



4th November 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City & County Council
City Hall
The Mall
Co. Waterford

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30th October 2019 to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Timmins
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

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**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**
Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister

4th November 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Waterford City and County Council,
City Hall,
The Mall,
Waterford.

RE: Future Decentralisation Schemes.

REF: HD/AOS

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your letter in connection with future plans for decentralisation.

Upon further investigation, your letter to this office in connection with matters concerning decentralisation, this a matter primarily for the Department of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform. As a result, it has now been forwarded on to the office of Minister Paschal Donohue, Department of Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, for their attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely,

P.P. Niamh Redmond

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

Oifig an Tánaiste
Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Office of the Tánaiste
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade



Ms. Honor Murphy,
Waterford City & County Council
City Hall
The Mall
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5 November 2019

Reference No.: DFAT-TO-00118-2019

Dear Ms. Murphy,

On behalf of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Coveney T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 30 October 2019.

Your letter is receiving attention at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Brosnan
Private Secretary

Meleas No. 137

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Office of the Tánaiste
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade



Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
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City Hall
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County Waterford



7 November 2019

Our Reference: DFAT-TO-00118-2019
Your Reference: HD/AOS

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

Thank you for your letters to the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Simon Coveney T.D., and Minister of State for European Affairs, Ms. Helen McEntee T.D., in relation to Waterford City and County Council's concerns about the proposed Mercosur Free Trade Deal. Your concerns are noted.

Your letter is being forwarded to Ms. Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation, whose Department has primary responsibility for the proposed Mercosur Free Trade Deal.

Your sincerely,

Clare Brosnan
Private Secretary



Oifig an tAire Gnó, Fiontar agus Nuálaíochta
Office of the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation

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Our Ref: 191075/MIN

7 November, 2019

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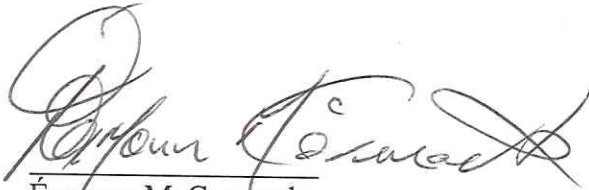


Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence to the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Ms. Heather Humphreys, T.D., concerning the Mercosur Free Trade Deal.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,


Éamonn McCormack
Private Secretary



Oifig an Aire
Office of the Minister

8th November 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Waterford City and County Council,
City Hall,
The Mall,
Waterford.



RE: HPLG-MO-02419-2019

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I have been asked by Mr. Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your letter in connection with funding deficit as a result of Irish Water's formation.

On behalf of the Minister I thank you for your correspondence, which has been referred to the relevant Section in the Department for appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary



8th November 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City & County Council
City Hall
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Co. Waterford

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D. dated 7th November 2019.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy T.D., for attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely,


Mary Timmins
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12th November 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City & County Council
City Hall
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Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D. dated 7th November 2019.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy T.D., for attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Angela O'Shea

From: Honor Dunphy
Sent: 14 November 2019 16:05
To: Angela O'Shea
Subject: FW: Notice of Motion - Reg. No. 133 (dated 2nd July, 2019)
Attachments: FINAL Climate Charter Press Release.docx

Angela,
For motions record
Honor

From: Raymond Moloney
Sent: 13 November 2019 16:32
To: Councillor Marc O'Cathasaigh <cllrnocathasaigh@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Cc: Fergus Galvin <fgalvin@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Deirdre Moore <dmoore@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Honor Dunphy <hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: Notice of Motion - Reg. No. 133 (dated 2nd July, 2019)

Dear Cllr. Ó Cathasaigh,

At today's meeting of the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action SPC your motion as set out below was due to be considered.

"Noting the declaration of a climate and biodiversity emergency by Dáil Éireann and reports of the United Nations on the economic, societal and environmental threats posed by climate change and biodiversity loss, Waterford City and County Council declares a climate and biodiversity emergency in the County of Waterford, and shall establish a Climate Action Committee comprised of elected members and representatives of civil society to meet within three months, whose remit would include prioritising transport, energy and flood protection measures consistent with a sustainable approach to the Climate Emergency. This committee would be further tasked with commencing work on a Climate Action Charter as called for in Action 147 in the Annex of Actions in the Climate Action Plan recently issued by government."

