

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **JANUARY 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

- Letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, from Senator Robbie Gallagher as follows:

“I would appreciate if you could circulate the correspondence below to your Councillors re Parliamentary Question I asked recently with regard to sustainable rural housing guidelines following the Flemish Decree.

Question: To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government the status of the progress of the Working Group established to review sustainable rural housing guidelines following the Flemish Decree; if the reports prepared by it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply: Following engagement between the European Commission and my Department regarding the European Court of Justice Ruling in the ‘Flemish Decree’ case, a Working Group was established to review and, where necessary, recommend changes to the 2005 Planning Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing, issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Working Group comprises senior officials from the Planning Division of my Department and senior officials from the Planning Divisions of Local Authorities, nominated by the Local Government Sector.

Taking account of the engagement with European Commission regarding revisions to the 2005 Rural Housing Guidelines and subject to the completion of the ongoing deliberations by the Working Group, I will be in a position to finalise and issue to planning authorities revisions to the 2005 Guidelines that take account of the relevant European Court of Justice Judgment.’

- Letter received on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019, from the Meetings Administrator, Donegal County Council, as follows:

‘I write to inform you that the Members of Donegal County Council, at their recent meeting, resolved to adopt the following resolutions: (i) That, Donegal County Council calls on the Government to recognise that Parental Alienation is “substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning” as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases Version 11; (ii) That, Donegal County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality, and Children and Youth Affairs, to recognise that Parental Alienation is ‘substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning,’ as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International

Classification of Diseases Version 11, and to implement Recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019.

- Letter received on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, from the Meetings Administrator, Kerry County Council, as follows:

“I write to inform you that the Members of Kerry County Council, at their recent meeting, adopted the following resolution:

That, this Council calls on the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to remove the cap on County Enterprise Boards which prevents them from dealing with enterprise that have more than ten employees, and that this Motion will be circulated to all Local Authorities in the country.

It was agreed to circulate this Motion to all Local Authorities for their attention and consideration.

- Letter received on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, from the Meetings Administrator, Monaghan County Council, as follows:

“At a recent meeting of Monaghan County Council, the following resolution was passed and I was directed to forward same to you for attention:

Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, Richard Bruton, TD, and Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe, TD, to (i) legislate for a Deposit Return Scheme to be introduced on recyclable packaging; (ii) ensure that all Local Authorities in the state be funded to provide a climate action effect to incorporate energy efficiency in all aspects of Council work; and (iii) introduce a carbon tax on aviation fuel.

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

- E-Mail received on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, from the Office of the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment in reply to correspondence sent to the Minister - following a Special Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, to discuss RTE’s decision to close its Limerick studio and move Lyric FM to Dublin and Cork - seeking the Minister’s intervention in an effort to stop the closure and requesting the Minister to meet a delegation from the Council in this regard.

“Due to the upcoming General Election, I am not processing invitations or meeting requests at this time. Please be advised that your correspondence will be kept on file for future consideration. I am contactable on 01-6782010 if you have any queries on this matter.”

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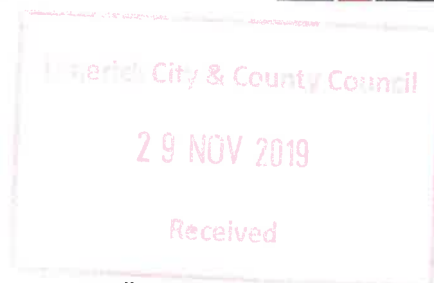


SENATOR  
**Robbie Gallagher**



27/11/2019

Case no 391301



Dear Meetings Administrator,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would appreciate if you could circulate the correspondence below to your councillors re Parliamentary Question I asked recently with regard to sustainable rural housing guidelines following the Flemish Decree,

PQ for Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

**Department: Housing, Planning and Local Government**

**Asked by: Senator Robbie Gallagher**

#### QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government the status of the progress of the working group established to review sustainable rural housing guidelines following the Flemish Decree; if the reports prepared by it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### REPLY

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Taking account of the engagement with the European Commission regarding revisions to the 2005 Rural Housing Guidelines and subject to the completion of the ongoing deliberations by the working group, I will be in a position to finalise and issue to planning authorities' revisions to the 2005 Guidelines that take account of the relevant European Court of Justice judgment.

Yours sincerely,

Senator Robbie Gallagher

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**Senator Robbie Gallagher**  
SEANAD SPOKESPERSON FOR EDUCATION  
An Uirlabhraí d'Oideachais Fianna Fáil

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Dhún na nGall  
Donegal County Council**

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2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019

TO: All Local Authorities

RE: Notice of Motions

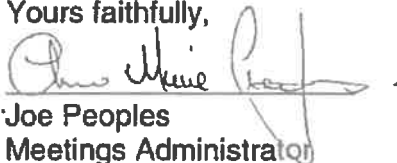
A Chara,

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

*"That Donegal County Council calls on the Government to recognise that Parental Alienation is "Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning" as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11."*

*"Donegal County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is " Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver -child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning" as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019."*

Yours faithfully,

  
f.p. Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator

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17 December 2019

**To Each Local Authority**

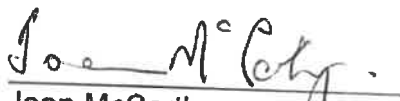
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"That this Council calls on the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to remove the cap on County Enterprise Boards which prevents them from dealing with enterprise that have more than ten employees and that this motion will be circulated to all Local Authorities in the country".

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

Mise, le meas,

  
Joan McCarthy  
Meetings Administrator



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# Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin Monaghan County Council

Our Ref: Dec2019/07

16 December, 2019

Meetings Administrator,  
Each Local Authority.

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Monaghan County Council the following resolution was passed and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

*Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, Richard Bruton TD and Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe TD*

- *Legislate for a deposit return scheme to be introduced on recyclable packaging*
- *Ensure that all local authorities in the state be funded to provide a climate action officer to incorporate energy efficiency in all aspects of Council work*
- *Introduce a carbon tax on aviation fuel*

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the elected members at the next meeting of the local authority.

Mise, le meas,

Carmel Thornton  
Meetings Administrator

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Finance  
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Motor Tax  
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County Museum  
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Planning  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 12:06 PM  
**To:** Customer Services <[customerservices@limerick.ie](mailto:customerservices@limerick.ie)>  
**Subject:** ATTN James Clune: Lyric FM and Limerick County Council

Dear Mr Clune

Due to the upcoming General Election I am not processing invitations or meeting requests at this time. Please be advised that your correspondence will be kept on file for future consideration.

I am contactable on 01 678 2010 if you have any queries on this matter.

Kind regards

Ronan Daly

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**Ronan Daly**

*Diary Secretary to Minister Richard Bruton*

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