

CORRESPONDENCE

JULY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

- Letter received on 14th May, 2018, from the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in reply to correspondence sent to the Minister following the January Meeting expressing the Council's disappointment at the roads fund allocations for 2018 and concern at the current condition of some roads in the County as a result of recent adverse weather conditions. It was agreed that the Department would be requested to provide additional road funding in order to allow the Council to carry out necessary essential roads maintenance.
- Letter received on 1st June, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, South Dublin County Council.
- E-Mail received on 1st June, 2018, from the Chief Executive's Office, Leitrim County Council.
- Letter received on 7th June, 2018, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to correspondence sent to the Government supporting a resolution adopted by Donegal County Council *"calling for a review of the way Community Employment Schemes are being negatively affected by changes introduced over the last few years, and expressing concern that there has been no movement on a pension scheme for Community Employment Scheme Supervisors."*
- Letter received on 8th June, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection in reply to correspondence sent to the Government supporting a resolution adopted by Donegal County Council *"calling for a review of the way Community Employment Schemes are being negatively affected by changes introduced over the last few years, and expressing concern that there has been no movement on a pension scheme for Community Employment Scheme Supervisors."*
- E-Mail received on 8th June, 2018, from Mr. Noel Quinn, Senior Marketing and Media Rights Manager, GAA, in reply to correspondence sent to the GAA supporting a resolution adopted by Sligo County Council calling on the Gaelic Athletic Association to ensure that any matches broadcast on channels requiring subscription fees would also be made available on free-to-air television.

- Letter received on 8th June, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
- Letter received on 8th June, 2018, from the Minister of State for Higher Education in reply to resolution adopted by the Council registering its complete opposition to any increase in college fees, or a student loan scheme, and instead calling on the Government to implement the proposals in the Cassells Report for fully publicly-funded third level education and a living grant for students.
- Letter received on 8th June, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to correspondence sent to the Minister supporting a resolution adopted by Carlow County Council calling on the Minister to consider payment of €200/head for suckler cows.
- Letter received on 14th June, 2018, from Denise O’Leary, Executive Officer, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, in reply to correspondence sent to the Government supporting a resolution adopted by Donegal County Council *“calling for a review of the way Community Employment Schemes are being negatively affected by changes introduced over the last few years, and expressing concern that there has been no movement on a pension scheme for Community Employment Scheme Supervisors.”*
- Letters (two letters) received on 20th June, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Kerry County Council.
- Letter received on 21st June, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Education and Skills in reply to resolution adopted by the Council requesting that consideration be given to retaining CSPE (Civic, Social and Political Education) as a Junior Certificate examination subject.
- Letter received on 22nd June, 2018, from the Environmental Protection Agency in reply to resolution adopted by the Council that *“We, the Councillors of Limerick City and County Council, make a submission (copy enclosed) to the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the Licence Application P0029-06 to allow CRH to begin industrial Incineration in Limerick.”*

- Letter received on 25th June, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in reply to resolution adopted by the Council that additional funding be sought for road repairs within the Municipal District of Newcastle West due to the damage caused by harsh weather conditions.
 - E-Mail received on 2nd July, 2018, from Corporate Services, Wexford County Council.
 - Letter received on 5th July, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for a review of current Local Property Tax legislation, thereby allowing a discount to apply for pensioners residing on their own.
 - E-Mail received on 16th July, 2018, from Longford County Council.
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Our Ref: SR/18/20905

Date: 11/05/2018

Dear Mr O'Connor

I refer to your letter of the 2nd February 2018 on behalf of the Limerick City and County Council regarding funding for roads in Limerick. I apologise for the delay in replying.

As you know the improvement and maintenance of regional and local roads is the statutory responsibility of the relevant County Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the Roads Act 1993. Works on those roads are funded from the Council's own resources supplemented by State road grants. The initial selection and prioritisation of works to be funded is also a matter for the Council.

