail, Billing Payment information for Irish Water's third and most recent billing cycle is published on the Irish Water website: [www.water.ie](http://www.water.ie)

Yours sincerely,

**Irish Water Local Representative Support Desk**  
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Irish Water

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22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016



To: Each Local Authority

Re: Notice of Motion – Offaly County Council

A Chara,

At the April meeting of Offaly County Council the members passed the following resolution and I was directed to forward same to all local authorities for your consideration.

*"I call on the incoming Minister with responsibility for Housing to review the criteria with regard to eligibility to qualify for Local Authority Housing or Rent Assistance and to revise the Rent Allowances Allocations as a first step in dealing with our current housing crisis."*

Mise, le meas

For Monica Cleary SEO  
Meetings Administrator

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22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016



To: Each Local Authority

Re: Notice of Motion – Offaly County Council

A Chara

At the April meeting of Offaly County Council the members passed the following resolution and I was directed to forward same to all local authorities for your consideration.

*"I call on the incoming Minister for Social Protection to reverse the harsh cuts made to One Parent Family payments by the previous Administration."*

Mise, le meas

Monica Cleary SEO  
Meetings Administrator



# IRISH TRAVELLER MOVEMENT



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November 27, 2015

Elizabeth Creamer

Limerick City & Council Council

Merchants Quay

Limerick

Dear Elizabeth

The Irish Traveller Movement received the book of condolences sent on behalf of Limerick & City County Council and would like to let you know that the book has been passed on to Southside Traveller Action Group to give to the families of Carrickmines with whom they are closely involved.

Yours sincerely

Brigid Quilligan





**An Roinn  
Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta**

**Department of  
Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht**

**Oifig an Aire  
Office of the Minister**



Mr. Christy O'Connor  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City and County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick

25 April 2016

Our Ref: 15/000337

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I refer to your correspondence to Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in relation to resolution adopted by Limerick City and County Council regarding the designation of lands for the protection of the Hen Harrier.

It is a condition of the direct payments delivered via the Basic Payment Scheme that farmers abide by the statutory requirements relating to Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation – collectively known as Natura 2000 sites. Significant additional funding is provided through the Rural Development Programme (RDP), operated by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), to assist farmers in meeting the requirements of the Birds and Habitats Directives. Agri-environment schemes such as REPS, AEOS and the new GLAS scheme in turn have provided and will provide a range of supports to many farmers in Hen Harrier areas. The availability of additional GLAS+ payments to farmers who lands are targeted for Hen Harrier actions in GLAS is also to be welcomed.

DAFM has also committed to introducing a number of Locally Led Agri-Environment Schemes (LLAES) under the Irish RDP. DAFM is currently negotiating the first RDP amendment with the Commission, which includes a number of changes to existing Schemes such as TAMS, GLAS, Knowledge Transfer, as well as the introduction of the first locally-led Scheme which will be for the Burren region. I understand that other priority locally-led schemes, namely for the Hen Harrier and for Freshwater Pearl Mussel, will be included in the second RDP amendment, which is expected to be submitted at the end of the first quarter in 2016. DAFM held a recent stakeholder workshop (October 2015) to develop ideas and priorities for LLAES and Hen Harrier was specifically referenced.

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My Department has forwarded specific proposals to DAFM for a Hen Harrier LLAES and these are currently being considered by DAFM. It is anticipated that the actions under the Hen Harrier LLAES will be more targeted and go beyond the existing basic actions in GLAS but all decisions in this regard are for DAFM to take, as informed by the Hen Harrier Threat Response Plan.

Forestry may have implications for the species within Hen Harrier SPAs. The Forest Service can only consent to additional forestry in these sites if it can satisfy itself that there will not be an adverse impact for the species. My officials are working with the Forest Service and via the Hen Harrier Threat Response Plan to ensure that forestry activities appropriately consider the requirements of the species.

Yours sincerely,



Nessa Foley  
Private Secretary



26<sup>th</sup> April 2016

To All Local Authorities

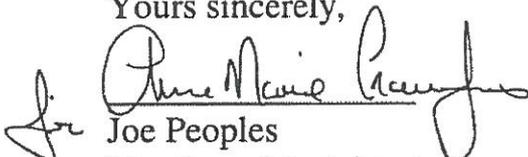
A Chara,

I wish to bring to your attention the following motion which was agreed by the Members of Donegal County Council at their meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

"As the Brexit poll of June 23rd nears with its possible economic consequences for Donegal, border communities and the Island's economy, that Donegal County Council recommend to the incoming Government, the adoption and implementation of the recommendations of the all party Oireachtas Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Report on the "All Island Economy" (Jan. 2016) and welcome the recent International Report "Modelling Irish Unification" (2016 March) by Dr. Kurt Hubner which highlights the economic benefits to the island of Ireland in the event of unification."

It was further resolved that the motion be forwarded to the incoming Government for their consideration.

