

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **NOVEMBER 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**

- Letter received on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, from the Meetings Administrator, Tipperary County Council.
  - Letter received on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, from the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Clare County Council.
  - E-Mail received on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, from the Office of the Meetings Administrator, Leitrim County Council (ref. Free Travel Pass).
  - E-Mail received on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, from the Office of the Meetings Administrator, Leitrim County Council (ref. Inheritance Tax).
  - Letter received on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
  - E-Mail received on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from the Office of Corporate and External Affairs, Cork City Council.
  - Letter received on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from Micheál Ó Riordáin, Secretary, Limerick County Board, GAA.
  - Letter received on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to restore in full the Respite Care Grant in the forthcoming budget.
  - E-Mail received on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from Corporate Services, Galway City Council.
  - Letter received on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Social Protection in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to restore in full the Respite Care Grant in the forthcoming budget.
  - E-Mail received on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, from Corporate Services, Clare County Council.
  - Letter received on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, from Lynda Foley, Regional Fundraising Coordinator, Special Olympics Munster.
  - E-Mail received on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2015, from Corporate Services, South Dublin County Council.
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18<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

To:  
Each Local Authority



A Chara,

At the September 2015 Meeting of Tipperary County Council the Members adopted the following Notice of Motion and agreed that it be forwarded to all Local Authorities:-

**“I am calling on Tipperary County Council to support the campaign to lobby the Department of Education to introduce the topic of Suicide awareness, depression and mental health into the Irish Secondary school education curriculum as presently it is not”.**

Mise, le meas,

Ger Walsh,  
Meetings Administrator.



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24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

**Our Ref: September 15-32/MMcN/MMcI**



Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D.,  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine,  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

At the adjourned September monthly meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

“That this Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to increase the slaughter period from 30 to 36 months in order to help small and medium producers of beef.”

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

At the meeting the elected members requested that this be forwarded to each Local Authority.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Kieran O'Donnell,**  
*A/Senior Executive Officer,*  
*Corporate Services.*

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**From:** Kathleen McGovern Ellis <kellis@leitrimcoco.ie>

**Sent:** 29 September 2015 12:47

**To:** Carlow Co Co; Cavan Co Co; Clare Co Co; Cork Co Co; Donegal Co Co; DunLaoghire/Rathdown CoCo; Fingal Co Co; Galway Co Co; Kerry Co Co ; Kildare Co Co; Kilkenny Co Co; Laois Co Co; Customer Services; Longford Co Co; Louth Co Co; Mayo Co Co; Meath Co Co; Monaghan Co Co; North Tipperary; Offaly Co Co; Roscommon Co Co; Sligo Co Co; South Dublin Co Co; South Tipperary Co Co ; Waterford Co Co; Westmeath County Council ; Wexford Co Co; Wicklow Co Co

**Subject:** Resolution adopted by Leitrim County Council - Free Travel Pass

A Chara,

Please find attached Resolution adopted by the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council in regard to the above.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen McGovern Ellis  
Corporate Services  
Leitrim County Council.



# Comhairle Contae Liatroma Leitrim County Council

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28<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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Ms. Joan Burton, T.D.,  
Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection,  
Department of Social Protection,  
Áras Mhic Dhiarmada,  
Store Street,  
Dublin 1

## **Re: Travel Pass**

Dear Minister Burton,

I wish to inform you that at the September meeting of Leitrim County Council the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:

**"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Social Protection to have epilepsy included as a condition for a Free Travel Pass."**

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**Sinead Flynn**  
**Meetings Administrator**

CC All Local Authorities

**From:** Kathleen McGovern Ellis <kellis@leitrimcoco.ie

**Sent:** 29 September 2015 12:38

**To:** Carlow Co Co; Cavan Co Co; Clare Co Co; Cork Co Co; Donegal Co Co; DunLaoghire/Rathdown CoCo; Fingal Co Co; Galway Co Co; Kerry Co Co ; Kildare Co Co; Kilkenny Co Co; Laois Co Co; Customer Services; Longford Co Co; Louth Co Co; Mayo Co Co; Meath Co Co; Monaghan Co Co; North Tipperary; Offaly Co Co; Roscommon Co Co; Sligo Co Co; South Dublin Co Co; South Tipperary Co Co ; Waterford Co Co; Westmeath County Council ; Wexford Co Co; Wicklow Co Co

**Subject:** Resolution adopted by Leitrim County Council - Inheritance Tax

A Chara,

Please find attached Resolution adopted by the Elected Members of Leitrim County Council in regard to the above.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen McGovern Ellis  
Corporate Services  
Leitrim County Council.