As regards State grants for regional and local roads in 2018, Limerick County Council has been given a total allocation of €18,919,738 which represents a significant increase on last year.

In addition ring-fenced funding of €10 million has been set aside this year for the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) which is suitable for more lightly trafficked roads. My Department will be informing Councils of the outcome of the CIS application process shortly.

There is no additional funding available to my Department at present.

It is a matter for each local authority to assess its priorities and implement its roadworks programme for the year based on the State grant funding and own resources available to it. In this context I continue to emphasise to local authorities the importance of prioritising expenditure on roads when allocating own resources.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Ross', written in a cursive style.

Minister Shane Ross
Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport

*The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015
(details available on www.lobbying.ie)*

1st June 2018

To: Each Local Authority



A Chara,

At the May Meeting of South Dublin County Council , it was agreed to circulate the following Motion to all Local Authorities for support.

"That this Area Committee wishes to express its solidarity with the Palestinians and the unarmed peaceful protesters who were shot at, with some being murdered by the IDF. We call on the Chief Executive to write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs & the Taoiseach to immediately expel the Israeli Ambassador from Ireland, for Israel's crimes against the Palestinian people and to express to the Israeli's that these actions are unacceptable under International Law and to end its military onslaught."

Mise le meas

Colm Murphy
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Performance and Change Management

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

Sent: 01 June 2018 14:11

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: Medical Cards to Patients who receive a cancer diagnosis

A Chara,

Please find attached copy of Resolution passed by Leitrim County Council at the 8th May 2018 Council Meeting.

At the meeting the Elected Members requested that this Motion be circulated to other Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen McGovern Ellis
Chief Executive's Office
Leitrim County Council.



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1st June 2018

Minister Simon Harris,
Minister for Health,
Hawkins House,
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Re: Medical Cards to patients who receive a cancer diagnosis

Dear Minister Harris,

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

"That Leitrim County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris TD, to intervene in the HSE's decision of not automatically awarding medical cards to cancer patients, and, to issue a directive from Government, to ensure that all patients who receive a cancer diagnosis are awarded a medical card."

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



Joan Lowe
Meetings Administrator

✓ **cc To All Local Authorities**



Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach



6th June 2018

Mr. James Clune
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Limerick

Dear Mr. Clune,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D.
dated 1st June 2018.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to Regina Doherty T.D.,
Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, for attention.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Timmins

Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

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Oifig An Aire Gnóthai Fostaíochta agus Coimire Sóisialai
Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Case Number : REPS-2018-12383

Mr James Clune
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Services
Corporate Headquarters
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06 June 2018

Dear Mr Clune

Ms Regina Doherty TD, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding resolution adopted by Donegal County Council at a recent meeting regarding Community Employment Schemes .

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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(details available on www.lobbying.ie)*



From: Noel Quinn <noel.quinn@gaa.ie>
Sent: 08 June 2018 08:42
To: Clune, James
Subject: Response to letter dated 1st June 2018

Dear James,

I write to you in acknowledgement of a letter received dated 1st June 2018 regarding Limerick City & County Council's support of Sligo County Council's motion that any GAA match broadcast requiring a subscription fee also be made available on a free to air platform.

Following receipt of a letter from Mr/Ms C. O' Connor of Limerick City and County Council relating to the same matter by the then GAA Director General Paráic Duffy last year, the below detail was sent in reply (letter dated 16th August, 2017) in order to provide context to the current GAA broadcast landscape. I believe the comments made hold true as a point of information in this instance.

Kind Regards,

Noel Quinn

The GAA has always done all in its power to make its games available to its domestic audience, while at the same time needing to protect the special experience of supporters attending games. Currently, over 100 games are broadcast free to air each year, covering all levels of GAA's competitions – senior, minor, under-21, colleges and universities. Over the years, there has been a constant increase in live TV coverage of our games on free to air T.V. There is hardly a single weekend from late January until the end of November that live GAA championship games are not available on free-to-air on terrestrial TV. In fact, the current broadcasting contracts ensure free-to-air live TV coverage of GAA games on at least 44 of the 52 weekends of the year.

