

CORRESPONDENCE

September 2023 Council Meeting

- E-Mail received on 19th July, 2023, from Corporate Services, Cork County Council enclosing correspondence sent to the HSE and Coillte outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling for a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting Lyme Disease at parks and walkways.
- E-Mail received on 24th July, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *supporting the Limerick Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and calling on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to enhance this vital service.*
- E-Mail received on 24th July, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *requesting that responsibility for water/sewerage be returned to the Councils and also that the necessary funding be provided to upgrade those water and sewerage systems in Limerick City and County which are not currently fit for purpose.*
- E-Mail received on 24th July, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *calling for the introduction of support measures for persons building houses whereby there are charges to group water schemes and for private wells in line with his support measures for waiving Section 48 development contributions and the refunding of Uisce Éireann water and waste water connection charges. This is in the interest of fairness for those persons where Uisce Éireann connections are not available.*
- Further E-Mail received on 24th July, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *supporting the Limerick Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and calling on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to enhance this vital service.*
- Letter received on 25th July, 2023, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *calling on the Government to extend the Social Intervention Fund beyond the end of 2023 to ensure the continued funding of all Regeneration projects into the future.*

- Letter received on 25th July, 2023, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *calling on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to fully engage with the Irish Farmers' Association by agreeing a new 'Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads' agreement between the Irish Farmers' Association representing landowners impacted by the forthcoming Foynes to Adare motorway/dual carriageway. The current agreement has expired and the lack of an ongoing agreement will likely impact timely delivery of new infrastructure.*
- Email received on 27th July, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Transport in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *calling on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to fully engage with the Irish Farmers' Association by agreeing a new 'Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads' agreement between the Irish Farmers' Association representing landowners impacted by the forthcoming Foynes to Adare motorway/dual carriageway. The current agreement has expired and the lack of an ongoing agreement will likely impact timely delivery of new infrastructure.*
- E-Mail received on 27th July, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform, in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *supporting the Limerick Retained Fire and Rescue Service personnel and calling on the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Public Expenditure to provide the funding necessary to enhance this vital service.*
- E-Mail received on 28th July, 2023, from Corporate Services Directorate, Cork County Council, enclosing copies of letters sent by Cork County Council to the Minister for Transport and the Road Safety Authority in relation to waiting times for driving tests.
- Letter received on 1st August, 2023, from the Office of the Tánaiste in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *"calling on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to fully engage with the Irish Farmers' Association by agreeing a new 'Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads' agreement between the IFA representing landowners impacted by the forthcoming Foynes to Adare motorway/dual carriageway. The current agreement has expired and the lack of an ongoing agreement will likely impact timely delivery of new infrastructure."*
- Letter received on 4th August, 2023, from the Meetings Administrator, Waterford City and County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to Active Travel Funding.
- Further E-Mail received on 17th August, 2023, from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *requesting that responsibility for water/sewerage be returned to the Councils and also that the necessary funding be provided to upgrade those water and sewerage systems in Limerick City and County which are not currently fit for purpose.*
- Letter received on 1st September, 2023, from the President of the GAA in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *requesting that championship matches be aired on*

terrestrial television free-of-charge, and also that admission to GAA fixtures facilitate cash payment at match venues for ticket purchases and not just solely by online ticket payment.

- E-Mail received on 5th September, 2022, from the Senior Regulatory & Administration Executive, Transport Infrastructure Ireland, in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *calling on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to fully engage with the Irish Farmers' Association by agreeing a new 'Acquisition of Certain Lands for National Roads' agreement between the Irish Farmers' Association representing landowners impacted by the forthcoming Foynes to Adare motorway/dual carriageway. The current agreement has expired and the lack of an ongoing agreement will likely impact timely delivery of new infrastructure."*
 - Letter received on 5th September, 2023, from the Meetings Administrator, Mayo County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to increase the build time requirement of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from 13 months to 24 months.
 - Letter received on 13th September, 2023, from the Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services, Finance and Support Services Directorate, Clare County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to the National Car Test Company.
 - Letter received on 19th September, 2023, from the Meetings Administrator, Sligo County Council, outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to free school transport.
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Attachments:

Item 7 HSE .pdf; Item 7 Coillte .pdf

From: CorporateServices

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 9:08 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Resolution passed by Cork County Council

Dear Meetings Administrator,

Please find the attached resolution passed at a recent meeting of Cork County Council.

