

CORRESPONDENCE

NOVEMBER 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

- E-Mail received on 20th September, 2018, from Corporate Services, Wexford County Council.
- Letter received on 28th September, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for an immediate and critical national review of the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- Letter received on 28th September, 2017, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council urging the Minister to take urgent action in relation to the increasing rents in the cost of student accommodation.
- Letter received on 1st October, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Dublin City Council, 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, a copy of the resolution having been sent to each Local Authority for support.
- Letter received on 1st October, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Dublin City Council, in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for 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, a copy of the resolution having been sent to each Local Authority for support.
- Letter received on 2nd October, 2018, from the Administrative Officer/Administrator of Roads and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, Cork County Council.

- Letter received on 4th October, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for funding to be re-appropriated from property acquisition to fund the repair of voids throughout the City and County.
- Letter received on 5th October, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister to provide adequate support for Rivers Trusts and, in particular, the Maigue Rivers Trust, to allow them to reach their full potential in terms of helping Ireland achieve its obligations under the Water Framework Directive and helping to develop sustainable rural communities.
- Letter received on 9th October, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council urging the Minister to take urgent action in relation to the increasing rents in the cost of student accommodation.
- Letter received on 10th October, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister to provide adequate support for Rivers Trusts and, in particular, the Maigue Rivers Trust, to allow them to reach their full potential in terms of helping Ireland achieve its obligations under the Water Framework Directive and helping to develop sustainable rural communities.
- Letter received on 11th October, 2018, from the A/Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Clare County Council.
- Letter received on 15th October, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council.
- Letter received on 19th October, 2018, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for an immediate and critical national review of the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- Correspondence received on 31st October, 2018, from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding *Call for Submissions in relation to the Local Authority Elected Members' Role and Remuneration Review*.

- Letter received on 7th November, 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 to the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the Licence Application P0029-06 to allow CRH to begin industrial Incineration in Limerick."*
 - Letters (2 No.) received on 8th November, 2018, from the Meetings Administrator, Corporate Services, Kilkenny County Council.
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From: Barbara Byrne [<mailto:Barbara.Byrne@wexfordcoco.ie>]

Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 3:28 PM

To: 'secretar@carlowcoco.ie'; 'info@cavancoco.ie'; 'info@clarecoco.ie'; 'corporateservices@corkcity.ie'; 'info@donegalcoco.ie'; 'info@dublincity.ie'; 'corp@dlrcoco.ie'; 'info@fingalcoco.ie'; 'customerservices@galwaycity.ie'; 'secretar@galwaycoco.ie'; 'kcc@kerrycoco.ie'; 'customercare@kildarecoco.ie'; 'info@kilkennycoco.ie'; 'corpaffairs@laoiscoco.ie'; 'corporateservices@leitrimcoco.ie'; 'customerservices@limerick.ie'; 'info@longfordcoco.ie'; 'info@louthcoco.ie'; 'secretar@mayococo.ie'; 'info@meathcoco.ie'; 'info@monaghancoco.ie'; 'customerservices@offalycoco.ie'; 'secretar@roscommoncoco.ie'; 'info@sdublincoco.ie'; 'customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie'; 'contact@waterfordcouncil.ie'; 'info@westmeathcoco.ie'; 'cosec@wicklowcoco.ie'

Subject: Motion

Good Afternoon

See attached motions which were passed by the Council at their September 2018 Meeting.

Barbara Byrne
Corporate Services
Wexford County Council.

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,



Pat Collins,
County Secretary.
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18th September, 2018

dm/bb

Mr. Denis Naughton, TD,
Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment,
Leinster House,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 1.

Dear Minister Naughton,

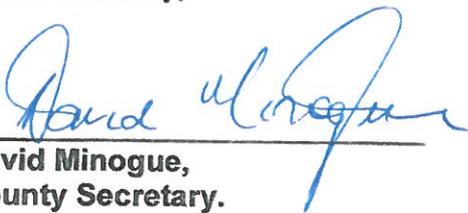
At the September meeting of Wexford County Council the members passed the following motion:

“This Council calls on Government to:

1. Enact ‘Private Members Dáil Motion of the 11th November, 2016.’ (a call previously supported by Wexford County Council, October 2017)
2. Postpone the closure of Post Offices while the Kiwi Post Bank model for the Irish Post Office network is developed.
3. The results of this Council motion to be promptly conveyed to the Minister for Communications, Climate action and Environment and Deputy Hildegard Naughton, Chair of Committee on Communications, Climate Action and Environment.
4. That this motion will be circulated to all local authorities”.

