

CORRESPONDENCE

March 2026 Council Meeting

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- Letter received on 13th February, 2026 from the Administrative Officer, Corporate Services, Galway City Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling for funding for road safety improvements and the re-evaluation of the role of the RSA.
- Acknowledgement received on 19th February, 2026 from the Department of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council *‘that this Council calls for a Referendum on the Government’s proposal to abolish the Triple Lock which governs the deployment of Irish Defence Forces’*.
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 - Letter received on 10th March, 2026, from the National Transport Authority in reply to resolution adopted by the Council in relation to additional funding for roads.
 - Letter received on 12th March, 2026, from the Meetings Administrator, Longford County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, T.D. and Minister of State, Emer Higgins, T.D., to strongly advocate for an emergency payment to be made to disabled people.
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22nd January, 2026

To/ All Local Authorities

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the January meeting of Tipperary County Council, the members passed the following resolution:

“That Tipperary County Council write to the Minister for Transport requesting the introduction of legislation to ensure the compulsory wearing of hi visibility jackets by all E-Scooter and E-Bike users, in addition to the lights they are already compelled to have on same said vehicles”.

Yours sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Ger Walsh

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Meetings Administrator



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22nd January 2026

To All Local Authorities

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the January meeting of Offaly County Council, the members passed the following resolution:

"This Council calls on Government to instruct party MEPs oppose adoption of the Mercosur Trade agreement when the agreement is presented at European Parliament"

I would be obliged if you would give consideration to the members request.

Yours faithfully

Evan Fennell
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services,
Offaly County Council



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Ms. Ciara Farrell
plenarymeeting@limerick.ie

23rd January 2026

Our Ref: CCS-MO-02724-2025

Dear Ciara,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Catalpa Six Rescue and the proposal to mark the anniversary of this event with a national commemoration.

The State has adopted a collaborative and partnership approach to commemorations. Key historical events, themes and personalities are marked in an appropriate manner through engagement with key stakeholders and project partners. All commemorative programming is required to be in keeping with the established ethos and principles of commemorations.

Commemorations may be delivered across four key pillars: community-led commemorations, historical exploration, artistic and creative expression, and State-led commemorations.

State-led commemorations, such as the annual National Famine Commemoration and the recent Daniel O'Connell Commemoration require significant financial and personnel resources. The Department will work with the Commemorations Advisory Committee, that was established in 2025 to provide independent and expert advice to the State on commemorative matters, to identify the national commemorations for the coming years. The 2026 State-led Commemorations have already been confirmed and unfortunately, we will be unable to include the anniversary of the Catalpa Rescue at this juncture.

Local authorities have always been key stakeholders in the development and delivery of commemorative programming. The Department will support local authorities who may wish to mark the anniversary using the Department's commemorations supports, including the Local Authority Commemorations Grant programme. This partnership approach between local communities, the local authorities and the Department has resulted in the creation of meaningful and engaging commemorative initiatives.

My Department will also engage with other relevant stakeholders, including the National Museum of Ireland and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to explore ways the 150th anniversary might be appropriately acknowledged within available resources.

Yours sincerely,



Patrick O'Donovan
Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport

From: Ministers Office
Sent: Thursday 29 January 2026 18:49
To: Plenary Meeting
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Ref: DJE-MO-14774-2025

Ms. Ciara Farrell
plenarymeeting@limerick.ie
Minister's Reference: DJE-MO-14774-2025

Dear Ms. Farrell,

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan, regarding a presidential pardon for the Catalpa Six. I am responding to you on behalf of the Minister.

Please be advised that your correspondence has been forwarded to the relevant officials within the Department for their attention.

Presidential pardons are governed by Article 13.6 of Bunreacht na hÉireann. The power of pardon for a conviction or punishment imposed by a court of criminal jurisdiction is vested in the President.

While the Department has received correspondence regarding the matter, no application for a presidential pardon for the Catalpa Six has been received.