Members agreed to circulate this resolution to all local authorities.

Kind Regards,

Stiúrthóireacht na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha,
Úrlár 14,
Halla an Chontae,
Corcaigh

Corporate Services Directorate,
Floor 14,
County Hall,
Cork



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council

Mr. Brenda Gloster, CEO, HSE,
Dr. Steevens Hospital,
Steevans Lane,
Dublin,
D08 W2A8

5th July, 2023

Our Ref: FC/June2.23.Item7

Dear Mr. Gloster,

“That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to all Local Authorities”.

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mairead Lucey'.

**MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council

Ms. Imelda Hurley, CEO,
Coillte,
Dublin Road,
Newtownmountkennedy,
Co. Wicklow,
A63 DN25

5th July, 2023

Our Ref: FC/June2.23.Item7

Dear Ms. Hurley,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows: -

“That Cork County Council write to the HSE and Coillte to request a campaign to raise awareness of the possibility of contracting lyme disease at parks and walkways and to circulate correspondence to all other local authorities. It was also agreed that a copy of this letter would be circulated to all Local Authorities”.

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mairead Lucey'.

**MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

CC: Brendan Gloster, CEO, HSE

From: Minister O'Brien Office
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Customer Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-02778-2023

24th July 2023

Ref: HPLG-MOBO-02778-2023

Dear Ms. Flannery,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh Oâ€™Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Niamh Redmond

Private Secretary

From: Minister O'Brien Office
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:17 AM
To: Customer Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-02777-2023

24th July 2023

Ref: HPLG-MOBO-02777-2023

Dear Ms. Flannery,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh Oâ€™Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Niamh Redmond

Private Secretary

From: Minister O'Brien Office
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:06 AM
To: Customer Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-02776-2023

24th July 2023

Ref: HPLG-MOBO-02776-2023

Dear Ms. Flannery,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh Oâ€™Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Niamh Redmond

Private Secretary

From: Minister O'Brien Office
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 3:46 PM
To: Customer Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-02778-2023

Oifig an Aire

Office of the Minister

24th July 2023

RE: HPLG-MOBO-02778-2023

Dear Ms Flannery,

I would like to thank you for your correspondence conveying the support and expression of solidarity from the elected members of the Limerick city and County Council for Retained Firefighters.

The provision of a fire service in its functional area, including the establishment and maintenance of a fire brigade, the assessment of fire cover needs and the provision of fire station premises, is a statutory function of individual fire authorities under the Fire Services Acts 1981 and 2003.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage supports fire authorities through setting general policy, providing the legislative framework, running a central training programme and issuing guidance on operational and other related matters and providing capital funding for priority infrastructural projects. The National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management manages fire service issues in the Department.

Fire services in Ireland are provided by the local authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 and 2003. Under this legislation, 31 authorities provide fire prevention and fire protection services for communities through 27 service delivery structures. Approximately 3,300 local authority staff engaged at 217 fire stations nationwide deliver local authority fire services, 16 of these stations being staffed by full-time firefighters, a further 4 stations are mixed full-time and retained, and 197 are staffed by retained firefighters, with approximately 2,065 retained firefighters around the country. It is important to note that the numbers of fire service front-line staff have been maintained at a constant high level throughout the economic challenges of recent years, even when staffing numbers, by necessity, were reduced in other areas of the local authority sector.

