

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2018

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Elena Secas and Joe Leddin

We will move at the next meeting that this Council calls on the Chief Executive:

(i) to take the lead in making Limerick City and County Council a Disability Friendly Council, to promote a campaign to make the public and the business community aware of the dangers caused by obstacles, such as cars parked on footpaths, bicycles chained to railings and other thoughtlessly placed items that impede the use of our footpaths for wheelchair users and people suffering from visual impairment.

(ii) to consider the roll out of a Limerick City and County Council “My Way” campaign and to consult with all major stakeholders, including Disability Federation of Ireland and the Irish Council of the Blind, regarding the possibility of holding an annual “Make Way Day” in Limerick City and County.

REPLY

Limerick City and County Council has appointed two Access Officers, Geraldine Dollard and Aoibhe Reidy to oversee the delivery of the Council’s responsibilities under the Disability Act 2005. In the main, their role is to help customers with disabilities to access the Council’s services, buildings, and information.

Quarterly meetings are being held with representatives of the Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI) and the following actions have been agreed for 2018.

- Limerick City and County Council has agreed a work placement programme with Employability Limerick and 4/5 persons with disabilities will be hosted on an 8 week work experience programme in the Council over the Summer.
- Limerick City and County Council are working closely with DFI to identify ways the Council can support and promote the Make Way Day. A date has not be identified yet and DFI are drawing up proposals at present.
- The Council will organise Awareness training (on the needs of customers with disabilities) for Limerick City and County Council frontline staff over the coming months.

- A disability section on Limerick.ie will be set up and updated regularly.

In addition to the above specific initiatives, the Access Officers are working closely with the members of the DFI and others who raise issues in relation to access to services and facilities in the City and County. Contact has been made with the Area Engineers in relation to obstructions on footpaths in the City and County towns.

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