

CORRESPONDENCE

SEPTEMBER 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

- Letter received on 25th July, 2018, from the Meetings Secretary, Kildare County Council.
- Letter received on 27th July, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
- E-Mail received on 27th July, 2018, from the Municipal District of Carrickmacross-Castleblaney, Monaghan County Council.
- Letter received on 27th July, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
- E-mail received on 30th July, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Health in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris, TD, and the Minister with Special Responsibility for Disabilities, Mr. Finian McGrath, TD, to bring forward legislation that all Government grants, Social Welfare payments and all other State supports be categorised as non-means tested universal payments for people with disabilities.
- Letter received on 1st August, 2018, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for legislation to ensure that employees with a recognised degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs.
- Letter received on 2nd August, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for legislation to be brought forward that all Government grants, Social Welfare payments and all other State supports be categorised as non-means tested universal payments for people with disabilities.
- Letter received on 8th August, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for legislation to ensure that employees with a recognised degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs.

- Letter received on 9th August, 2018, from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for legislation to be brought forward that all Government grants, Social Welfare payments and all other State supports be categorised as non-means tested universal payments for people with disabilities.
 - Letter received on 9th August, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for legislation to ensure that employees with a recognised degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs.
 - Letter received on 21st August, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for legislation to ensure that employees with a recognised degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs.
 - Letter received on 30th August, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, West Clare Municipal District.
 - Letter received on 18th September, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council.
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Comhairle Contae Chill Dara
Kildare County Council



23 July 2018

TO: ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES

I write to inform you that members of Kildare County Council passed the following resolution at the June meeting:

That the council write to the insurance regulator and all home insurance providers who offer policies within County Kildare, voicing our concern, disappointment and opposition to the apparent misinterpretation of the current Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Studies (CFRAMS) maps by the insurance industry and the fact that this misinterpretation is now affecting house sales within County Kildare.

It was agreed to refer this motion to the Financial Ombudsman and to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

K. Keane

Meetings Secretary



**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

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26th July, 2018

To All Local Authorities

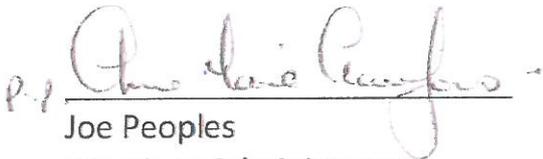
A Chara,

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

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Education to address the discrepancies which exist in the rates of pay and benefits paid to ancillary staff in our schools and calls for an end to the precarious employment conditions imposed on these valuable staff members. In addition, this Council calls on the Minister to increase the capitation grant paid to schools as outlined in the 'Action Plan for Education'."

I would be obliged if you would bring this to the attention of your elected members for their consideration.

Yours faithfully,


Joe Peoples

Meetings Administrator

From: Amanda Murray <amurray2@monaghancoco.ie>

Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 11:25 AM

To: Carlow County Council <secretar@carlowcoco.ie>; cavan county council <info@cavancoco.ie>; Clare County Council <info@clarecoco.ie>; Cork City Council <corporateaffairs@corkcity.ie>; Cork County Council <corporate.affairs@corkcoco.ie>; DCCINFO <info@Donegalcoco.ie>; Dublin City Council <customerservices@dublincity.ie>; Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown <corp@dlrcoco.ie>; Fingal County Council <info@fingalcoco.ie>; Galway City Council <customerservic@galwaycity.ie>; Galway County Council <customerservices@galwaycoco.ie>; Kerry County Council <info@kerrycoco.ie>; Kildare County Council <customercare@kildarecoco.ie>; Kilkenney County Council <info@kilkennycoco.ie>; Laois County Council <mmccormac@laoiscoco.ie>; Leitrim County Council <corporateservices@leitrimcoco.ie>; Customer Services <customerservices@limerick.ie>; Longford County Council <info@longfordcoco.ie>; Louth County Council <info@louthcoco.ie>; Mayo County Council <ckenny@mayococo.ie>; Meath County Council <info@meathcoco.ie>; Info <info@monaghancoco.ie>; Offally County Council <webmaster@offalycoco.ie>; Roscommon County Council <info@roscommoncoco.ie>; Sligo County Council <info@sligococo.ie>; South Dublin County Council <info@sdblincoco.ie>; Tipperary County Council <customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie>; Waterford County Council <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Westmeath COunty Council <info@westmeathcoco.ie>; Wexford County Council <postmaster@wexfordcoco.ie>; Wicklow County Council <cosec@wicklowcoco.ie>

