

**Meeting of the Municipal District of Adare Rathkeale
to be held on 8th March 2022**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Teskey

I will move that this district council carries out an inspection / audit on all water Hydrants that are in place to help our fire service access much needed water. Within the inspection I am requesting;

1. A detailed map outlining the exact location of all hydrants,
2. A survey to be carried out with regards to the water pressure and litres of water available at these locations.
3. I am asking where we don't have a hydrant or where quantity or pressure is an issue that a reserve tank of water would be put in place to be used in cases where by the emergency services require access.

Reply:

Fire hydrants form part of the water infrastructure. Ownership of water infrastructure transferred to Irish Water under the legislative provisions governing its establishment with effect from 1st January 2014. Members should note that when the Council becomes aware of a faulty fire hydrant that a report is submitted to Irish Water and a subsequent work order is issued for its investigation and repair. Any member of the public may also report an issue with a fire hydrant to Irish Water by calling 1800 278 278.

The reply received from Irish Water to this motion is as follows;

"Irish Water have assumed overall responsibility for the repair and maintenance of fire hydrants in County Limerick as they form part of the water services infrastructure. There is no existing programme in place for periodic inspection of water services fixtures and fitting such as hydrants. Irish Water endeavours to immediately repair any hydrants which are notified as being in poor condition by either the Fire Service, members of the public or as observed by Water Services staff in the course of their duties."



Sonja Reidy
Senior Executive Officer
Water Services

4th March 2022