The provision of fire services by local authorities is based on a risk management approach, which involves an analysis of the nature of the fire hazards and the incidence and extent of fires that occur, as well as the fire protection measures in place. There has been a welcome downward trend in the incidence of fire, with the fire fatality rate per million of population, using a three-year average, currently at 4.3 deaths per million of population. While each death is one too many, this figure is a third of what it was twenty years ago when it stood at 12.9 deaths per million of population and positions Ireland among countries with very low fire fatality rates.

Minister O'Brien is acutely aware that Retained Firefighters provide an invaluable service that is essential to their communities. That is why, in May 2021, following the Ministers direction, a review report was commissioned into Retained Fire Services with a particular emphasis on the issues of 'Recruitment and Retention'.

The Department published that report, entitled “Retained Fire Services in Ireland – A Review of Recruitment and Retention and the Future Sustainability of Service Delivery” in December 2022.

The report’s conclusions were accepted by the Government in January 2023, who noted the thirteen recommendations contained to address the issues of recruitment and retention and ensure the sustainability of retained fire services into the future.

Discussions between staff and employer representatives on the implementation of recommendations began via the Fire Services National Oversight and Implementation Group (FSNOIG), chaired by Mr David Begg, in January 2023.

Discussions on behalf of the local authorities are led by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and supported by representatives of the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) and officials from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

Following a proposal by SIPTU staff representatives, discussions on the priority IR issues of remuneration and work/life balance were moved to a third party facilitation forum.

Mr Ultan Courtney was subsequently engaged by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) at the behest of SIPTU to chair those discussions

The key deliverable, agreed by all stakeholders, is a revised composite agreement that will standardise future retained fire service employment terms and conditions across all local authorities.

Substantial progress was made during discussions on the provision of a revised model of retained fire service delivery that would provide both an effective service delivery and a suitable work/life balance, including,

- An increase in staff numbers of circa 20% to provide a minimum of 12 firefighters in all fire stations;
- Structured time off, that would enable a Retained firefighter to be away from their station fire-ground area for up to 20 weeks a year
- Individual flexibility with regard to availability;
- 50 additional promotional positions;
- Flexibility to attend calls when scheduled on leave, if desired
- A widening of the premium hours bands; and
- additional fixed earnings potential in the areas of Pre-Incident Planning and Home Fire Safety Visits.

To date however, it has not been possible to reach a positive conclusion to that process to the satisfaction of all parties.

SIPTU Retained firefighters commenced a period of Industrial Action on 06 June. This action was significantly escalated on 13 June, however, following the intervention of the Labour Court on Monday 19 June, SIPTU Retained firefighters suspended the operational aspects of their industrial action pending the outcome of a formal hearing of the Labour Court held on 26 June.

The LGMA recognises the positive steps SIPTU have taken in suspending the operational aspects of their industrial action to allow the resumption of fire service provision on the basis of a scheduled full Labour Court hearing. The de-escalation of the operational elements of industrial action by SIPTU is a commendable act of good faith, indicative of retained firefighters enduring commitment to public safety and in recognition of the vital role they play ensuring the safety of their communities.

While the tabled proposals are a strong foundation to build on in addressing retained firefighters concerns, the key outstanding issue at dispute is the Retainer payment. It is acknowledged that the fixed element of retained firefighter remuneration needs to be addressed to meet of the legitimate needs of firefighters within the confines of Building Momentum.

Minister O'Brien has committed, in good faith, to advocate for retained firefighters in the upcoming national pay talks to ensure that the retainer payment is positively dealt with.

Parties to the dispute need to talk to each other and to work together to move forward. I would ask that, both sides use the industrial mechanisms available and work together constructively towards a resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



24th July 2023



Ms Laura Flannery
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Limerick
V94 EH90



Reference Number: DOT-TV-09092-2023

Dear Ms Flannery

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the Social Intervention Fund to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, T.D., dated 19th July 2023.