Subject: Notice of Motion

A Chairde,

At the July monthly meeting of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney Municipal District Council, the following notice of motion was unanimously adopted by the members:

“In light of what has been one of the worst droughts ever, this MD now calls on the Minister for Agriculture to immediately make hardship funding available to assist the farming community given the severe shortage of fodder quantified by some as up to 5 million tonnes. This will not or cannot be made up now with at least 60% of the growing season already passed”.

It would be appreciated if you could bring this motion to the attention of your members at the next monthly meeting of your members.

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Amanda Murray,
Carrickmacross-Castleblayney MD.



26th July, 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:-

"That Donegal County Council would ask all relevant Government Ministers to reconsider the current government policy regarding the bundling of public contracts"

I would be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of your elected members for their consideration.

Yours faithfully,

P.P. Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator



From: health.gov.ie on behalf of Minister's_Office@health.gov.ie
Sent: 30 July 2018 15:48
To: customerservices@limerick.ie
Subject: Correspondence Transfer
Attachments: OD201-18.pdf

30 July 2018

Mr Tom O'Callaghan
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services
Limerick City and County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay

Dear Mr O'Callaghan

The Minister for Health, Simon Harris T.D., has asked me to thank you for your recent letter regarding the meeting of Limerick City and County Council held on 23 July 2018.

As this matter is more appropriate to the Department of Employment and Social Protection, your correspondence has been forwarded to Ms Regina Doherty TD, Minister for the above mentioned Department, for her attention and direct reply to you.

As this matter is also appropriate to the Department of Housing and Local Government your correspondence has also been forwarded to Mr Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for the above mentioned Department, for his attention and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely

Paula Smeaton
Private Secretary



Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

30th July 2018

Mr. Tom O'Callaghan
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services
Limerick City and County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Co. Limerick



Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D. dated 27th July 2018.

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

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy
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-2018-12929

Mr Tom O'Callaghan
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Co. Limerick.



31 July 2018

Dear Mr O'Callaghan

Ms Regina Doherty TD, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding a resolution adopted at a meeting of Limerick City and County Council, in relation to legislation being brought forward that all social welfare payments be categorised as non-means tested Universal payments for people with disabilities.

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

Yours Sincerely


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Jacinta Crawford
Private Secretary

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

Case Number : REPS-2018-12966

Mr Tom O'Callaghan
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Co. Limerick.



02 August 2018

Dear Mr O'Callaghan

Ms Regina Doherty TD, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding a resolution adopted at the July meeting of Limerick City and County Council, in connection with a Liveable Wage.

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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Mr Tom O'Callaghan
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Case Number: REPS-2018-12929

07 August, 2019

Dear Mr O'Callaghan,

I refer to your correspondence regarding the removal of all government grants, social welfare payments and all other state supports from consideration in all means tests for people with disabilities.

There are a number of basic principles which underpin the Irish social insurance system. Firstly there is the contributory principle. Under this principle there is a direct link between the PRSI contributions that a person has paid and entitlement to a varying range of benefits and pensions. Where a person has sufficient PRSI contributions, then benefits and pensions may be paid as of right, where a particular contingency arises and without a means test.

