

CORRESPONDENCE

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF ADARE-RATHKEALE**

3RD SEPTEMBER, 2024

- Email received on 25th July, 2024 from Alexandra McCabe, Regional Communications Specialist, Uisce Éireann in relation to an update on the Boil Water Notice for the Foynes/Shannon Estuary Public Water Supply.
- Report received on 29th August, 2024 from Deirdre Minogue, A/Head of Human Resources in reply to request from Members for an update on Uisce Éireann employees transferring to Limerick City and County Council.

From: Alexandra McCabe <alexandra.mccabe@water.ie>
Sent: Wednesday 24 July 2024 15:24
To: Butler, Karen <karen.butler@limerick.ie>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]RE: Request - Elected Members Adare Rathkeale Municipal District

Hi Karen,

I hope you are well.

Please see below the latest update in relation to the Foynes Shannon Boil Water Notice as of yesterday. I have asked our local rep support desk to extend the weekly update to the Mayor to yourself and the councillors in the MD.

Uisce Éireann appreciates the continued patience of our customers as we continue working to enable the lifting this Boil Water Notice. Final commissioning works are progressing at Shannon Estuary Water Treatment Plant. Sampling is ongoing and we are continuing to liaise with the EPA.

The rigorous testing and processes that are being carried out are crucial to ensure that the state-of-the-art ultraviolet disinfection unit installed at Shannon Estuary Water Treatment Plant is operating as intended. We do appreciate the continued patience of our customers as we work to lift the notice.

We will continue to provide you with weekly updates from our Operations & Compliance Teams on the ongoing BWN in Foynes Shannon. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you again for sharing our updates.

Kind regards,

Alex

Report to Adare/Rathkeale Municipal District September Meeting

The national Framework for the Future Delivery of Water Services was signed in June 2022 and developed through an engagement process facilitated by the Workplace Relations Commission between the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Irish Water the CCMA, the Local Government Management Agency and union representatives. This Framework provided for a transition to a fully integrated national water services authority between the Framework date and 31st December, 2026. A subsequent Master Co-operation Agreement which was agreed nationally has been signed locally between each local authority and Use Eireann to give effect to this transition.

To date considerable consultation has taken place with local authority water services staff with regard to the options which are available to them during the transition period to 31st December, 2024. The options available are;

1. Reassignment within Limerick City and County Council
2. Transfer to Use Eireann
3. Voluntary Redundancy

This Voluntary Redundancy Scheme was introduced nationally and eligible local authority water services employees have an opportunity, if they so wish to avail of same to 30th September, 2024.

As outlined earlier, there has been significant engagement with staff in relation to reassessments. Expressions of interest have been sought and the option to reassess continues to be available until the transition date, i.e. 31st December 2026. A number of group and individual One to One information sessions have been held with staff. A Water Services Reassessment Forum comprising management and union representatives meets on regular basis has been established to discuss any reassessment issues arising. Any remaining members of local authority water services staff on 31st December, 2026 who have not been reassigned or transitioned to Uisce Eireann will automatically be reassigned within the local authority service and remain a Limerick City and County Council employee. To date 14 staff have accepted reassessment offers made to them. The Human Resources Department remains has been available and remains available to meet with staff to discuss options to them on an individual basis.

**Deirdre Minogue,
Acting Head of Human Resources.**