However in your absence the Chair of the SPC deferred your motion to the next meeting of the SPC in the hope that you will be in a position to put the motion personally.

Please note that the Chief Executive signed a Climate Charter with the Minister for Communication, Climate Action and Environment on 29th October 2019 as set out in Action 147 of the Climate Action Plan. A copy of the press release is attached for your information.

Regards,

Raymond

Raymond Moloney, S.E.O., Environment

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Press Release **Under Embargo until 00:01 Tuesday 29 October 2019**

Issued on behalf of the County and City Management Association (CCMA)

CHARTER REFLECTS COUNCILS' AMBITION TO LEAD ON CLIMATE ACTION

29 October 2019: Councils stand ready to lead on climate action and have huge ambition for what the local authority sector can achieve with government support, Michael Walsh, Chair of the County and City Management Association (CCMA) said as a new Local Government Climate Charter is introduced today.

The new Charter was developed in consultation with the local government sector and commits signatories to a number of objectives to address the climate challenge and advocate for climate action and behavioural change among citizens.

The Charter reflects the extensive work councils are already undertaking and have planned in the area of climate action. Of significant note, all councils last month published Climate Adaptation strategies that set out the measures each will take to respond effectively to climate change and to enhance resilience to its impact.

Michael Walsh, CCMA Chair said, "Climate change is the defining issue of our time. It requires a serious and urgent response. Councils recognise that we have a duty to capitalise on our unique position to lead lasting change for the country.

"Councils anticipated and planned for the enhanced role now falling to us and have positioned the sector over the last number of years to build on the expertise and competencies we have to work with all sectors of the community to provide the local leadership necessary to bring about real and meaningful change."

Mr Walsh added: "Councils are thinking ambitiously and creatively about what we can do to have real impact. We are thinking big; for example, we have a plan to train all 29,000 local government employees to lead and animate climate change issues at a local level."

Climate Action Plan

The Climate Charter is one of the measures included in the government's *Climate Action Plan to Tackle Climate Breakdown*, which names local authorities as Lead Partners in 7 Actions and as Key Stakeholders in a further 22.

"The Government Action Plan is a measure of how involved councils will be in addressing the climate challenge. Already, we are making progress across a range of areas, reducing the carbon footprint of our internal operations, increasing the energy efficiency of our housing stock, prioritising climate considerations in development planning and actively engaging our communities on climate issues. We are ready to build on what we have achieved," Paddy Mahon, Chair of the CCMA Environment and Climate Action Committee said.

Among the wide-ranging actions required of local authorities under the Government Climate Action Plan are to:

- undertake deep retrofits of local authority buildings and social housing stock;
- develop and implement cycle network plans for all major cities;
- develop a sustainable transport plan for all cities with a population exceeding 75,000;
- climate-proof development plans and deliver National Planning Framework objectives for compact growth;
- deliver technical and behavioural change training to local authority staff;
- support the development of one-stop-shops for residential and commercial energy efficiency;
- develop an online checklist for companies to measure their sustainability;
- manage low emission zones including through pricing policies and restricted access;
- roll out Electric Vehicle charging network and deploy electric vehicles within council fleets;
- develop plans for 'decarbonising zones'; and,
- implement a new National Waste Prevention Programme and Regional Waste Management Plans.

Paddy Mahon emphasised that councils are already undertaking significant climate mitigation and adaptation measures from within existing resources:

- All councils have prepared and will implement Climate Adaptation Strategies.
- Four Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs) have been established as a shared local authority service to support capacity within the sector and act as a catalyst for wider change.
- Climate and environmental sustainability are key considerations for councils in their strategic planning and day-to-day actions across all service areas, most significantly in planning, transport, housing, lighting, waste management, and economic development.
- Councils are leading the way on electric vehicle charging points, walking and cycling routes, waste management, biodiversity and other key areas.
- Councils are to the forefront in responding to extreme weather events caused by climate change such as the flooding, storms and drought of recent years.

ENDS

For further information or to arrange an interview with a CCMA spokesperson, please contact Michael McHale, Local Government Management Agency: 01 6332407 / 087 4135641 / mmchale@lgma.ie.

About the CCMA

The County and City Management Association (CCMA) is the "representative voice" of the local government management network. Its members are Chief Executives of the County and City Councils and the Assistant Chief Executives of Dublin City Council. lgma.ie/en/ccma.