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28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015

Mr. Michael Noonan T.D.,  
Minister for Finance  
Department of Finance  
Government Buildings  
Upper Merrion Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: Request for amendment to the Inheritance Tax relating to the transfer of land.**

Dear Minister Noonan,

I wish to inform you that at the September meeting of Leitrim County Council the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:

**"That Leitrim County Council call on the support of all Members, to ask the Minister for Finance to reduce the amount of Inheritance Tax now payable on transfer of lands or property at the moment. How can we encourage young people to take over the running of farms or business, having first to pay a tax greater in some cases than the holding is worth."**

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**Sinead Flynn**  
Meetings Administrator

**CC: All Local Authorities**



9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

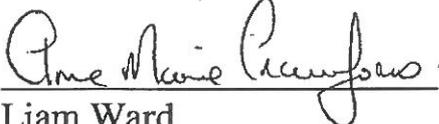
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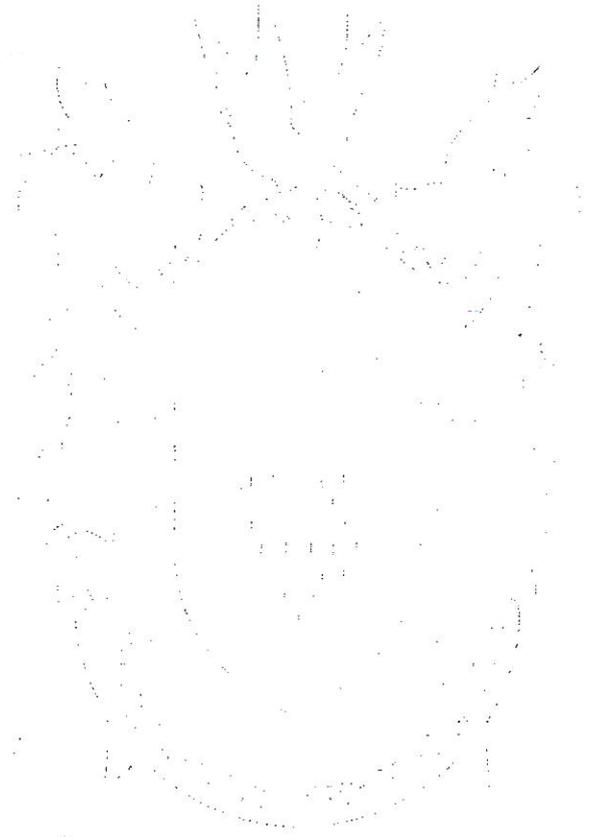
A Chara,

I write to inform you that at a recent meeting of Donegal County Council the following resolution was adopted, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:-

“That I am calling on this Council to ask the Government to issue a bus pass to all cancer and all other patients travelling to Galway or Dublin during the period of their treatment regardless of their age.”

Mise le meas,

  
P.P. Liam Ward  
Meetings Administrator





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Mr Christy O' Connor  
**Senior Executive Officer**  
Limerick City & County Council  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick.

8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

Dear Mr O' Connor,

We at Limerick GAA would like to thank you and all of your colleagues in the City & County Council for the tremendous home coming event that was received by our U-21 All Ireland Hurling Champions.

This was a wonderful occasion for us all here at Limerick GAA and we would like to acknowledge and thank you for the homecoming and the professional manner in which it was carried out.

We are looking forward to celebrating many more events with you in 2016.

Mise le meas,

Micheál Ó' Riordáin  
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Oifig an Taoisigh  
Office of the Taoiseach

13 October 2015

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

Dear Ms. Knox,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 7 October 2015 to the Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny T.D., the content of which has been noted.

I have copied your correspondence to the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection Ms. Joan Burton T.D. for her attention and the Minister will respond to you directly.

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy  
Assistant Private Secretary  
to the Taoiseach

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Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe  
Galway City Council

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Do Thag/Your Ref:

**Minister Alan Kelly, T.D.,  
Department of the Environment,  
Community & Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.**

15<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

**Re: Resolution Passed by Galway City Council**

**Dear Minister Kelly,**

I wish to bring to your attention that Galway City Council at its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 resolved the following Motion;

*That this Council calls for the immediate review of the HAP system given that anyone receiving this payment is removed from the Housing Waiting List.*

It was further resolved that this resolution be circulated to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely,

**Dermot Mahon,  
Meetings Administrator / Cruinnithe Riarthóir,  
Galway City Council / Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe.**

Cuirfeair fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge / Correspondence in the Irish Language is welcomed

Fáiltiú/Reception (091) 536400	Maoir Pobail/Community Wardens	536520	Tithíocht Ghinearálta/Housing General	536826	Pleanáil/Planning	536599
Faicse/Fax (091) 567493	Comhshaoil/Environment	536595	Cothú Tithíochta/Housing Maintenance	536849	Bruscar/Refuse	536511
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Office of the Minister for Social Protection

Case Number : REPS-2015-5822

Ms Tina Knox  
AO Corporate Services  
Corporate Services and Change Management  
Limerick City and County Council  
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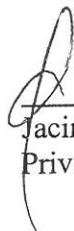
14/10/2015

Dear Ms Knox

Ms Joan Burton TD, Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding the Respite Care Grant.