The matter of a National Day of Commemoration is the responsibility of the Minister's colleague Mr. Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen Byrne
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Please note that if the issue raised in your correspondence is deemed more appropriate to another organisation, such as another Government Department or Agency, your correspondence will be forwarded to that organisation for attention in accordance with the provisions of the Department of Justice Privacy Statement, which can be accessed [here](#).

From: Ministers Office
Sent: Thursday 5 February 2026 11:04
To: Plenary Meeting
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HEA-MO-00800-2026

HEA-MO-00800-2026

5th February 2026

Dear Ms. Farrell,

On behalf of the Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence the 3rd of February 2026.

Yours sincerely,

Joann Lynch
Private Secretary.



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

10th February, 2026.

Our Ref: February26 – 14/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the February meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

“That Clare County Council calls on the Irish Government, and in particular the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, to urgently respond to the recent appeal from the Irish Beekeepers’ Association and associated national beekeeping organisations for:

1. The establishment of a properly resourced, dedicated and coordinated all-Ireland bee inspection service, to protect managed honeybees and wild pollinators from disease outbreaks, parasites and invasive threats;
2. The immediate reinstatement and expansion of professional bee inspection capacity in the Republic of Ireland, working in cooperation with counterparts in Northern Ireland, to ensure early detection, rapid response and effective biosecurity controls;
3. Enhanced national measures to combat invasive species and emerging parasites, including the Asian hornet and the Tropilaelaps (Tropi) mite;
4. Proactive surveillance, preparedness and contingency planning for the potential arrival of the Tropilaelaps mite in Ireland;
5. Full and continued Government support for the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan;
6. Recognition that bees and other pollinators are essential to Irish agriculture, food security, biodiversity and the wider environment.

This motion is to be circulated to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Minister of State with responsibility for biodiversity, all Oireachtas members representing County Clare, and local authorities in Ireland and Northern Ireland.”

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services & Governance,
People & Culture, Corporate Services & Governance, ICT & Digital Services



County Secretary

MD/ZP

10th February, 2026

MEMO TO ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES

To Whom It May Concern

At the January Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

"That this Councils calls on the Government to fast-track and publish the Legislation outlawing the use of anonymous social media accounts, profiles and user/chat groups on all social media platforms.

Upon adoption, the motion is forwarded to all local authorities for consideration. "

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Drea,
County Secretary
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From: Teresa Byrne

Sent: Tuesday 10 February 2026 15:06

To: Farrell, Ciara

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Motion passed at meeting of Wicklow County Council - 9th February 2026

Good afternoon all,

At the ordinary meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday 9th February the Elected Members passed the following motion:

"That Wicklow County Council notes with deep concern the Government's decision to ratify CETA and in particular the Investor Court System (ICS), after trying to rush through the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill 2025 to circumvent the judgement that CETA is unconstitutional.

This Council believes that ICS risks selling out Irish taxpayers, Irish workers' rights and Irish climate and environmental protections for the sole benefit of multinational big business.

Wicklow County Council therefore calls on the Government to suspend Ireland's participation in the ICS element of CETA pending a full, independent assessment of its impacts on local authorities, public services, and environmental protections."

This motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities, All Wicklow TDs and Senators and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

Regards

Teresa

Teresa Byrne

Assistant Staff Officer

Organisational Development | HR | Corporate

Wicklow County Council, County Building, Station Road, Wicklow Town, A67 FW96

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Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin
Wicklow County Council

From: Minister Browne's Office
Sent: Wednesday 11 February 2026 15:51
To: Plenary Meeting
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MBO-00684-2026

11th February 2026

plenarymeeting@limerick.ie

Ref: HPLG-MBO-00684-2026

Dear Ms. Farrell,

Thank you for your email to Mr. James Browne, 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,

Jack Savage
Private Secretary

From: Ministers Office
Sent: Wednesday 11 February 2026 15:51
To: Plenary Meeting
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HEA-MO-00800-2026

HEA-MO-00800-2026

11th February 2026

Dear Ms. Farrell,

Many thanks for your correspondence.

