

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**MARCH 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

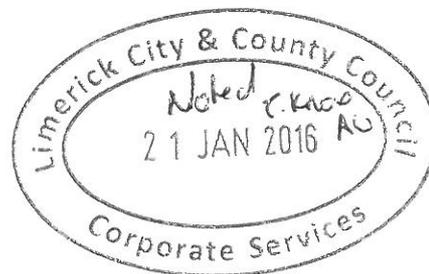
- Letter received on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2016, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to bridge the financial gap caused by the net reduction in Global Valuations of Commercial Rates on Utilities companies; and that any future changes be communicated to the Council 3 months in advance of the development of Local Authority budgets.
  
  - Letter received on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, from the Meetings Administrator, Offaly County Council.
  
  - Letter received on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, from Irish Water in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on Irish Water to honour its agreement with landowners by giving water free in lieu of them giving wells free.
  
  - Letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016, from the Office of the Taoiseach 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 8<sup>h</sup> March, 2016, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to resolution adopted by the Council requesting the Ministers for Finance and Agriculture to legislate for the immediate reintroduction of the Early Retirement and Farm Installation Schemes.
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Office of the Taoiseach

20 January 2016

Ms. Tina Knox  
AO -Corporate Services  
Limerick City & County Management  
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Dear Ms. Knox,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 14th January 2016, to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny, T.D.

I have copied your correspondence to the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government, Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D., for attention.

The Minister's office will respond to you directly.

Yours sincerely,

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to the Taoiseach

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22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016

To: Each Local Authority

Re: Notice of Motion – Offaly County Council



A Chara

At a recent 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.

*"Offaly County Council calls on the Minister for Education to introduce as a matter of urgency, a module in National Schools throughout Ireland which would make it compulsory to teach mindfulness and coping mechanisms as part of the school curriculum for all Primary Children and that the necessary teacher training is provided."*

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Monica Cleary SEO  
Meetings Administrator



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11/02/2016

Dear Ms Knox,

Thank you for your recent correspondence to Irish Water.

Irish Water is currently seeking to regularise arrangements for customers who have previously had a free water arrangement with their Local Authority. We are working with the Commission for Energy Regulation and other interested parties to agree a national approach to this issue.

Where the customer has made contact and is engaging directly with Irish Water regarding this specific issue, we will explain the process that is underway and will endeavour to keep in contact with them while the process is ongoing. Once the process has been agreed and approved, Irish Water will be in a position to implement the resolution.

Both Irish Water and the Commission for Energy Regulation are committed to honouring past arrangements.

I trust the above provides the information you are seeking.

Yours sincerely,

Sinead Egan  
Communications Manager



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Office of the Taoiseach



26 February 2016

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

Dear Ms. Knox,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th February 2016, to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny, regarding the resolution adopted by the Council at its recent meeting.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan, for his attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin 2.

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3 March 2016

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Limerick



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Our Ref: 2016/55088N /SF

Dear Ms. Knox

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence addressed to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, TD concerning a recent resolution at the January Meeting of Limerick City and County Council.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention at the next practical juncture. In the interim I have forwarded your correspondence for the attention of relevant Department officials.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Lennox  
Private Secretary