

CORRESPONDENCE

May 2026 Council Meeting

- Letter received on 22nd April, 2026, from the Senior Executive Officer / Meetings Administrator, Carlow County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, that annual local representative clinics and a local representative dedicated reporting service be provided from ESB Networks.
 - Letter received on 27th April, 2026, from the Meetings Administrator, South Dublin County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council requesting the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality to investigate the 900+ missing children and girls in Bessborough mother and baby institution and request a hold off on any development of the site until an investigation is completed.
 - Letter received on 6th May, 2026 from the Meetings Administrator, Roscommon County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister for Housing and Local Government to establish a Commission for the validation of planning objections.
 - Letter received on 12th May, 2026, from the Senior Executive Officer, Clare County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to bring forward a fair and comprehensive cost-of-living package that delivers meaningful relief for households, workers, farmers and businesses.
 - Letter received on 14th May, 2026 from the Meetings Administrator, Waterford City and County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council formally supporting the Irish Wheelchair Association's Access It's No Joke Campaign, which highlights the critical need for a dedicated professional in every local authority to improve disability access to public services and amenities in our communities.
 - Letter received on 14th May, 2026 from the Meetings Administrator, Waterford City and County Council outlining resolution adopted by the Council in relation to Bus Éireann's withdrawal of three Expressway services, Waterford to Dublin and Dublin Airport and Rosslare and Wexford to Waterford.
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20th April, 2026,

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At a meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 13th April 2026, the following Notice of Motion was adopted by the members:-

"That we the members of Carlow County Council request from the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, that annual local representative clinics and a local representative dedicated reporting service be provided from ESB Networks. This would be a similar service provided to local representatives by Uisce Éireann."

It was requested that this motion be circulated to all Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely,

F. Byrne,
**Senior Executive Officer/
Meetings Administrator.**

To all Local Authorities

Date: 24/04/2026

RE: Motion Passed at meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 13/04/2026

Dear Meetings Administrator,

The following Motion was agreed at the Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 13/04/2026:

"That this council request the minister investigate the 900+ missing children and girls in Bessborough mother & baby institution and request a hold off on any development of the site until an investigation is completed and we commit to write to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, An Taoiseach and all other Local Authorities."

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference **M6/0425** on all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



Brenda Shannon
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services
Community Department



Comhairle Contae
Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



Date: 5th May 2026

Re: Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council

Ref: 16.26

Dear Meetings Administrator

At a recent Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council, the following motion was agreed by the Members:

To request the Minister for Housing and Local Government, to establish a Commission for the Validation of Planning Objections. This Commission should be Independent of the Department and chaired by a retired High Court Judge / Senior Counsel. This Commission would be responsible for the validation and scrutiny of objections to large scale projects at local and national level. The Commission would examine these objections thoroughly and would scrutinize the bona fides, location and relation to the objection and of the objectors. This would eliminate delays and would discourage vexatious and spurious objections by third parties with personal agendas. Significant fines should be implemented against objections deemed vexatious and spurious.

It is requested that this motion is circulated to all other Local Authorities.

Yours sincerely

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Corporate Services
Roscommon County Council
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COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

12th May, 2026.

Our Ref: April26 – EM/JC/AC

Dear Meetings Administrator,

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

“That Clare County Council notes the Government’s announcement of its cost-of-living measures and expresses concern that the package unveiled does not meet the needs or wishes of the Irish people. This Council calls on the Government to bring forward a fair and comprehensive cost-of-living package that delivers meaningful relief for households, workers, farmers, and businesses. Please circulate this motion to the Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Minister for Finance, all Oireachtas members for Clare and Councils in the State.”

Yours sincerely,


John Corry,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services & Governance

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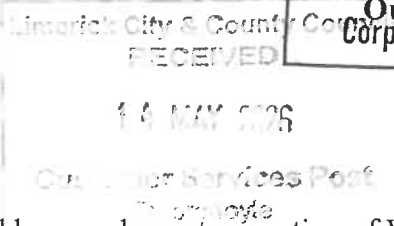


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Waterford City & County Council

Limerick City & County Council

15 MAY 2026

Our Ref: PA/2026/274
Corporate & Governance



To whom it may concern

The following was resolved and agreed by members at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 9th April, 2026.