If one had followed the debate generated by the allocation of limited broadcast rights to Sky Sports, one might well have had the impression that, previously, all senior championship games had been covered live on TV and that an entitlement to see all our championship games free to air had been withdrawn. But it has never been the case that all championship games have been broadcast live on domestic TV - far from it. We have always had to find a balance between live TV coverage and our objective of encouraging our supporters to attend matches: the presence of supporters at matches is the lifeblood of our games and is vital to the special atmosphere of GAA matches.

The GAA, from the outset, understood fully that the decision to award a small number of games to Sky would not meet with everyone's approval. It was not a decision taken easily, and was discussed at length by our Management Committee in January 2014 and, more recently at Congress 2016.

Tradition led some to feel, as you have argued, that we should never offer our games to a subscription channel. This is a respectable position, and one fully respected by the Association. But those in the GAA with whom lies the responsibility of safeguarding the status and position of our games, not just in the present but – even more importantly – in the future, are obliged to take into account factors that others can afford to ignore.

Whether we like it or not, commercial and marketing factors are a feature of the world in which the GAA must operate, and the allocation of broadcast rights is vital to the well-being of the Association from a number of perspectives, i.e. the proper promotion of our games, the standard to which the games are promoted on broadcast media, the territories in which our games are broadcast, our ability to negotiate from a position of strength in a very competitive sports-viewing market, and, of course, the revenue generated by the sale of broadcast rights to our games, the latter vital to our ability to fund the development of the Association.

We believe that we have achieved a balance in the allocation of broadcast rights that meets the needs of our supporters at home and abroad, a balance that we will seek to maintain into the future. Our games will continue to be widely available as free-to-air TV broadcasts to Irish audiences and there will be no reduction in the number of live championship games shown free to air.

Finally, it is very important to note that the following motion was debated at Congress, the GAA's policy-making body, in 2016:

"That Congress 2016 enacts a New Rule [1.18]: 'Broadcast Rights – All televised Inter-County Championship games shall be available on free to air T.V.'"

The motion was defeated by 200 votes to 36.

Is mise le meas,

Páraic Ó Dufaigh

Ard Stiúrthóir

Noel Quinn

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5th June, 2018

TO: ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES



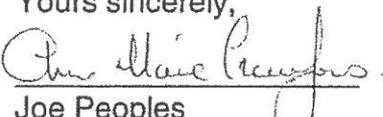
A Chara,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution:-

"Tá alltacht agus uafás ar Chomhairle Contae Dhún na nGall go ndearna Fórsaí Cosanta Iosrael sléacht as éadan ar mhuintir na Palaistíne i nGaza, agus go bhfuil breis agus 60 Palaistíneach marbh agus na mílte eile gortaithe. Iarrann muid ar an rialtas ambasadóir Iosrael chun na hÉireann a ruaigeadh láithreach bonn amach as an tír mar gheall ar an slad seo ar dhaoine neamharmtha. Molann muid an cinneadh a rinne Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath ar na mallaibh nuair a vótáil siad chun tacú leis an ghluaiseacht ar son Baghcat, Dífheistiú agus Smachtbhannaí. Athdhearbhaíonn muid ár dtacaíocht arís le muintir na Palaistíne agus geallann muid go gcuirfidh an Chomhairle polasaí Baghcat, Dífheistiú agus Smachtbhannaí i gcoinne Iosrael i bhfeidhm go dtí go mbeidh saoirse ag muintir na Palaistíne. Chun tacú le fiosrúchán idimnáisiúnta a reáchtáil maidir leis na maruithe". Le seoladh chuig gach Údarás Áitiúil eile.