Yours sincerely

p.p. Katie Downes

Sarah Garry
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01 619 4021
Email: taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie



24th July 2023



Ms Laura Flannery
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Limerick
V94 EH90



Reference Number: DOT-TV-09093-2023

Dear Ms Flannery

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding acquisition of land for road project to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, T.D., dated 19th July 2023.

Yours sincerely

p.p. Katie Dams

Sarah Garry
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

Telephone: 01 619 4021
Email: taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie

From: Ministers Office
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:33:38 AM
To: Flannery, Laura
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Ref: TTAS-MO-03250-2023

Our Ref: Â TTAS-MO-03250-2023

Dear Ms. Flannery,

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan, T.D., I wish to thank you for your email regarding Foynes to Ardee. A further reply will issue to you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

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Amanda Corley
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Private Secretary to Minister Ryan

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The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 (details available onÂ www.lobbying.ie)

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An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport
LÃ¡na Liosain, Baile Ã tha Cliath, D02 TR60
Leeson Lane, Dublin, D02 TR60
www.gov.ie/transport

From: Minister Donohoes Office
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 3:08 PM
To: Customer Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL]PER-MDO-01363-2023

Our ref: PER-MDO-01363-2023

Ms Laura Flannery

Meetings Administrator

Limerick City & County Council

Corporate Headquarters

Merchants Quay, Limerick

Dear Ms. Flannery

The Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform, Mr Paschal Donohoe TD, has asked me to refer to your correspondence received on 21st July 2023 regarding Limerick retained fire and rescue service personnel.

As the terms and conditions of Retained Firefighters comes under the remit of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the first instance, I have forwarded your correspondence to that Department for attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely

Ian Kelly

Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform
A Member of the Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform staff.Â The Minister is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015
(details available on www.lobbying.ie)

Attachments:

Item 20 RSA.pdf; Item 20 Minister for Transport.pdf

From: CorporateServices

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 12:49 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Resolution Passed by Cork County Council on 24/07/2023

Dear Meetings Administrator,

Please find the attached resolution passed at the meeting of Cork County Council on 24/07/23.

Members agreed to circulate this resolution to all local authorities.

Kind Regards,

Stiúrthóireacht na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha,
Úrlár 14,
Halla an Chontae,
Corcaigh

Corporate Services Directorate,
Floor 14,
County Hall,
Cork



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council

Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD
Minister for Transport,
29-31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2
D02 X285

25th July 2023

Our Ref: FC/July2.Item20

Dear Minister Ryan,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

“This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests.”

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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JOHN O'REGAN
S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC: Mr. Ken Norgrove, CEO, Road Safety Authority



Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council

Mr. Ken Norgrove, CEO,
Road Safety Authority,
Primrose Hill,
Ballina,
Co. Mayo

25th July 2023

Our Ref: FC/July2.Item20

Dear Mr. Norgrove,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

“This Council requests that the RSA and Department of Transport use every means possible to reduce the totally unacceptable waiting times for driving tests.”

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter, and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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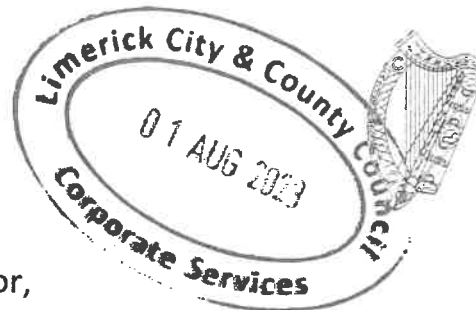
JOHN O'REGAN
S/SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC: Mr. Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister for Transport

Oifig an Tánaiste
Office of the Tánaiste

27th July 2023

Ms. Laura Flannery,
Meetings Administrator,
Limerick City & County Council,
Corporate Headquarters,
Merchants Quay,
Limerick.



Dear Ms. Flannery,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin, T.D., which will be brought to his attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carol O'Dwyer'.

