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## MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

### Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting if the Council has gone to tender yet for grass cutting and tree surgery works in the city and county.

### REPLY:

The tender for Tree Surgery for City and County has been advertised and a framework of Contractors are expected to be in place early October.

The existing three year grass cutting contract is nearing completion and will cease at the end of October 2021. The Council will be advertising for the new grass cutting contract in November of this year. The Council are considering changing the requirements in the grass cutting contract as an action to comply with our responsibilities in the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. The changes envisaged will look at the possibility of delaying grass cutting at the start of the grass cutting season in appropriate areas and will also look at the possibility of 6 weekly cuts in other areas. It is important to note that these changes will be focussed only on open green areas in housing estates and other public areas. In order to gauge interest from the public on any proposed changes, the Council will consult with the public during the month of October and will use the feedback to inform the requirements for the grass cutting contract.

The Council has piloted a number of areas under the Bee Friendly campaign in the last two years. This has served to raise awareness with the general public and it is now considered opportune to make further changes to our grass cutting regime in the City and County.

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### Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting for the Council to outline what engagement it has had with Waterways Ireland in relation to the maintenance of the Guinness Canal between Lock Quay and the University of Limerick.

### **REPLY:**

The Council has met with Waterways Ireland in relation to the maintenance of the Canal and discussed a number of maintenance measures for the Canal and Lock Quay area. Waterways Ireland will undertake a programme of work that will see the railings painted at Lock Quay, the brick paving replaced and all rubbish in the canal removed. Waterways Ireland have advised that this programme of work will be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Waterways Ireland will also arrange for the vegetation in the Canal at Lock Quay to be removed. They will prepare a Screening Report and will seek the appropriate environmental permissions to have the vegetation removed.

The presence of the algal bloom was also discussed with Waterways Ireland. It is expected that the algae will dissipate as the temperature drops over the next number of weeks.

The Council are commencing discussions with Waterways Ireland regarding the long term maintenance of the Canal with a view to having an annual programme in place to ensure the Canal is maintained to an appropriate standard.

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