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

Yours sincerely,



David Minogue,
County Secretary.
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**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



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26 September 2018

Mr. Tom O'Callaghan,
Limerick City & Council Council,
Corporate HQ,
Merchants Quay, Limerick.
V94 EH90

26 SEP 2018

RE: MO2018-00551

Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your letter in connection with the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

On behalf of the Minister I thank you for your letter, which has been referred to the relevant Section in the Department.

Yours sincerely,

P.P. Niamh Redmond
Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

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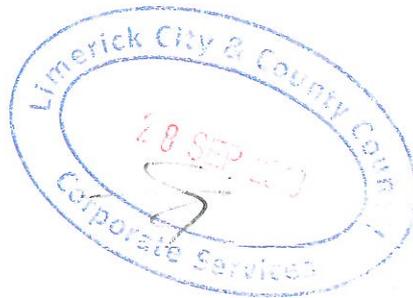


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26 September 2018

Mr. Tom O'Callaghan,
Limerick City & Council Council,
Corporate HQ,
Merchants Quay, Limerick.
V94 EH90

RE: MO2018-00553



Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your letter in connection with student rents.

On behalf of the Minister I thank you for your letter, which has been referred to the relevant Section in the Department.

Yours sincerely,

P.P. 
Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



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5th September 2018

Our Ref: SW/DNR 0309

Re: Dublin City Council Monthly Council Meeting 3rd September 2018

Dear Mr O'Callaghan,

I wish to inform you that Dublin City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd September 2018 noted the content of your letter dated 27th July 2018 conveying the terms of a motion adopted at a recent meeting of Limerick City and County Council, as follows:

“That, this Council would call on the Taoiseach and his Government to legislate to ensure that employees who have a recognized degree would be legally entitled to be paid a liveable wage and that their employers would not obstruct these graduates from being in pensionable and unionised jobs and this resolution would be circulated to each Local Authority in the country and to the Local Authority Members’ Association (LAMA) and the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).”

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh
Meetings Administrator

1 - OCT 2018



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“That the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris, TD, and the Minister of State with Special Responsibility for Disabilities, Mr. Finian McGrath, TD, bring forward legislation that all Government Grants, Social Welfare Payments and all other State Supports be categorized as non-means tested Universal Payments for people with Disabilities.”

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh
Meetings Administrator

Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council

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Secretary,
Department of Rural and Community Development,
Rural Schemes Section,
Government Offices,
Ballina,
Co. Mayo.
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1st October 2018

Re: Local Improvement Schemes 2018

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council's Roads & Transportation SPC, Members expressed their disappointment with the Departments refusal to approve 2nd Round funding for 2018 Local Improvement Schemes, and unanimously resolved as follows:

'that this SPC write to the Department of Rural & Community Development, expressing its disappointment that Cork County Council was refused 2nd Round funding for 2018 Local Improvement Schemes, on the basis that it did not comply with what it (CCC) considers are stringent deadlines (end of July) for completion of Round 1 Schemes, which stringent deadlines are not in accordance with normal deadlines (end November) for other Road Grants.

The Committee further resolved that a copy of the letter be sent to all Local Authorities in the country.'

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement and a response for the information of the SPC.

Mise le Meas

Noreen Murphy

Administrative Officer & Administrator of Roads & Transportation SPC

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An Roinn Tithíochta,
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Department of Housing,
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2 October 2018

Mr. Tom O'Callaghan
Corporate Headquarters,
Limerick City and County Council,
Merchants Quay, Limerick.
V94 EH90



RE: MO2018-00596

Dear Mr O'Callaghan,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your letter in connection with funding for the repair of voids.

On behalf of the Minister I thank you for your letter, which has been referred to the relevant Section in the Department.

Yours sincerely,

A.P. D. D.
Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



An Roinn Tithíochta,
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Department of Housing,
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James Clune
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Services
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Limerick
V94 EH90



3rd October 2018

Ref: MO2018-00601

Dear Mr. Clune,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy, T.D. Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in requesting support for Rivers Trust.