Angela O'Shea

From: Honor Dunphy
Sent: 14 November 2019 16:04
To: Angela O'Shea
Subject: FW: Reg. No. 136 (dated, 14th August, 2019) (Refer to Environment SPC)

For motions record

From: Raymond Moloney
Sent: 13 November 2019 16:17
To: Councillor Conor D McGuinness <cllrcdmcguinness@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Cc: Fergus Galvin <fgalvin@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Deirdre Moore <dmoore@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Honor Dunphy <hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: Reg. No. 136 (dated, 14th August, 2019) (Refer to Environment SPC)

Dear Cllr. McGuinness,

At today's meeting of the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action SPC the following motion which was referred by the CPG was considered –

"That Waterford City & County Council resolves to adopt a Trees and Biodiversity Policy within a period of six months, and further instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a draft policy in conjunction with relevant committees and stakeholders and with due regard to submissions received from the public."

The SPC has agreed to include the preparation of a draft Tree Management Plan in its work programme. In relation to the Biodiversity element, I explained that prior to the merger the County Council had a Biodiversity Action Plan 2008 – 2013 <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/media/heritage/Waterford%20County%20Biodiversity%20Plan.pdf> while the City Council had a similar plan adopted in 2010 <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/media/heritage/Waterford%20City%20Biodiversity%20Action%20Plan.pdf>. Both of these plans which were prepared with the aid of funding from the Department have now lapsed and the specific funding source is no longer available. However, funding was made available for the development of a Heritage Plan and a number of actions relating to Natural Heritage (Biodiversity) have been included in the Waterford Heritage Plan 2017 – 2022 <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/media/heritage/Heritage%20Plan%202017-2022.pdf>. In addition there are 13 actions relating to biodiversity in the recently adopted Climate Adaptation Strategy. It was felt that the creation of another plan specifically for biodiversity would result in duplication. It was agreed that a report on all current biodiversity actions will be submitted to the next meeting of the SPC.

Regards,

Raymond

Raymond Moloney, S.E.O., Environment

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Angela O'Shea

From: Honor Dunphy
Sent: 14 November 2019 16:04
To: Angela O'Shea
Subject: FW: Reg. No. 139 (dated, 26th August, 2019) (Refer to Environment SPC)

Angela,
For motions records
Honor

From: Raymond Moloney
Sent: 13 November 2019 16:23
To: Councillor Declan Clune <cllrdclune@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Cc: Fergus Galvin <fgalvin@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Deirdre Moore <dmoore@waterfordcouncil.ie>; Honor Dunphy <hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: Reg. No. 139 (dated, 26th August, 2019) (Refer to Environment SPC)

Dear Cllr. Clune,

At today's meeting of the Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action SPC the following motion which was referred by the CPG was considered –

“That Waterford City and County Council agrees to set up a working group comprising of political group members and council management to consider the economic and environmental viability of re-municipalising waste collection in Waterford City & County.”

Following discussion of the motion by the SPC it was agreed that the Director will revert to the next meeting of the SPC with a report on this matter.

Regards,

Raymond

Raymond Moloney, S.E.O., Environment

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Angela O'Shea

From: Paul Kelly
Sent: 15 November 2019 17:49
To: Angela O'Shea
Subject: FW: Derelict Sites

Hi Angela
For recording response.
Regards
Paul

From: Paul Kelly
Sent: 15 November 2019 17:48
To: Councillor Joe Conway
Subject: Derelict Sites

Dear Cllr Conway ,


I refer to your query in relation to derelict sites that you raised at Plenary meeting. I understand that one aspect related to the register. The register is published online and available at this [link](#).

The other aspect was the levy itself and whether charges had been levied on sites that had been subsequently sold. I can confirm that total levies of €7,200 have been collected since the merger of the Councils. However I have no information as to whether these levies relate to property that was subsequently sold.

Should you have any further queries please contact me by return.

Regards
Paul Kelly
Planning Department.