"Donegal County Council deplores the slaughter of more than 60 Palestinians and the wounding of thousands of others in Gaza by the Israeli Defence Forces. We call on the government to immediately expel the Israeli ambassador in protest at this massacre of unarmed civilians. We applaud the recent decision of Dublin City Council to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. We reaffirm our solidarity with the Palestinian people and commit the council to implementing a policy of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel until there is freedom for the Palestinian people. Support the holding of an international enquiry into the killings." To be circulated to all Local Authorities.

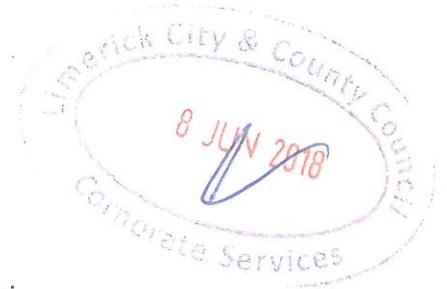
Yours sincerely,

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Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator

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Oifig an tAire um Ardoideachas
Office of the Minister for Higher Education

Our Ref: MMOC 432-17

Ms. Tina Knox
Administrative Officer
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31 May 2018

Dear Ms. Knox,

I refer to your letter to my colleague, Richard Bruton T.D., Minister for Education & Skills, in relation to the resolution adopted at the September meeting of Limerick City and County Council, which has been referred to me for reply.

Higher education is a central part of our plan as a Government to support a strong economy and deliver a fair society. The Report of the Expert Group on Future Funding (Cassells Report) which was published in July 2016, clearly outlines the funding challenges in the higher education sector and offers a number of potential policy approaches for consideration. As committed to in the Programme for Government, the Cassells report has been referred to the Education Committee as part of the process for formulating a plan for the future of the sector. In January 2018 I received a request from the Oireachtas Committee for the Department to carry out a comprehensive economic evaluation of each of the recommendations put forward in the Report.

Minister Bruton and I have agreed to this request. My Department is currently considering the most appropriate means of undertaking the economic examination of each of the proposed policy options presented in the Report to assist the Committee and to ensure that a sustainable funding model for Higher Education is developed to support the realisation of the economy's growth potential

Since publication of the Cassells Report the Government has prioritised additional investment in higher education in Budget 2017 and Budget 2018. As a result, the Department of Education and Skills is investing €100m more in higher education in 2018 compared to 2016. We will seek to build on this progress in Budget 2019.

As part of Budget 2018, the Government decided to raise the National Training Fund levy by 0.1% in 2018 to 0.8%, and by a further 0.1% in both 2019 and 2020 (subject to the reform of the NTF to make it more transparent and to afford employers greater opportunity to inform the NTF expenditure priorities). The increase in funding from the National Training Fund is a key strategic element of the overall funding increase for higher and further education.

In addition, in January 2018 I published an independent review of the current allocation model for funding higher education. This review provides a roadmap for transitioning towards a reformed funding model that is more transparent, consistent across higher education institutions, incentivises actions in key strategic areas such as research and STEM provision, and supports improved accountability while also respecting institutional autonomy.

This comprehensive approach is being taken in order to contribute to the development of a long-term sustainable funding model for the sector. As such, it will be important to build broad political and societal consensus on achieving the most appropriate future funding model and my Department and I continue to work to that end.

I trust this clarifies the position for you.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D.
Minister of State for Higher Education





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

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6 June 2018

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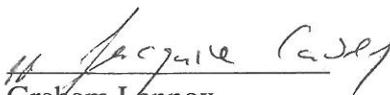
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Dear Mr. Clune

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence addressed to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed, TD concerning payment for suckler cows.

I will undertake to 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

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Case Number: REPS-2018-12383

Mr. James Clune
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Dear Mr. Clune

I wish to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding Community Employment (CE) schemes.

The aim of the CE programme is to enhance the employability of disadvantaged and unemployed people by providing work experience and training opportunities for them within their communities. The programme helps break the cycle of unemployment and improve a person's chances of returning to the labour market. A number of new conditions were introduced on CE in July 2017 to further support progression and broaden access to CE to a wider range of people.