On behalf of the Minister I thank you for your letter, which has been referred to the relevant section in the Department.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



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Department of Housing,
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5 October 2018



Mr. Tom O'Callaghan,
Limerick City & Council Council,
Corporate HQ,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.
V94 EH90



RE: MO2018-00553

Dear Mr. O' Callaghan,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to reply to your letter in relation to the cost of student accommodation.

Research undertaken by the Higher Education Authority into student accommodation provision estimates that there is significant unmet demand nationally and, with the student population forecast to increase to nearly 193,000 by 2024, significant investment is needed in provision of accommodation nationally. The Department of Education and Skills, with the support of my Department, has sought to increase the provision of new purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) as a key priority in addressing the housing crisis.

In July 2016, my Department provided advice to planning authorities, by way of Circular Letter PL8/2016, regarding matters to consider in relation to proposals for student accommodation. It was made clear that housing for students is a specific and important segment of the overall housing sector with distinct characteristics and requirements. The deficit in student accommodation was highlighted as having a significant related impact on the private rental sector. The increase in the provision of student accommodation was identified as an objective in the Circular and local authorities were encouraged to adopt a positive approach to new PBSA proposals.



In the consideration of PBSA proposals, local authorities were reminded of the need to establish a steady rental income for such student accommodation developments throughout the year in order to ensure the deliverability of development projects from a funding point of view and to recognise that student accommodation complexes can play an important role in providing affordable accommodation for tourists and visitors in major urban areas during peak summer demand periods.

At the same time, safeguards are required to ensure that student accommodation is not used as permanent residential accommodation and is restricted to students during the academic year. Planning authorities were therefore directed to attach planning conditions to new permissions related to use/occupation of student accommodation which generally facilitated the use of student accommodation complexes as alternative summer or holiday accommodation but reserved as student housing during the academic year.

Such legally binding planning conditions are now generally attached by the local authorities and An Bord Pleanála to new planning permissions for student accommodation. This clarification has assisted in increasing the financial viability of student accommodation through ensuring occupancy of facilities over the entire calendar year. Any breach of the use condition can be investigated by the planning authority under Part VIII of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Any subsequent proposed change or deviation to another use would require a new and separate planning permission, and would be assessed by the planning authority in the normal fashion, having regard to the overall development plan policy and other considerations pertaining as to the acceptability of alternative use for the development.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

An Roinn Tithíochta,
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Department of Housing,
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8 October 2018



Mr. James Clune,
Limerick City & County Council,
Corporate Services,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick V94 EH90.

RE: MO2018-00601

Dear Mr. Clune,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to refer to your recent letter regarding the resolution adopted at the September meeting of Limerick City and County Council concerning the support provided to rivers trust.

This Department, through the Local Authority Waters and Communities Office (LAWCO), is committed to providing ongoing support to river trusts in Ireland. The Rivers Trust organisation (www.theriverstrust.org) is the umbrella body for the rivers trust movement in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Ireland. This organisation strives to protect, promote and enhance our freshwater ecosystems with the support of over 60 member Trusts across Ireland and Britain.

On 22 March 2018 (World Water Day), The Rivers Trust organisation and LAWCO signed a partnership agreement. This agreement sets out the arrangements for a closer working partnership between LAWCO and The Rivers Trusts organisation and its members. It intends to achieve a more effective relationship, working towards common interests and improving river catchments to bring wider environmental, community and social benefits.

It is also worth noting that the rivers trust movement in Ireland is steadily improving through north/south co-operation on catchment management and shared learning. Furthermore, east/west co-operation between Ireland and Britain is strengthening, allowing knowledge transfer of best practice and partnership for project delivery.



This Department will continue to review and explore opportunities with LAWCO to further develop funding mechanisms with The Rivers Trust organisation in order to grow the capacity and sustainability of newly established and fledging rivers trusts in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



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10th October, 2018.

Our Ref: October 18-34/AR/MMcI



To Each Local Authority.

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the members of Clare County Council at their October monthly meeting:-

“Clare County Council calls on the Minister for Education and Skills to recognise the important role that outdoor educational centres play in the education and development of our youth by funding all staff salaries of outdoor educational centres directly from department funds.”

The members asked that this would also be circulated to each local authority.