Angela O'Shea

Subject: 

FW: Rates

From: Minister of State Phelan [<mailto:moslocalgovt@housing.gov.ie>]

Sent: 15 November 2019 4:31

To: Contact User

Subject: Rates

Aire Stáit do Rialtas Áitiúil agus Athchóiriú Toghchán
Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform

Ref: HPLG-MoSP-00618-2019

15 November 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Waterford City and County Council
contact@waterfordcouncil.ie

Dear Ms. Dunphy

I have been asked by Mr. John Paul Phelan, T.D. Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, to acknowledge receipt of your recent email in connection with rates.

A further reply will issue on this matter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Aisling Glynn
Private Secretary

Please note: the Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform is a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015 (details available on www.lobbying.ie)



Aire Stáit do Rialtas Áitiúil agus Athchóiriú Toghchán
Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform

Ref: HPLG-MoSP-00613-2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
City Hall,
The Mall,
Waterford City and County Council.

26 November 2019

Re: Request for a meeting

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I have been asked by Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, to refer further to your letter seeking a meeting on behalf of a cross party delegation of Waterford City and County Council in respect of Irish Water Rates.

The Minister is aware that there has been ongoing dialogue between departmental and council officials on this issue and that the Council has been informed, via the Chief Executive, of consideration of an additional once-off allocation of €2m for Waterford City & County Council. Minister Phelan is pleased to now confirm this allocation; a more detailed letter in this regard will shortly issue to Waterford City and County Council.

However, given the Council's next meeting is scheduled for 29 November and the Minister's full schedule of diary commitments over the next few days, it will not be possible to arrange a meeting with the Minister before then.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Aisling Glynn
Private Secretary

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SENATOR
Robbie Gallagher



27/11/2019

Dear Meetings Administrator,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I would appreciate if you could circulate the correspondence below to your councillors re Parliamentary Question I asked recently with regard to sustainable rural housing guidelines following the Flemish Decree,

PQ for Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government

Department: **Housing, Planning and Local Government**

Asked by: **Senator Robbie Gallagher**

QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government the status of the progress of the working group established to review sustainable rural housing guidelines following the Flemish Decree; if the reports prepared by it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY

Following engagement between the European Commission and my Department regarding the European Court of Justice ruling in the "Flemish Decree" case, a working group was established to review and, where necessary, recommend changes to the 2005 Planning Guidelines on Sustainable Rural Housing, issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. The working group comprises senior officials from the Planning Division of my Department and senior officials from the Planning Divisions of local authorities, nominated by the local government sector.

Taking account of the engagement with the European Commission regarding revisions to the 2005 Rural Housing Guidelines and subject to the completion of the ongoing deliberations by the working group, I will be in a position to finalise and issue to planning authorities' revisions to the 2005 Guidelines that take account of the relevant European Court of Justice judgment.

Yours sincerely,

Senator Robbie Gallagher



Senator Robbie Gallagher

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Department of Housing,
Planning and Local Government



Aire Stáit do Rialtas Áitiúil agus Athchóiriú Toghchán
Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform

Ref: HPLG-MoSP-00618-2019

29 November 2019

Ms Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City and County Council
City Hall
The Mall
Waterford



Dear Ms Dunphy

I have been asked by Mr John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform to refer to your correspondence to Minister Donohoe, which was transferred to this office regarding the impact of the valuation of Irish Water as a global utility liable for commercial rates from 2020 on Waterford City and County Council. As you are aware, since 2015 all local authorities have been compensated for commercial rates foregone as a result of the decision to make Irish Water non-rateable in 2014. In consultation with the local authority sector commercial rates are being re-introduced for Irish Water and from next year Irish Water will pay commercial rates like other utilities and there will no longer be any general need for compensation in lieu of rates.

Based on the valuation, by the independent Commissioner for Valuation, it is expected that overall, the local government sector should collect a broadly similar amount in commercial rates to that previously provided as exchequer funded water rates compensation. However, due to the distribution of the income from Irish Water commercial rates, on the same basis as other utilities, some local authorities will receive less in commercial rates than they received in compensation. Of the small number of local authorities negatively impacted, it is accepted that Waterford City and County Council would struggle to manage the level of income reduction in the context of its Budget for 2020.

The Department has monitored the impact of the transition across local authorities and having carefully considered the challenges faced by Waterford City and County Council, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy TD, in consultation with Minister for State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, John Paul Phelan, TD, has approved the allocation of financial support to Waterford City and County Council in the amount of €2million.