In general all CE placements for new entrants aged between 21 and 55 years will be for 1 year – however CE participants, working towards a major award, can seek to extend participation by up to two years to enable them to reach the required standard of qualification. In addition, those over 55 years of age can remain on CE for three years.

An overall lifetime limit of 6 years will apply to all CE participants (changed from 3 years for those under 55 years). A person may re-qualify for CE after 12 months of being in receipt of a qualifying payment, provided they have not reached their 6 year limit. Persons in receipt of a qualifying disability-linked social welfare payment will be eligible for an overall lifetime limit of 7 years.

In addition from 1 June 2018, customers currently engaged with the JobPath service and those who may be referred in future will have the option of applying for CE and Tús placements while continuing to engage with JobPath.



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The issue of addressing the entitlement of Community Employment supervisors to occupational pensions is primarily a matter for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER).

It should be noted that the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) is not the employer of CE supervisors and such employees are not public servants. They are employees of limited companies that receive public funding.

However, the issue of CE supervisors' pension provision is currently being examined by a Community Sector High Level Forum, chaired by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. This Department is represented on this group, as are the unions, Pobal and other relevant Government Departments.

I hope this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely

Denise O'Leary
Executive Officer

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19th June, 2018



To: All Local Authorities

A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

“That this Council opposes efforts to require people to work until they are 68”.

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

Mise, le meas,

Liam Quinlan,
Meetings Administrator



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19th June, 2018



To: All Local Authorities

A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

"Whilst welcoming the new proposal from An Post to the Post Office Network, I ask that this Council calls on An Post and the Government to seek a new international partner to allow the Post Offices to offer full Banking Services including Current Accounts, Loans and Mortgages".

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

Mise, le meas,

Liam Quinlan,
Meetings Administrator

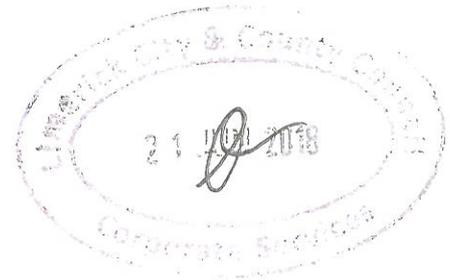




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Office of the Minister for Education and Skills

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Our Ref: 1801858 /LO'D



19th June 2018

Dear Mr. Clune,

The Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton T.D has asked me to acknowledge your further letter regarding a resolution adopted by the Council seeking the retention of CSPE as a Junior Certificate Subject

Enquiries are being made about this matter and a further letter will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Newcombe
Private Secretary



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20/06/2018

Reg. No: P0029-06

Dear Mr. Clune

I acknowledge receipt of your letters on the 8 and 13 June 2018 in relation to a licence review in respect of Irish Cement Limited, Castlemungret, County Limerick (Reg. No. P0029-06).

I am to advise you that your letters will be treated as formal submissions and will be considered as part of the examination and processing of the review. Your comments will be taken into account when determining same.

Please note that all documentation and associated correspondence, **including your submission**, are available to view on the Agency's website www.epa.ie. You can also make further submissions via the Agency's website. You may subscribe to updates on this licence application through RSS Feeds to receive notifications regarding this application directly to your email account.

The details of the proposed determination by the Agency will be automatically notified to you in accordance with the requirements of the EPA Act 1992 as amended.

Yours sincerely


Aimee Donovan
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Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability





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Our Ref: SR/18/22742

21 June 2018

Dear Mr Clune

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Shane Ross T.D., I wish to thank you for your letter regarding additional funding for road repairs.

A further reply will issue to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Smith
Private Secretary to Minister Ross

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Good Afternoon

See attached motion which was passed by the Council at their June 2018 Meeting.

Regards

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County Secretary

PC/BB

26th June, 2018.

Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD,
Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government,
Leinster House,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

At the June Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"Given the continued efforts of the Department of Local Government to undermine local authorities and the increased centralisation of power in Ireland, this Council calls on the government to establish an independent convention on the future of local government, that will examine powers, autonomy and funding.

In the event of the failure of government to act, this Council calls on LAMA and the AILG to establish such a convention and to seek cross party support.

This motion to be circulated to all other local authorities in the State and to request that a similar motion be adopted."

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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29 June 2018



Ms Tina Knox
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Dear Ms Knox

The Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr Paschal Donohoe TD, has asked me to refer to your correspondence regarding the Local Property Tax.

The 2012 inter-Departmental Group, which considered the structures and modalities of a universal liability to the Local Property Tax (LPT), recommended that it should apply to all owners of residential property with a limited number of exemptions. Limiting the exemptions available allows the rate to be kept low for those liable persons who do not qualify for an exemption. While there is no specific exemption from the requirement to pay LPT for pensioners under the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended), such persons may be entitled to an exemption on other grounds or may qualify for a deferral subject to meeting the qualifying conditions.

The Inter-departmental Group considered the provision of deferrals for households unable to pay the tax or where a payment requirement would cause hardship. As a general principle, eligibility for deferral should be based on gross income. Part 12 of the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (as amended) accordingly provides for a system of deferral arrangements for owner-occupiers where there is an inability to pay the tax and the person meets certain criteria based on income thresholds. These deferral arrangements also take account of mortgage interest payments made by the property owner.

The property must be the sole or main residence of the liable person and his or her gross income must be below certain thresholds. The thresholds are €15,000 for a single person and €25,000 for a married couple, civil partners or cohabiting couple. Deferral in respect of half of the local

property tax payable is possible, where the gross income is above the threshold but less than €25,000 in the case of a single person and €35,000 in the case of a couple.

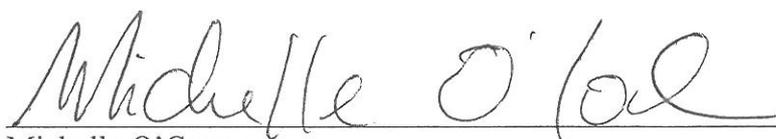
Where a liable person does not qualify for, or does not wish to avail of, a deferral, phased payment of LPT can be used to assist with budgeting. The Government is aware of the difficulties facing many individuals and families, and for this reason a wide variety of methods for payment of the LPT are available from which liable persons can choose the method most suited to their individual circumstances. The LPT can be paid by way of phased payments rather than in a single payment; it can also be paid by direct debit; or through payment service providers such as An Post TaxPay, Payzone and Omnivend.

The Minister recently announced a review of the LPT which is looking in particular at the impact on LPT liabilities of property price developments. It includes an examination of the outstanding recommendations of the 2015 Thornhill review of the Local Property Tax. It is expected that the review will be completed at the end of August and that the review report will provide a number of policy choices for consideration. The review will be informed by the desirability of achieving relative stability, both over the short and longer terms, in LPT payments of liable persons. It also includes a consultation process to enable all interested parties and individuals to submit their views on the future of the LPT.

The Department of Finance is advancing work on this matter in conjunction with the Departments of the Taoiseach, Housing, Planning & Local Government, Public Expenditure & Reform and the Revenue Commissioners. The purpose of the review will be to inform the Minister in relation to any actions he may recommend to Government concerning the overall yield from LPT and its contribution to total tax revenue.

I trust the foregoing has been of assistance

Yours sincerely



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Subject: Notice of Motion from Longford County Council

I wish to inform you that at a recent meeting of Longford County Council, the following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Peggy Nolan seconded by Councillor Michael Carrigy and unanimously agreed -

“That an interim payment of €50,000 be made to the women and families affected by the cervical cancer misdiagnosis.”

It was agreed that the above Notice of Motion be forwarded to the Minister for Health and to all Local Authorities.

Regards,

Anne Lee,
Administrative Officer,
Longford County Council.