Carol O'Dwyer
Office of the Tánaiste

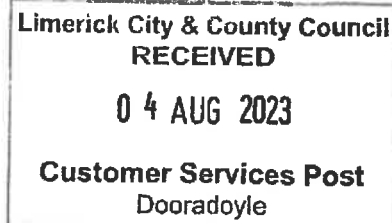


Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

Our Ref: HD/MNR/PJ/2023/234

27th July, 2023

Meetings Administrator,
Limerick City and County Council
Corporate HQ
Merchants Quay
V94 EH90



Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the July meeting of Waterford City and County Council the members pass the following motion:

"Waterford City & County Council recognise and appreciate the positive benefits that have been brought about through Active Travel Funding and would welcome more. However, we also acknowledge that limitations on the Active Travel scheme mean that it is increasingly focussed on larger urban areas and cannot be used for the badly needed maintenance and repair of deteriorating footpaths. In the interests of pedestrians, particularly people with disabilities, we therefore hereby resolve to write to Minister Eamon Ryan to formally notify him that we upon the Department of Transport to provide ringfenced funding (separate from roads funds and also distinct from Active Travel funding) to Local Authorities to assist significantly and substantially with the costs of maintaining and repairing existing footpaths and to assist significantly and substantially with the costs of providing new footpaths that are not eligible for Active Travel funding. And we further call upon Minister Ryan and the Department of Transport to ensure that Local Authorities would have discretion and autonomy to use such dedicated footpaths funding without having to receive approval from the Department, the NTA, or any other agency, on a per project basis; and to ensure that there would be no other bureaucratic obstacles to the expeditious spending of such urgently needed footpath funding."

This motion was sent to Minister for Transport for his attention and circulated to all local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-02777-2023
Attachments: HPLG-MOBO-02777-2023.pdf

From: Minister O'Brien Office
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Customer Services
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-02777-2023

Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister
17th August 2023

RE: HPLG-MOBO-02777-2023

Dear Ms. Flannery,

I refer to your letter, sent to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, on behalf of Limerick City and County Council regarding a motion passed at a council meeting calling on the Government to delegate water related functions back to local authorities. The Minister has requested that I reply on his behalf.

The Programme for Government: Our Shared Future commits to retaining Uisce Éireann in public ownership as a national, standalone, regulated utility. The Government has a mandate to proceed in accordance with this commitment.

The Government's policy for the transformation of the water sector is already well advanced. The Framework for Future Delivery of Water Services (June 2022) was developed following a comprehensive process of engagement with unions under the aegis of the Workplace Relations Commission and enables the integration of public water services into Uisce Éireann's organisational structure.

The Framework provides that local authority water services staff who choose not to transfer to Uisce Éireann will remain in the direct employment of their current local authority while also maintaining their current terms and conditions of employment. Local authorities will no longer have any involvement in the direct provision of water services by end 2026.

The Minister has every confidence that the Framework document is the right way forward for all the parties to the transformation process. For workers, in particular it sets out the options that will become available generally, and empowers each worker to decide voluntarily on the option which is best suited to their own individual needs.

The Government is also committed to ensuring that Uisce Éireann is sufficiently funded to make the necessary investment in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. The largest ever capital programme of investment in water and wastewater treatment is currently underway with €1.56 billion being provided to Uisce Éireann in 2023 to meet the cost of domestic water services.

I thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

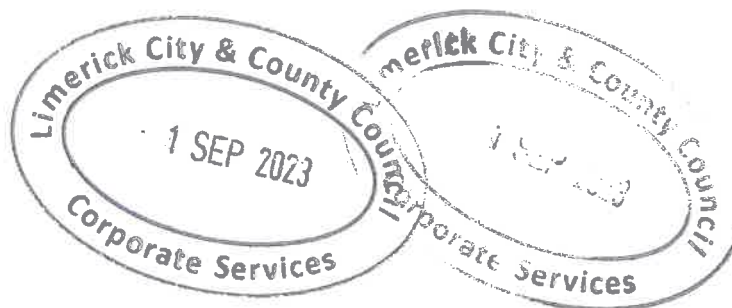
Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



Uacht./TNÍR

30ú Lúnasa 2023

Laura Flannery
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Limerick
V94 EH90



Laura, a chara

I acknowledge and thank you for your correspondence of July 13.