This level of support will significantly mitigate the impact in 2020 of making the necessary budgetary changes. Moving forward it is important that the Council continues to work to achieve savings, efficiencies and improvements in income generation and collection as this funding

represents a once off special allocation that will not be repeated in subsequent years. The Department will continue to work with the Council to this end.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely


 Aisling Glynn
Private Secretary

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Our Ref: PER-MO-01670-2019

11 December 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford City & County Council
City Hall
The Mall
Waterford

Dear Ms. Dunphy

The Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr. Paschal Donohoe T.D., has asked me to refer to your letter of 7 November 2019 requesting a meeting with An Taoiseach; the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government; and the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform with a cross-party delegation from Waterford City and County Council.

As the issue relates to the potential loss of income to the Council in respect of Irish Water rates, this is a matter in the first instance for the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD. The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government is responsible for issues pertaining to funding Local Authorities. The Valuation Office also comes under the aegis of the same Minister. In this context, a copy of your letter has been forwarded to Minister Murphy's office for his attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely,


Michelle O'Connor
Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform



12th December 2019

Ms. Honor Dunphy
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Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D. dated 12th December 2019.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection, Regina Doherty T.D., for attention.

Yours sincerely,


Mary Timmins
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach

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Angela O'Shea

Subject: FW: Email Acknowledgement to Representative: REPS-2019-18597

From: Office of the Minister for Social Protection [<mailto:Minister@welfare.ie>]

Sent: 13 December 2019 15:34

To: Contact User

Subject: FW: Email Acknowledgement to Representative: REPS-2019-18597

Case Number: REPS-2019-18597

13 December 2019

Dear Ms Dunphy

Ms Regina Doherty TD, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of the 9th December 2019 .

Enquiries are being made and a further letter will issue to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Jacinta Crawford
Private Secretary

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16 December 2019
MSH5473-19

Ms Honor Dunphy
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Dear Ms Dunphy

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence concerning mental health services.

Yours sincerely

Simon Harris T.D.
Minister for Health

Learning Objective

Finance Bill 2019 was published on 17th October 2019. The Bill seeks to give effect to the tax measures announced in the October 2019 Budget and various other tax measures. The Bill has passed through both Houses of the Oireachtas and is expected to be signed into law by President Higgins in late December 2019. The Finance Bill 2019 sets out the proposed legislative changes required to put in place many of the Budget day announcements made on 8th October.

The most significant measures proposed include the extension of the scope and application of transfer pricing rules and the introduction of anti-hybrid rules required by the EU's anti-tax avoidance directives (ATAD). These headline measures continue to show Ireland's commitment to ensuring that its corporation tax code is in line with international best practice and represent further milestones in the corporation tax roadmap.

The Bill also proposes some changes to the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) regime and the taxation of Irish Real Estate Funds (IREFs). Amendments to strengthen and broaden the application of existing anti avoidance rules applicable to securitisation companies have also been proposed. Other proposed measures include an increase in the rate of dividend withholding tax, the introduction of the new EU mandatory disclosure regime and amendments to the R&D regime.

This conference will provide more in-depth information to most of the changes that will be taking effect in 2020.

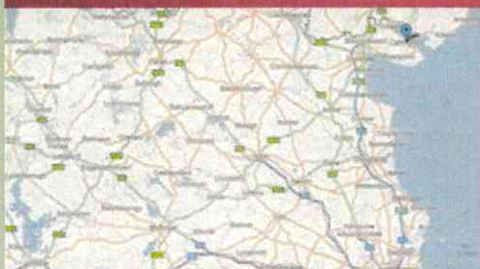
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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 10th January 2020

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 11th January 2020

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

The Finance Act

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

The Finance Act contd.

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

The Amendments

Sunday 12th January 2020

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

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Close Conference

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SPEAKER

Peter Hayes works as a Tax Consultant and as an Accountant for his own firm in Cork City, specialising in advising his clients on Income Tax Planning.

Prior to this, he previously worked as a manager in Ernst and Young. He has over 20 year's experience working as a Tax Consultant. He holds an honours degree in Accounting and Finance from CIT and he is a Tax Advisor.

Learning Objective

The recent Energy Action's Fuel Poverty Conference in Dublin looked at the Government's Climate Action Plan to upgrade 500,000 existing homes to a BER of B2 or higher by 2030. Staggering figures released at the conference showed that almost one in four households are suffering from fuel poverty, defined as spending more than 10% of disposable income on home heating.

