

MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL to be held on Monday, 27th May 2024.

Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at next Meeting when was the most recent tenants handbook published, what changes were made and were all Council tenants given a handbook as well as being made aware of the changes.

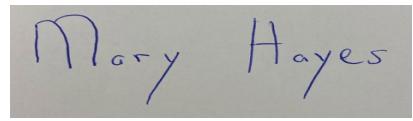
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Limerick City & County Council published its current tenant handbook in late 2019 following a full review of the existing tenant handbooks in place (one for the Limerick City Council and one for Limerick County Council pre the merger of the two authorities) in line with the services delivered to Council tenants by the merged authority. Officials from the Community Sustainment Unit held a number of cross-departmental meetings with relevant internal stakeholders to ensure that all aspects of tenancy related services would be included in the new and updated tenant handbook.

A copy of the tenant handbook was uploaded to the Council's website at the time of publishing.

From January 2020 onwards, all newly appointed tenants have received a copy of the tenant handbook, which is included in their Tenancy Induction pack. The Community Sustainment Officer review the tenant handbook with the tenant(s) as part of the Tenancy Induction training programme.

An extract from the tenant handbook titled "Maintenance and Repairs" of Limerick City and County Council properties was circulated in January 2020 to all 5,500 tenants. At this time, all tenants were informed in writing that the full version of the tenant handbook was available on line and the link was provided in the letter, which accompanied the extract.

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Mary Hayes
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16th May 2024



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Question submitted by Councillor O. O'Sullivan

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on my Motion from January 2022 calling for the creation of a Local Food and Catering Sustainable Purchasing Policy for this Local Authority.

The Motion from January 2022 was referred to the Economic Development SPC, which was held on 23rd February 2022. Following discussion on that item at the Economic Development SPC, the Council executive response was outlined as follows:

Limerick City and County Council is obliged to comply with the principles of EU Public Procurement Directives, National Regulations and Government Guidelines with regard to all policies involving the purchase of goods and services. Limerick City and County Council fully supports the principles outlined in the notice of motion particularly with regard to supporting the local food system and increasing employment within the local food sector. The Council's procured supplier for the provision of catering services is a Limerick business employing many locals. Further development and consideration of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Public Procurement Principles will be taken into account where feasible as the Council renews contracts for catering services.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Mayor D. Butler, it was agreed that the wording would be revised to incorporate 'that the Council would write to the relevant Minister with responsibility for Public Procurement to seek guidance in relation to the development of a policy on the procurement of sustainable food and beverages, and catering services'.

The Council wrote to Mr Ossian Smyth, T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Public Procurement and eGovernment on requesting said guidance on 6th April 2022. No response has been forthcoming to date. The Council will write to Minister Smyth again in relation to this matter.

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