There are six Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATUs) nationally, located in Donegal, Galway, Cork, Waterford, Dublin, and Mullingar. These units provide responsive, patient-centred care for people of all genders and gender identities aged 14 years and over who have experienced rape or sexual assault. SATUs operate in accordance with a nationally agreed model of care, underpinned by defined multi-agency guidelines and referral pathways. People are offered a choice of care pathways according to their own preference and services are delivered in close partnership with key agencies, including the Rape Crisis Network Ireland, An Garda Síochána, and Tusla. All units within the SATU network respond in line with national guidelines developed through collaborative inter-agency engagement. SATUs offer a range of services, including health assessments, medication, and forensic examinations - including options for people to access care without the need to engage with An Garda Síochána. SATUs also provide opportunities for people to store evidence for up to one year, to give them time to consider their reporting intentions in more detail. Patients aged 16 years and over may access SATU services without the accompaniment or involvement of An Garda Síochána, although for patients under 18 years of age, statutory child protection obligations apply. Detailed information is available on hse.ie/satu.

The service in Limerick operates independently of the national SATU network and SATU governance structures. It provides a local out-of-hours Forensic Medical Examination (FME) service for individuals aged 14 years and over but does not currently provide health checks or options for storage of evidence. All patients must be accompanied by An Garda Síochána, who initiate access to the service. An Garda Síochána contact Shannon Doc, who in turn liaises with the on-call GP regarding provision of care.

Regarding the location and number of SATUs nationally, these were determined based on the sustainability of existing services, geographical accessibility, travel time to the nearest SATU, and historical reporting rates. Units are geographically distributed to ensure that patients can access services within a three hour travel window. This access timeframe is a national Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for the service, with a target of 90%, which has been consistently achieved since 2018. The HSE has indicated that there are currently no plans to expand the number of SATUs, however, the 24/7/365 nature of the SATU service necessitates ongoing monitoring of accessibility and a sustained focus on both infrastructure and workforce.

Yours sincerely,

Joann Lynch
Private Secretary to the Minister for Health.

12 February 2026

Minister for Transport
darragh.obrien@oireachtas.ie

Re: Galway City Council Resolution

Dear Minister O'Brien,

I wish to advise that at the February Meeting of Galway City Council held on Monday, 9 February 2026, the Members passed the following resolution:

NoM 07/2026, amended by Cllr. A. Curran on 09/02/2026

That in light of the increase in road traffic fatalities and incidents in 2025, representing a failure of national road safety leadership, that this council will write to the Minister for Transport calling for the following:

- That funding will be issued to Galway City Council to pilot the installation of red-light cameras at key junctions on publication of the National Safety Camera Strategy later this year, and that any fines collected would be retained by Galway City Council to help offset costs of other road safety improvements.
- That this council calls for a re-evaluation of the role of the RSA and that the recommendations of the Indecon Report 2024 should be implemented immediately.

Upon adoption, this motion is circulated to all Local Authorities.

Proposed By: Cllr. A. Curran

Seconded By: Cllr. E. Seoighthe

Present: 15

In Favour: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 3

The motion was carried.

I would be grateful if you could consider the above motion and provide your views at your earliest convenience.

Le gach dea ghuí,



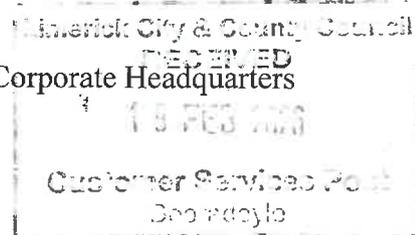
Martha Duddy, Administrative Officer,
Corporate Services, Galway City Council.

c.c. Councillor Alan Curran, Galway City Council.