Yours sincerely,

  
Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator





26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

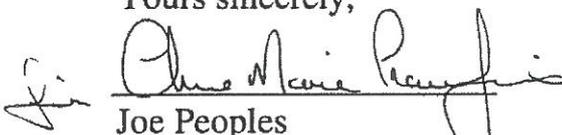
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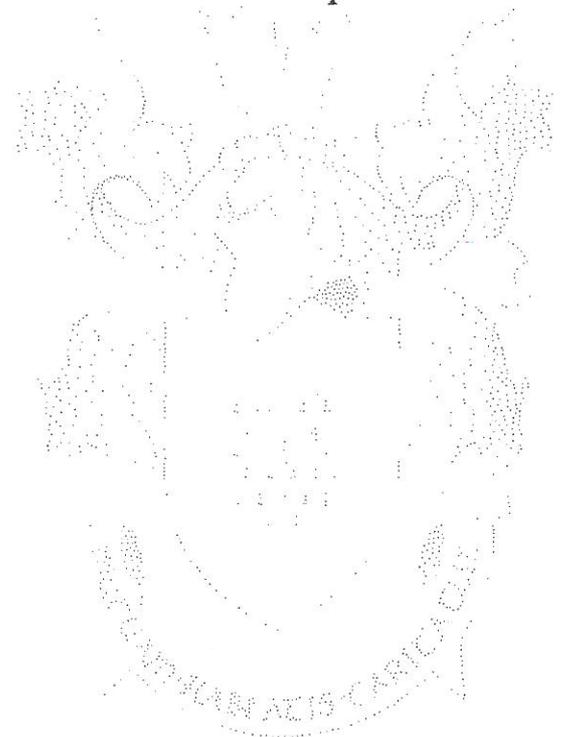
A Chara,

I wish to bring to your attention the following Motion which was agreed by the Members of Donegal County Council at their meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

"We the Members of Donegal County Council call on the Minister for Health to reverse the decision to locate the National Children's Hospital at St. James's Hospital and locate the new Children's Hospital for all the children of Ireland at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. The Connolly site offers 145 acres, vast space for expansion, easier access for the children of Donegal and extensive parking. The co-location with Connolly Hospital and the new Rotunda Maternity Hospital will result in better clinical outcomes. It will be cheaper and faster to build than on the St. James's site."

Yours sincerely,

  
Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator



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Corporate Services Department,

26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016



Re: April Monthly Meeting – Navan Municipal District, Meath County Council

Dear Meetings' Administrator,

At the Ordinary Meeting of Navan Municipal District, held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, it was agreed that a letter be issued to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on behalf of Navan Municipal District Councillors regarding sewerage issues affecting householders in Navan, in other parts of Meath and in locations throughout the country and that this letter be copied to all local authorities.

Please find the copy included.

Yours sincerely

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Claire King

Meetings' Administrator

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Corporate Services Department,

26<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

Minister Alan Kelly, T.D.  
Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government  
Custom House  
Dublin  
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**Re: April Monthly Meeting – Navan Municipal District, Meath County Council**

Dear Minister Kelly

At the Ordinary Meeting of Navan Municipal District, held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, it was agreed that a letter be issued to your Department on behalf of Navan Municipal District Councillors regarding sewerage issues affecting householders in Navan, in other parts of Meath and in locations throughout the country.

These issues have arisen due to sewerage seeping into the back gardens of homes but, due to the location of the manhole on private property, Irish Water have refused to deal with the issue. In many cases, the infrastructure is old and serves multiple properties resulting in a situation whereby a fault may be located in one part of the system but the problem manifests itself in another part of the system. As a result, many householders affected are not in a position to deal with the problem, due to the issues with access, the associated cost, etc.

Councillors are requesting that this matter be reviewed as a matter of urgency and that an agreement between Irish Water and the local authority be reached so as to ensure that problems being experienced by householders are addressed.

I would appreciate if you would consider this request and revert with a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

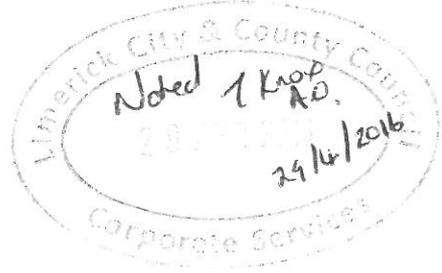
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claire King  
Meetings' Administrator



Our Ref: 16/0555/MF

28 April 2016

Ms. Tina Knox  
Limerick City and County Council  
Corporate Services and Change Management  
Merchants Quay  
Co. Limerick



Dear Ms. Knox,

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., has asked me to refer to your letter of 24 February 2016, on behalf of Limerick City and County Council, regarding a Tax Incentive Scheme to encourage people to live in rural towns and villages.

The Minister has asked me to say that the resolution adopted by the Council has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Dolan  
Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance

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April 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

A Chara,

At the April meeting of Laois County Council, the following Notice of Motion was passed:-

***“That this Council request Tesco to extend the deadline for the redundancy proposal to allow the matter be dealt with by the Workplace Relation Committee”***

I would be obliged to receive your comments/observations in order for us to report back to the Members, at the earliest possible date.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Delaney  
Administrative Officer  
Corporate Affairs Section

Tá Fáilte Romhat  
Gnó a Dhéanamh  
as Gaeilge



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*‘I bpáirt leis an bpobal’*

Arna phrintáil ar pháipéar atá 100% athchúrsáilte – Do Chomhshaoil a chothú





12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

To: **Each Local Authority**

The following motion was adopted at the April meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016:

“That this Council calls on the Department of Social Protection to increase its range of interaction with the Post Office Network instead of decreasing it to ensure its survival, especially in rural areas.”

Yours sincerely,

***Eddie Ruane***  
***Meetings Administrator***