

## **COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 27th JANUARY 2025**

### **Notice of Motion submitted by Councilor S. Hickey-O'Mara**

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council commit to using factual and accurate information, based on credible sources, in this Council's discussion and debates over the length of its term. In making this commitment, this Council affirms its obligation as a Local Authority, as per Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014, to have regard to the need to: (a) eliminate discrimination; (b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and (c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services

### **REPLY:**

Limerick City and County Council is committed as a Local Authority to its obligations under Section 42 of the Human Rights Equality Act which places a statutory obligation on public bodies to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and protect the human rights of their staff, customers, service users and everyone affected by their policies and plans. The Act states:

2(1) A public body shall, in the performance of its functions, have regard to the need to—

- (a) eliminate discrimination,
- (b) promote equality of opportunity and treatment of its staff and the persons to whom it provides services, and
- (c) protect the human rights of its members, staff and the persons to whom it provides services.

The national Guidelines for Local Authorities in the preparation of Corporate Plans 2024-2029 state "This Duty places a statutory obligation on public bodies to have regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of obligation and protect the human rights of their staff, customers, service users and everyone affected by their policies and plans. Local authorities should properly assess its obligations, and make a genuine effort to embed the human rights duty within the activities of the local authority under the corporate plan."

This Duty will be further examined as part of the process to develop and implement the new Limerick City and County Council Corporate Plan.

**Ciara Farrell,**  
**Senior Executive Officer,**  
**Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services.**  
**24th January 2025**



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## **LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **JANUARY MEETING OF PLENARY COUNCIL**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.**

#### **Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Secas**

**I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council include in the winter maintenance programme measures to provide, going forward, gritting bins/loads to housing estates, where required by residents' groups to treat footpaths within their estates.**

#### **REPLY:**

The Notice of Motion raised will be examined. In this regard a grant scheme will be considered for the provision of salt bins in estates for bona fide Residents Associations / Community Councils, who are prepared to take responsibility for the bin, its contents, spreading, etc. however its application, effectiveness, maintenance and the impact on resources and budget will have to be assessed in consideration for both the City and County.

John Gannon,

Senior Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 22/01/2025



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**MEETING OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL to be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

**Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A. Teskey**

I will move at the next Meeting that this local authority would put in place a financial support scheme within the grant aid for older people form to include people in medical need that they would be able to apply for financial aid to help them purchase a generator to allow them to power electric medical devices where loss of power occurs.

**REPLY:**

The Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People) Scheme does not currently fund the purchase of generators to help people in medical need to power electrical devices where loss of power occurs. We will refer your query to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for review and consideration.

Mary Hayes  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Support Services  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025



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## REPLY TO NOTICE OF MOTION

**Reply to Notice of Motion for the January 2025 Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.**

### **Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Benson**

I will move at the next Meeting that this Council will adopt a rights-based Ethical Procurement Policy (EPP), ensuring that every endeavour is made to ensure that Council tender processes are consistent with the principles of the UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, OECD, Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the Global Sullivan Principles (1999) - to promote respect for human rights by companies with which they do business. The EPP will incorporate widely accepted and precisely formulated international standards and explain clearly how the policy will be implemented. The primary aim of the EPP is to ensure that human rights obligations are properly acknowledged, observed and respected at all stages of the procurement process.

### **Response:**

The Council has a Procurement Policy in place, which is based on the Public Procurement Directive 2014/24/EU and the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) Guidelines. Within the EU Directive it clearly sets out mandatory exclusion grounds, Article 57,; *child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings*.

In the Procurement Policy it states;

- Section 17 – Environmental/Green-Procurement/Social Considerations; Social considerations, where feasible, will be included to support social policies in relation to employment opportunities, compliance with social and labour rights, social inclusion, equal opportunities and accessibility.
- Section 26 – Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty; The Council has a legal obligation to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, service users and everyone affected by their policies and plans.

Contracting authorities shall exclude an economic operator (EO) from participation in a procurement process where they have established that an EO has been the subject of a conviction by final judgment for any one of the mandatory exclusion grounds identified within the Directive.

Esther Lane.

Esther Lane  
Procurement Officer  
23/01/2025