11 February 2026

Ms. Ciara Farrell
Meetings Administrator
Limerick City and County Council
Corporate Services Limerick City and County Council Corporate Headquarters
Merchants Quay
Limerick
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Reference Number: DOT-TM25-00498-2026



Dear Ms Farrell

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, T.D.

This is an acknowledgment to confirm that your letter has been received and will be processed by officials within the Department of the Taoiseach.

Yours sincerely

Jacob O'Donnell
Department of the Taoiseach
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Email: taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie

18 February 2026

All Local Authorities

Re: Request to Review Income Thresholds for Social Housing and HAP

Dear Meetings Administrator

At the January Monthly Meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 26 January 2026 the members resolved as follows:

That Westmeath County Council write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage of Ireland and call on the Minister to increase the respective income thresholds for Social Housing Provision and Housing Assistance Payment. It was requested that the motion would be circulated to all other Local Authorities.

Mise le Meas



Eilish Reilly

Meetings Administrator

Westmeath County Council

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From: Minister Browne's Office <ministerbrowne-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Thursday 5 March 2026 13:01
To: Plenary Meeting <plenarymeeting@limerick.ie>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MBO-00684-2026

Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister

5th March 2026

RE: HPLG-MBO-00684-2026

Dear Ms. Farrell,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the income thresholds for social housing. I thank you for your email, the contents of which have been noted.

The baseline income thresholds increased by €5,000 for all local authorities with effect from 1 January 2023. The thresholds thus increased to €40,000, €35,000 and €30,000 for Bands 1, 2 and 3 respectively. These thresholds are net income thresholds, i.e. gross household income less income tax, PRSI, Universal Social Charge and Additional Superannuation Contribution. Income is defined and assessed according to a standard Household Means Policy. The Policy provides for a range of income disregards and local authorities also have discretion to disregard income that is once-off, temporary or short-term in nature and which is outside the regular pattern of a person's annual income.

The Department has been examining the existing income limits in the context of current market and household income conditions, including the suitability or otherwise of the current framework having regard to the significantly changed landscape since the standardised income limits were introduced. This includes examining the findings of research commissioned by the Department and this work is ongoing.

I am not in a position at this point to indicate the outcome of these considerations but I envisage that the analysis will be concluded early in 2026 to facilitate a final determination on next steps.

I trust the above has been of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Savage
Private Secretary.



Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council

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5th March 2026

Minister for Justice
Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
51 St Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2,
D02 HK52

Reference: LCC2026-0306

A Chara,

I wish to inform you at the March meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan TD, to fully implement the revised EU Anti - Trafficking Directive and to establish a special National Garda Unit to deal with human trafficking that would collaborate with labour inspectors who operate under Workplace Relations (WRC) and other agencies. Such action would deal with human trafficking for sexual exploitation and labour trafficking for the hospitality, construction and agricultural industries in Ireland."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator
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CC: All Local Authorities



**Comhairle Chontae Liatroma
Leitrim County Council**

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5th March 2026

Transport Infrastructure Ireland
Parkgate Business Centre,
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Reference: LCC2026-0304

A Chara,

I wish to inform you at the March meeting of Leitrim County Council the members passed the following resolution:

"That Leitrim County Council calls on the TII to set up a separate funding stream to support County Councils to carry out maintenance and repairs on greenways, separate from the Roads funding allocated to each County Council. The issue of maintenance on greenways is an issue all over the country as greenway demonstration stretches are developed and brought into use."

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett
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c.c.: All Local Authorities

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CC1-1a-0026 – Feb 2026 **Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe**
Galway County Council

JB/tc

4th March 2026

Taoiseach Michéal Martin,
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taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie

RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – Increase provision of Irish-medium Education

A chara,

At the February Meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

'That this Council call upon Government to enact legislation to systematically, sustainably and steadily increase the provision of Irish-medium education so that future generations of Irish children will have the opportunity to be educated through their national language, if they so desire.