Fuel poverty has a significant impact at a household level in terms of health and wellbeing. Improving the situation can bring multiple benefits. For example, reducing respiratory problems that might be linked to mould. For example, kids being unable to study in a quiet space because their bedrooms are too cold and older people becoming isolated because they don't invite people in their house or they heat only one room."

Rather than focusing on harnessing renewable energy to meet demand, increasing energy efficiency is one of the most cost-effective ways of reducing carbon emissions. This conference will look at a new platform providing models of a range of energy renovation scenarios to fit various budgets and targets for carbon emissions, fuel poverty and housing standards which can be delivered as a customised report to present to decision makers.

Conference Fee
€100



VENUE

O'DONOVAN'S HOTEL
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Professional Event Organisers
Present a Conference on

Tackling Carbon Emissions & Fuel Poverty

24th, 25th & 26th
January 2020

The conference organisers reserve the right to change any of the details of this programme to facilitate the safe and efficient running of this event.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 24th January 2020

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

Saturday 25th January 2020

9am to 10am - Registration followed at 10.15am with

Government Climate Action Plan

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

Planning Energy Renovation Projects

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

Defining future goals by KPIs

Sunday 26th January 2020

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

Close Conference

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SPEAKER

Xavier Dubuisson, has 25 years' experience in sustainable energy, set up XD Consulting in 2011. The RetroKit concept was created in 2017. The cloud-based platform uses building energy rating (BER) data, geographical information system functionality to provide spatial analysis of energy renovation scenarios, and data analytics to generate an overview of the current energy performance of the housing stock.

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21 October 2019

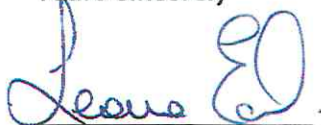
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I would appreciate your comments in this regard.

Yours sincerely



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c.c All Local Authorities

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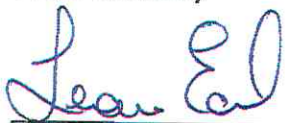
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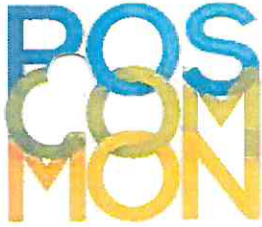
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County Council



Dr. Michael Harty, T.D.
Chairperson of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

Date: 11th November 2019

Re: Notice of Motion – Special Meeting of Roscommon County Council.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that a Special Plenary Meeting of Roscommon County Council was held this morning to discuss the proposed closure of Cuisle in Donamon, Co. Roscommon as a National Holiday Centre by the Irish Wheelchair Association.

The members of Roscommon County Council unanimously agreed the following resolution:

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Anthony Waldron
SECONDED by Cllr. Tony Ward

It was **AGREED** to request that the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health meet to discuss the proposed closure of Cuisle Centre in Donamon, Co. Roscommon as a National Holiday Centre and that the Irish Wheelchair Association be invited to this meeting to explain their decision.

At the request of the Council, I now forward you this resolution and would be obliged to have your reply as a matter of urgency.

Is mise, le meas,

Patricia Bohan,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services,
Roscommon County Council.

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CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

12th November, 2019.

Our Ref: November 19-21/AR/MMcI

**Meetings Administrator,
Each Local Authority.**

A Chara,

At the November meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

“We Clare County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris and the HSE to support a call for the introduction of a National Screening Protocol of all neonates (newborn infants) to effectively screen for immune compromise, in advance of the commencement of the administration of Live Virus Vaccines under the State Vaccination Programme, in line with HSE National Immunization Advisory Committee guidelines as revised February 2019.”

It was agreed that this resolution be circulated to all local authorities.