Yours sincerely,

**Ann Reynolds,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.**

**An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
Stiúrtóireacht Airgeadals agus Seirbhísí Tacaíochta
Áras Contae an Chláir, Bóthar Nua, Inis, Co. an Chláir, V95 DXP2**

**Corporate Services Department
Finance and Support Services Directorate
Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare, V95 DXP2**



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

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4th October, 2018

TO: All Local Authorities



A Chara,

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

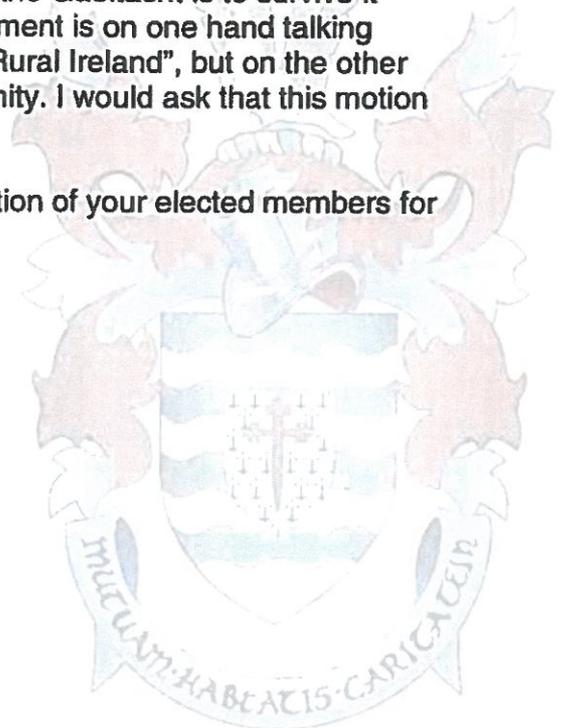
"Iarrann Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar An Post agus ar Rialtas Átha Cliath an cinneadh a rinne siad maidir le druidim seacht gcinn deag d'Oifigí Poist i nDún na nGall a tharraingt siar, chomh maith leis an chinneadh atá déanta acu oifigí poist eile ar fud an stáit a dhruim. Má tá an Ghaeltacht le maireachtáil tá gá leis na seirbhísí seo i measc an phobail. Tá an Rialtas seo ag caint ar "an Ghaeltacht" agus ar shaol na "tuaithe in Éirinn" a shábháil ar láimh amháin, ach ar an láimh eile tá siad ag tabhairt ar shiúl seirbhísí fíorthábhachtacha ón phobal. D'iarrfainn go seolfaí an rún seo chuig na comhairlí contae eile fosta".

"Donegal County Council calls on An Post and the Dublin Government to reverse their decision to close 17 Post Offices in Donegal and also to reverse their decision to close all the other Post Offices across the state. If the Gaeltacht is to survive it needs these services in the community. This Government is on one hand talking about the importance of saving "An Gaeltacht" and "Rural Ireland", but on the other hand it is taking away vital services from our community. I would ask that this motion is also circulated to other County Councils."

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

Yours faithfully,

Joe Peoples
p.p. Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator



Cuir freagra chuig: Áras an Chontae, Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall, Éire F93 Y622
Please reply to: County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, Ireland F93 Y622

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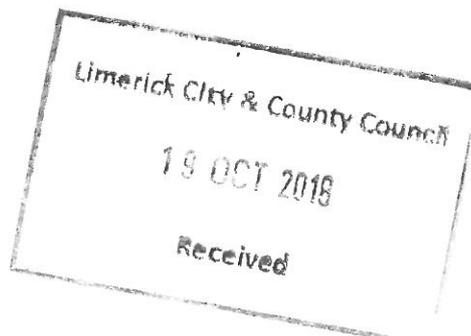


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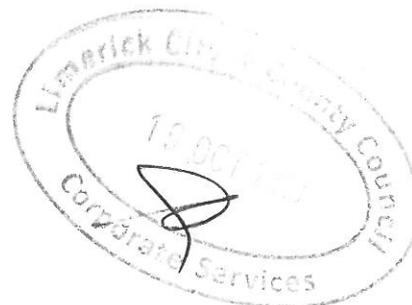
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17 October 2018

Mr. Tom O'Callaghan,
Limerick City & Council Council,
Corporate HQ,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.
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RE: MO2018-00551



Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, and Local Government, to respond to your recent letter regarding a resolution passed by Limerick City & County Council concerning the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016.

The Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter, the contents of which have been noted. In line with the commitment given in Rebuilding Ireland, a review of the first 12 months of the Tenant Purchase Scheme's operation has been undertaken. The review has incorporated analysis of comprehensive data received from local authorities regarding the operation of the scheme during 2016 and a wide-ranging public consultation process which took place in 2017 and saw submissions received from individuals, elected representatives and organisations.

In line with the commitment given in Rebuilding Ireland, a review of the first 12 months of the Tenant Purchase Scheme's operation has been undertaken. The review has incorporated analysis of comprehensive data received from local authorities regarding the operation of the scheme during 2016 and a wide-ranging public consultation process which took place in 2017 and saw submissions received from individuals, elected representatives and organisations.

The review is now complete and a full report has been prepared setting out findings and recommendations. In finalising the report some further inter-Departmental consultation was necessary and due consideration had to be given to possible implementation arrangements.



These matters are now almost completed and the Minister expects to be in a position to publish the outcome of the review shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



31st October 2018

Mr Conn Murray

Chief Executive

Limerick City and County Council

**Re: Call for submissions in relation to the Local Authority Elected Members Role and
Remuneration Review**

Dear Mr Murray

As you are aware, Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, appointed Ms. Sara Moorhead SC to conduct a review of the role of elected members of local authorities, as well as the remuneration and other supports provided to assist members in carrying out their duties.

The terms of reference for this review, agreed with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, are enclosed.

As provided in the terms of reference, the review is being undertaken in consultation with elected members and their representative organisations, as well as other appropriate stakeholders. In that regard, Ms Moorhead has already met with both the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA). More recently, Ms Moorhead has also had preliminary discussions with yourself and CCMA representatives.

In parallel, Ms Moorhead has asked me to contact all Chief Executives requesting that an





invitation issue to all Councillors to make a submission as part of the review process if they so wish. The terms of reference for the review should guide their submissions. Ms Moorhead has requested that this matter could be appropriately raised at the November Council meeting.

Other interested parties have similarly been invited to make their submissions. It is also intended that surveys of elected members and local authorities will begin shortly and, in the meantime, background research material is being compiled to inform the review.

I would be most grateful if you could indicate if you are agreeable to our request as set out above and intend to raise it at your November Council Meeting by emailing louise.purcell@housing.gov.ie at your earliest convenience.

Should you require clarification or have any queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to make contact.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

Diarmuid O'Leary
Principal Officer
Local Government Oversight and Governance
Local Government Division

Terms of Reference

Local Authority Elected Members Role & Remuneration Review

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Minister of State with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform, in conjunction with the Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform will commission a review of the role of elected members of local authorities as well as remuneration and other supports provided to assist members in carrying out their duties.

The review will be conducted by an individual appointed by the Minister, in consultation with the Minister for Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform.

The Review will be undertaken in consultation with elected members and their representative organisations (the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and Local Authority Members Association (LAMA)), County and City Management Association (CCMA) and wider consultation as appropriate.

The Review will be informed by inputs from officials from the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform as may be appropriate.

This Review will produce an interim report within five months of commencement that provides a full update on progress in fulfilling the mandate of these terms of reference.

When the review is completed, its findings will be the subject of discussion between the Departments of Housing, Planning and Local Government and Public Expenditure and Reform in the context of the arrangements provided for elected members under section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended and will be submitted thereafter for the consideration of the Government.

When reaching its findings the Review shall have regard to:

- a) Data, research and evidence relevant to the issues under review including the commissioning of relevant material thereto;
- b) the performance by local authority elected members of their functions generally (at both plenary and municipal level), the number and range of meetings attended, and related issues, including appropriate training needs;
- c) the leadership role of elected members in relation to major decisions of policy and how this role is influenced by current arrangements;
- d) the governance role of elected members, including in relation to oversight, risk and audit practices of the local authority;