Enquiries are being made and a further letter will issue to you as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

  
Jacinta Crawford  
Private Secretary



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**From:** Margaret O Rourke <morourke@clarecoco.ie>

**Sent:** 19 October 2015 09:37

**To:** Athlone Town Council; Carlow County Council; Cavan County Council; Cavan Town Council; Clonmel Borough Council; Cork City Council; Cork County Council; Donegal County Council; Drogheda Borough Council; Dublin City Council; Dun Laoghaire Rathdowne Co Co; Dundalk Town Council; Fingal County Council; Galway City Council; Galway County Council; Kerry County Council; Kildare County Council; Kilkenny County Council; Killarney Town Council; Laois County Council; Leitrim County Council; Limerick City Council; Customer Services; Listowel Town Council; Longford County Council; Louth County Council; Mayo County Council; Meath County Council; Monaghan County Council; Nenagh Town Council; North Tipperary County Council; Offaly County Council; Roscommon County Council; Sligo Borough Council; Sligo County Council; South Dublin County Council; South Tipperary County Council; Templemore Town Council; Thurles Town Council; Tralee Town Council; Waterford City Council; Waterford County Council; Westmeath County Council; Wexford County Council; Wicklow County Council

**Subject:** Correspondence for circulation to all Local Authorities

Attached please find resolution adopted by the elected members of Clare County Council. It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to all local authorities.

Regards,

Margaret O'Rourke,  
Corporate Services,  
Clare County Council.



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16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

**Our Ref: October 15-12/MMcN/MMcI**

Mr. Enda Kenny, T.D.,  
Taoiseach,  
Department of the Taoiseach,  
Government Buildings,  
Upper Merrion Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Taoiseach,

At the October monthly meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

“That Clare County Council supports the call for the release of Ibrahim Halawa, an Irish citizen, and calls on the Taoiseach to personally intervene on his behalf.”

It was agreed that this motion would be circulated to all local authorities in the state and a copy to be sent to the Egyptian Embassy in Dublin.

The Council would appreciate a reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran O'Donnell,  
A/Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services.

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# Special Olympics Munster



09/11/2015

Liz Creamer  
Limerick Council  
Dooradoyle  
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Dear Limerick Council,

On behalf of Special Olympics Ireland I would like to express our sincere thanks to you for hosting such a wonderful civic reception for Limerick athlete Ashleigh O'Hagan on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

The Special Olympics World Games took place in LA in July. In total, the 87 athletes who traveled to the US brought home 82 medals, amassing 26 gold, 28 silver and 28 bronze medals. The World Games was the largest sporting and humanitarian event anywhere in the world this year. Ashleigh won two bronze medals for gymnastics.

Ashleigh was delighted to be honored by the Council and is extremely proud of her Limerick heritage. Thank you also for extending an invite to the numerous people associated with the Special Olympics in the Limerick area and for providing a delicious meal after the ceremony. It was an absolute pleasure to attend.

The goal at Special Olympics is to see every person on the island of Ireland who has an intellectual disability given the opportunity to participate in a sport or a developmental activity of their choice in their local community. It is through the continued kindness of our donors, both at home and abroad, that we are aided in our mission of growing and developing our programme so that the needs of our 9,500 athletes, and those athletes of the future, continue to be met.

It is thanks to supporters like you and the vital support you offer to Special Olympics, that our athletes develop a real sense of worth; of being valued beyond the extraordinary love of their families; of being fitter, healthier, having friends; of having educational opportunities; of living their dreams; of just being 'themselves'. The wonderful reception you provided is living proof that your support changes lives every day.

Thank you again,

Yours sincerely,

*Lynda*

Lynda Foley  
Regional Fundraising Coordinator  
Special Olympics Munster



**From:** Mary Somers <msomers@SDUBLINCOCO.ie>

**Sent:** 12 November 2015 12:41

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**Cc:** Marie Kennedy

**Subject:** Motion Passed SDCC Meeting 9th November

The following motion was AGREED by members of South Dublin County Council at Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015

“Following a recent human rights delegation to Brussels, led by Lynn Boylan MEP, I ask that this council write to The Department of Foreign Affairs asking them to publicly demand the release of Firhouse teenager Ibrahim Halawa. This strong approach has resulted in the release of American Mohammed Soltan, Canadian Mohammed Fahmy and Australian Peter Greste”.

I would be obliged if you could bring it to the attention of your Meeting Administration for circulation to your Elected Members.

**Mary Somers**  
**Corporate Services**  
**Corporate Performance & Change Management**