As outlined recently by our delegation at their appearance in Tithe an Oireachtais, the GAA is one year into a long-term arrangement for our media rights. The only free to air broadcaster who expressed an interest and meaningfully pursued live championship rights – namely RTÉ, received the full quota of games packages they sought. In that context, the remainder of our games will be either covered by GAAGO or will not be available to view at all.

Over the course of the close season, we conduct a review of our arrangements and sentiments such as yours will be very much part of that process.

Regarding the second element of your correspondence, access to our games is not solely via an online ticket payment system.

Tickets can be purchased online, but they can also be accessed through our network of clubs, and counties in addition to more than 330 Centra and SuperValu stores – 28 of which are located within three kilometres of our main county grounds. Cash has not been taken at our turnstiles for more than a decade.

We have of course put provisions in place to assist those who present at grounds having experienced difficulties with online technology and this will continue to be the case.

I trust this information will prove insightful and I wish Limerick GAA continued success on and off the field.

Is mise le meas,

Labhrás Mac Carthaigh
Uachtarán

From: INFO

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:36 AM

To: Flannery, Laura

Subject: [EXTERNAL]TII Ref: TII23-123878 – 'Acquisition of lands for National Roads' agreement

Dear Ms Flannery

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 July 2023 regarding the above. Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII's) position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

There is ongoing engagement between TII and the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA), at a national level, in relation to progressing negotiations on a possible renewal/extension of this agreement for a further period.

The N69 Foynes to Limerick Road (including the Adare Byass) is the first major national road project to progress to the land acquisition phase since the previous extension of the Agreement lapsed.

It is anticipated that progress can be made to bring a successful conclusion to these negotiations in a timely manner.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Moore

Senior Regulatory & Administration Executive



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo
Mayo County Council



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5th September 2023

To: All Councils

Re. Build Time for Croí Cónaithe Scheme

Dear Meeting Administrator,

Mayo County Council, at its meeting of 12th June 2023, passed the following resolution:

"Calling on the Department of Housing to increase the build time requirement of the Croí Cónaithe Scheme from 13 months to 24 months. Currently the Scheme requires a derelict property to be brought back into use within 13 months which is, for the most part, unattainable given the works required on these properties."

I would be grateful if you could circulate to your members.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Hughes
Meetings Administrator
Mayo County Council

cc. Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.



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CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

12th September, 2023.

Our Ref: September23 - 27/AR/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the September meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

"I am calling on the Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan to address the chaos being caused to members of the public by the incompetent service currently in operation by the National Car Test Company. This arrangement with a company operating on a monopoly basis is not fit for purpose and should be discontinued with a view to opening up a tendering process for accredited garages in Ireland similar to the DOE process that currently provide a quality service to the public for testing commercial vehicles. The carrying out of a car test on private vehicles over 4 years is mandatory and the government have a duty of care to the public to make adequate provision in the delivery of this service. This proposal would also have the potential to provide employment at local level for many people and provide enhanced opportunities for apprenticeships."

Yours sincerely,

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

An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
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To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 4th September 2023, the Members agreed the following resolution:

"That Sligo County Council call on the Irish Government to provide free school transport to all students, Primary, Secondary and University students and all citizens up to the age of 25. (A) This will take thousands of cars off the road at peak times and massively reduce carbon emissions and help Ireland to meet its emission targets (B) This will incentivize and educate young people to use public transport and people will become accustomed to using buses and trains and into their adult lives. (C) Given that Government acknowledges 35% of families go into debt to send their children to school. If agreed, to be circulated to all local authorities."

It was further agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities in support of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

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