- e) the representational role that elected members perform in service provision/access to services and the associated workload;
- f) the report of the LEA Committees set up to review LEAs for all 31 local authorities;
- g) the overall workload of elected members including advising on the amount of time reasonably required to enable them to undertake their duties;
- h) factors influencing gender and wider diversity representation among elected members;
- i) existing payments and allowances including the representational payment, annual expenses allowance, mobile phone allowance, travel and subsistence allowances, chairpersons allowances and gratuity payments including whether the existing statutory link between the representational payment and the Senators' basic salary is appropriate in all the circumstances;
- j) the future impact on remuneration for elected members of local authorities of the further restoration of pay and allowances under the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act, 2017.
- k) the need for a consistent and administratively simplified mechanism for providing sufficient remuneration to elected members to offset the costs of travel related expenses, in particular given the plurality of public bodies to which elected members may be voluntarily nominated as well as their need to meet with constituents
- l) Full account of the wider public pay and industrial relations context and the potential, in this regard, for changes to the supports provided to elected members giving rise to claims from other groups.
- m) The findings of the report in respect of the measures to do with i) local government reforms and ii) remuneration supports to be treated as an integrated package for purposes of implementation.



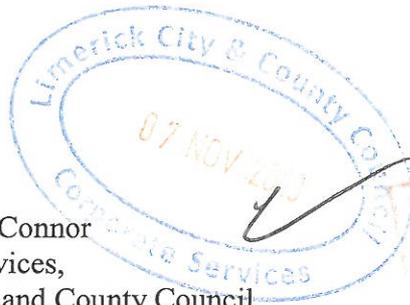
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05/11/2018

Reg. No: P0029-06

Review of an IE Licence Application by Irish Cement Limited in respect of Castlemungret, County Limerick.

Dear Submitter

Further to your submission in relation to an application for an Industrial Emissions licence review in respect of an a facility at Castlemungret, County Limerick (Reg. No. P0029-06).

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the Agency has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site(s). Notification of this determination is attached for your reference.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the Agency shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended where applicable.

The application and associated correspondence, including acknowledgements, notifications and general correspondence are available to view on the Agency website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

Please direct any further correspondence in relation to this matter to Administration, Office of Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Protection Agency, Headquarters, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford or licensing@epa.ie.

Please note that there is no requirement for you to acknowledge or reply to this notice.

Yours sincerely,

EPA
Programme Officer
Environmental Licensing Programme
Office of Environmental Sustainability



Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Site(s) listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	P0029-06
Applicant Name:	Irish Cement Limited
Type of Consent Sought:	IEL
Location of installation:	Castlemungret, Limerick
Licence Application Date:	09 May 2016
European Site(s) assessed:	Askeaton Fen Complex SAC (Site Code: 002279)
	Tory Hill SAC (Site Code: 000439)
	Curraghchase Woods SAC (Site Code 000174)
	Glenomra Wood SAC (Site Code: 001013)
	Ratty River Cave SAC (Site Code: 002316)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	01 November 2018

AA Screening Determination:

That the activities are not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activities is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

This determination is based on the following:

- (i) A Zone of Influence (Zoi) of 15 kilometers is considered for European Sites with potential links to the activity in the ecological assessment report. The list of sites outside the 15km Zoi and the scientific reasoning for their exclusion is not explicitly described.
- (ii) The project description for the project is incomplete in that no indication for the requirement for additional hardstanding required for storage areas, fire water tanks, etc. is provided.

- (iii) In relation to impacts to air there is an absence of information of the potential impacts on ecologically sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the area where construction works are proposed. Furthermore, all baseline data must be included in the screening assessment in keeping with NPWS guidance to enable a scientifically robust consideration of the report.
- (iv) A habitat survey map has not been included in the report.
- (v) There is a lack of consideration given to the 'in-combination' impact of other projects in the immediate vicinity of the activity.

Breen Higgins

Date: 01st November 2018

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6th November, 2018.



TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the Members of Kilkenny County Council at their October Monthly Meeting:

"That Kilkenny County Council supports the proposal from historian Catherine Corless for a full DNA analysis of the children found in the septic tanks in Tuam and that they be given a proper dignified and Christian burial."

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

Yours sincerely,

Anne Maria Walsh

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Meetings Administrator
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TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

I set out below the terms of resolution adopted by the Members of Kilkenny County Council at their October Monthly Meeting:

"That Kilkenny County Council fully supports the immediate implementation of 24/7 Cardiac Care in UHW and will encourage fellow Councillors in neighbouring counties of Carlow, Tipperary, Wexford and Waterford."

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

Yours sincerely,

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