“In recognition of the rights of people with disabilities and of the importance of complying with legal obligations, including the Disability Act 2005, this Council:

- *formally supports the Irish Wheelchair Association's Access It's No Joke Campaign, which highlights the critical need for a dedicated professional in every local authority to improve disability access to public services and amenities in our communities;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility, including resource implications the appointment of a dedicated, full-time and fully resourced Access and Inclusion Officer in order to ensure that the Council fully meets its statutory obligations under Section 26 of the Disability Act 2005 and to align with the European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020, and in order to ensure best practice internally within this organisation and externally in supporting people with disabilities;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report that procedures are in place throughout the organisation to make provision for all Council strategies, plans and projects to be formally reviewed in order to ensure that the rights and needs of people with disabilities are adequately addressed;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility, including resource implications, of establishing and maintaining a disability consultative forum under the aegis of the Council to ensure that disability groups and people with disabilities can be brought together to consult with the Council in a structured and sustained manner;*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and report on the feasibility, including resource implications, on the provision of training on disability rights to Council staff; and,*
- *requests the Chief Executive to examine and provide a report;*
 - *that outlines the Council's legal obligations under the Disability Act (2005), taking independent expert legal advice if necessary;*
 - *that provides details on what measures have been taken to achieve compliance with these legal obligations in the last 5 years;*
 - *that identifies:*
 - *which legal obligations are not currently being complied with,*
 - *what measures are necessary to achieve compliance with them,*
 - *and time-bound plans to implement these necessary measures; and,*



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- *that is to be shared with Councillors within 3 months of the passing of this motion and also published on the Council's website in order to be available to disability groups and other interested parties.*
- *And, if passed, this motion to be circulated to all other local authorities in Ireland."*

At the requested of the Council, this motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities for the attention of elected members

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie



Our Ref: HD/MNR/PA/2026/

Local Authorities

16th April, 2026

To whom it may concern,

The following was resolved and agreed by the members at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 9th April, 2026.

"On Friday March 27th, citing significant commercial losses, Bus Éireann announced that it had notified the National Transport Authority (NTA) that from Sunday May 24th it was withdrawing three Expressway services, two of which are of significant importance to Waterford in particular and to the southeast region in general, i.e.:

- Waterford to Dublin & Dublin Airport - Route 4, which with 12 services daily Bus Éireann themselves refer to as "key to the Southeast of Ireland"; and,*
- Rosslare & Wexford to Waterford - Route 40 segment, which services Rosslare Europort and multiple stops from there to Waterford Bus Station.*

These Expressway bus services are not just of significant importance to Waterford City and County, but to the entire region.

At a time when people are being encouraged to maximise their use of public transport to help the environment, and at a time when resources are being poured into the integrated transport hub on the North Quays, it beggars belief that our national bus company would terminate long standing services between Waterford & the wider Southeast region and our capital city, our largest international airport, and our nearest ferry port.

No other city or city region would be expected to tolerate such blatant disregard and disrespect. The inconvenience to commuters, students, hospital patients, tourists, holiday makers, and others heading to catch a flight or a ferry could be incalculable.

Waterford City & County Council calls on the NTA to immediately put in place a Public Service Obligation (PSO) to ensure that there is no loss of service on Routes 4 and 40.

Waterford City & County Council also calls on Bus Éireann to keep Routes 4 and 40 operating as normal for as long as it takes for the NTA to complete the PSO designation process.

If passed, in addition to being communicated urgently to the NTA and Bus Éireann, this motion is also to be circulated to the Southern Regional Assembly and to the local authorities through whose functional areas Routes 4 and 40 pass."

Please quote our reference number.

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy
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