Further, that this Council-

Requests that this motion be circulated to the Minister for Education, the Taoiseach, the Minister for the Gaeltacht, all Oireachtas members in the constituency, and the other local authorities for their information.'

Rún:

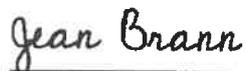
'Go n-iarrann an Chomhairle seo ar an Rialtas reachtaíocht a achtú chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an deis cheart ag glúnta páistí agus teaghlaigh amach romhainn oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge a fháil ina dteanga náisiúnta féin, más mian leo é.

Ina theannta sin, iarrann an Chomhairle seo go seolfar an rún seo chuig an Aire Oideachais, an Taoiseach, Aire na Gaeltacht, agus gach ball den Oireachtas sa dáilcheantar, agus chuig na húdaráis áitiúla eile mar eolas dóibh.'

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at secretary@galwaycoco.ie

Mise, le meas,



Ms. Jean Brann
County Secretary



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

10th March, 2026.

Our Ref: March26 – 17/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the March meeting of the Council, the members passed the following resolution:

“As elected members of this Council, we are deeply conscious of the financial pressure facing many people in our communities. For disabled people, that pressure is significantly greater.

Disabled people incur additional and unavoidable costs every single day. These include higher heating and electricity usage, transport costs, the running of essential equipment, personal assistance, and the practical realities of living in environments that are not fully accessible. These costs rise further during winter months.

These are not discretionary expenses. They are structural costs linked directly to impairment and to systemic barriers.

Across our county, disabled people are making impossible choices: between heating and participation, between mobility and food, between independence and debt. This is not acceptable in a society that claims to value equality and inclusion.

While local authorities do not determine national social protection policy, we are the closest tier of government to our communities. We see the impact of poverty in housing applications, in requests for supports, and in the growing strain on families.

We are therefore calling on this Council to formally request that Government introduce an immediate emergency cost of disability payment. This payment should recognise the additional costs borne by disabled people and be delivered in a way that does not exclude those who are in employment.

Disabled people should not be penalised for working. Nor should they be pushed into poverty because of unavoidable additional costs.

A national gathering is planned for 1pm on 28 February at the Garden of Remembrance to highlight this issue. Many would prefer not to have to gather in protest, but to see leadership and action instead. As councillors, we have a responsibility to stand with our constituents and to send a clear message to Government that this matter requires urgent attention.

We respectfully ask our fellow elected members to support this call.

If successful, please forward this motion to all County Councils as correspondence.”

Yours sincerely,

John Corry,
Senior Executive Officer,
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10th March 2026

Ref: Funding for Road Repairs

Dear Ms Farrell,

I refer to your correspondence dated 28th January 2026 regarding the above matter. Due to an administrative oversight, we neglected to issue a response before now. I therefore apologise for the lengthy delay in responding.

Road repairs and road maintenance is the responsibility of the relevant roads authority. As such, the National Transport Authority (NTA) does not have a role in such matters. I would suggest that the matter be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for national roads and with the Department of Transport for regional and local roads

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours Sincerely,

Hugh Creegan

Hugh Creegan,
Deputy Chief Executive.

To all Local Authorities,

At the March meeting of Longford County Council, the following Notice of Motion was approved:

The following Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor David Cassidy and seconded by Councillor Kevin Hussey

I call upon Longford County Council to write to the Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, Norma Foley TD and Minister of State Emer Higgins TD to strongly advocate for an emergency payment to be made to disabled people to alleviate the shortfall from cuts to disability funding in Budget 2026, as a mechanism to bridge the gap until an annual Cost of Disability payment (which the government has committed to implement) in 2027 is put in place to address the extra expenses faced by disabled people.

Response:

It was agreed that Longford County Council would write to the Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, Norma Foley TD and Minister of State Emer Higgins TD and the Notice of Motion will be circulated to all Local Authorities.

Kind Regards

Signed: Lorraine McKee
Lorraine McKee
Meetings Administrator

Date: 12 March 2026