Secondly there is the solidarity principle. Under this principle the benefits and pensions that are paid are not directly related to the amount of PRSI contributions paid by insured persons. PRSI contribution income is instead redistributed to support contributors who are more vulnerable. As part of this, payment and supports schemes are moderated by legislation that determines what may be considered within any applicable means test so that they may be targeted towards those most in need.

While the social insurance fund currently has a surplus, it faces significant financial challenges in the years ahead in order to ensure adequate and sustainable social insurance pensions and benefits for a growing and ageing population. Any improvements or additions to these supports can only be considered in the context of Budget 2019 and the preservation of the capacity of the Social Insurance Fund that enables the provision of all supports provided by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

Although the department reviews its support schemes and payments on a regular basis, it is not intended to change the means test legislation in the way you describe.

Yours sincerely,



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Administrative Officer

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Office of the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Case Number : REPS-2018-12966

Mr Tom O'Callaghan
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Co. Limerick.

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3rd August 2018

Dear Mr O'Callaghan

Ms Regina Doherty TD, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has asked me to refer again to your correspondence regarding a resolution adopted at the July meeting of Limerick City and County Council, in connection with a Liveable Wage.

Having made enquiries it has been ascertained that this matter is proper to the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation. In this regard the Minister has now passed your correspondence to Minister Heather Humphreys, for her attention and direct reply to you.

Yours Sincerely


Jacinta Crawford
Private Secretary

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Oifig an tAire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta
Office of the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation

17 August, 2018

Mr Tom O'Callaghan,
Meetings Administrator,
Limerick City and County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.



Dear Mr O'Callaghan

I refer to your correspondence to An Taoiseach which was transferred to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection and subsequently referred to this Department for attention.

The living wage has nothing to do with this Department/Minister. As a policy issue for this Government it was correctly transferred by the Department of An Taoiseach to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection which has responsibility for the Minimum Wage, Low Pay Commission and therefore the correspondence has been returned to that Department to be dealt with.

I apologise for any confusion around the matter in terms of the correspondence you have received but the issue is not one for this Department.

Yours sincerely,

Eamonn Mc Cormack,
Private Secretary.

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27th August 2018



Comhairle Contae an Chláir
Clare County Council



Ceantar Bardasach Iarthar an Chláir
Municipal District of West Clare

Motion for Circulation

At a Special Meeting of the West Clare Municipal District held on 27th August 2018 the following Motion was passed and it was agreed that it would be sent to all Councils seeking their support:

“We the West Clare Municipal District Councillors Ian Lynch, Gabriel Keating, Christy Curtin, Richard Nagle, Bill Slattery, Bill Chambers, PJ Kelly and Michael Hillery unanimously agreed at a Special Meeting of the Municipal District Council held on 27th August 2018 to call on The Government to enact the Dáil motion passed in November 2016 in support of protecting and developing the Post Office network and its services.

In doing so we ask that they,

- 1. Postpone the closures of post offices for a 3 year period, to facilitate a restructure of the post office services.*
- 2. Ensure that the necessary budget provision is included in Budget 2019 and thereafter to subsidise the Post Office Network while it is being developed.*

Mise, le meas,

John Corry
Meetings Administrator
West Clare Municipal District.





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18th September, 2018

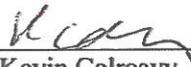


To/ Each Local Authority

At a Special Meeting of Sligo County Council, the following resolution was unanimously agreed:

"Sligo County Council calls on the Government to intervene now to prevent An Post using a very restrictive anti-rural definition of a "settlement" taken from the Central Statistics Office 2016 census report, as part of the criteria for establishing a post office in an area. An Post has stated that no settlement of over 500 people will be left without a post office. A settlement is defined as "having a minimum of 50 occupied dwellings, with a maximum distance between any dwelling and the building closest to it of 100 metres, and where there is evidence of an urban centre." This is too restrictive and rules out vast areas of rural Ireland including many medium sized towns".

The Members asked that a copy would also be circulated to each local authority.



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Meetings Administrator

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