



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

Meeting of the Environment Strategic Policy Committee

held on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. O'Hanon (deferred from Metropolitan Meeting)

"I will move at the next meeting that the Council consider installing a network of drinking fountains in appropriate locations to cut the number of plastic bottles used".

Reply:

The Physical Development Directorate is aware that a number of local authorities in Ireland have been installing public drinking/water bottle refill stations. We are currently looking at the feasibility of developing this model in Limerick. We are liaising with Irish Water on this matter and looking at an appropriate format of these stations for different areas of the city. A report will be prepared to determine the feasibility of and the cost implications for the provision of any water refill stations. We will revert to the Members in this regard.

We have also been in contact with Refill, a voluntary initiative that aims to identify and map businesses which will offer refills of water bottles for free, to see how we can encourage businesses in the City and County to get involved.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Physical Development Directorate
24th April, 2019.