Is mise le meas,



**Ann Reynolds,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.**

**An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
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2nd December, 2019

TO: All Local Authorities

RE: Notice of Motions

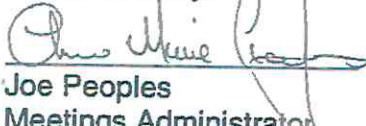
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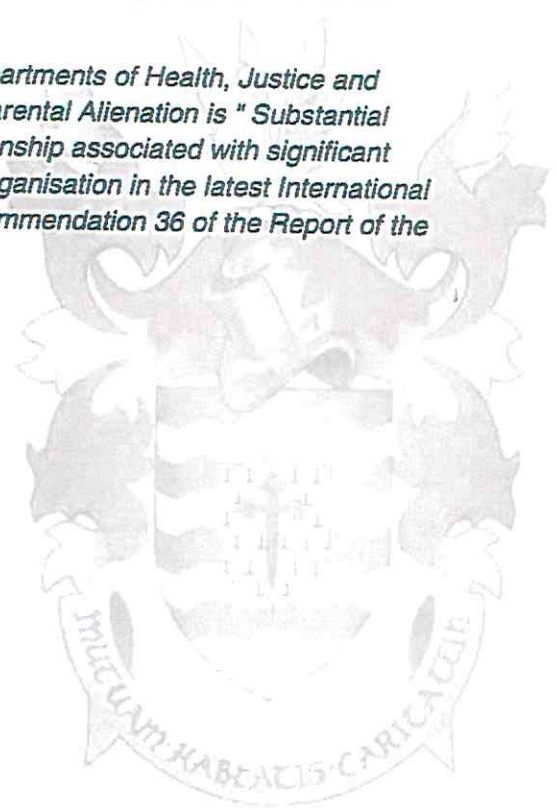
I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following resolutions:-

"That Donegal County Council calls on the Government to recognise that Parental Alienation is "Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning" as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11."

"Donegal County Council calls on the Irish Government Departments of Health, Justice and Equality and Children and Youth Affairs to recognise that Parental Alienation is "Substantial and sustained dissatisfaction within a caregiver-child relationship associated with significant disturbance in functioning" as coded by the World Health Organisation in the latest International Classification of Diseases version 11 and to implement recommendation 36 of the Report of the Reform of the Family Law System October 2019."

Yours faithfully,


f.p. Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator



Cuir freagra chuig: Áras an Chontae, Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall, Éire F93 Y622
Please reply to: County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, Ireland F93 Y622



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Mr. Richard Bruton,
Minister for Communications,
Climate Change & Environment,
29 – 31 Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2.

December 4th 2019

Dear Minister Bruton,

At the November meeting of Laois County Council, the following Notice of Motion was passed:-

“That this Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment, Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D. to stop the rollout of 5G Fifth Generation Cellular Technology across the Country – we as a Council and public representatives have a moral and ethical responsibility to protect the health and wellbeing of our citizens – there is a reason why insurance companies will not insure 5G – this needs to be investigated further by an independent company with no prospect of financial gain”

I would be obliged to receive your comments/observations on this matter so that I can report back to the members.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Irene Delaney
Administrative Officer
Corporate Affairs

Tá Fáilte Romhat
Gnó a Dhéanamh
as Gaeilge





Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin Monaghan County Council

Our Ref: Dec2019/07

16 December, 2019

Meetings Administrator,
Each Local Authority.

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Monaghan County Council the following resolution was passed and I was directed to forward same to you for attention.

Monaghan County Council calls on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, Richard Bruton TD and Minister for Finance, Paschal Donohoe TD

- *Legislate for a deposit return scheme to be introduced on recyclable packaging*
- *Ensure that all local authorities in the state be funded to provide a climate action officer to incorporate energy efficiency in all aspects of Council work*
- *Introduce a carbon tax on aviation fuel*

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the elected members at the next meeting of the local authority.

Mise, le meas,

Carmel Thornton
Meetings Administrator

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Human Resources
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Na Bóithre
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Arts
047 38162

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047 30527

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County Library
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County Museum
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Planning
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Community
047 73719

Rialú Dóiteáin/Foirgnimh
Fire/Building Control
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Seirbhísí Uisce
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17 December 2019

To Each Local Authority

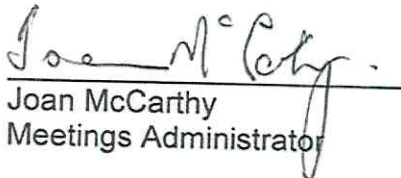
A Chairde,

I write to inform you that the members of Kerry County Council at their recent meeting adopted the following resolution.

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation to remove the cap on County Enterprise Boards which prevents them from dealing with enterprise that have more than ten employees and that this motion will be circulated to all Local Authorities in the country".

It was agreed to circulate this motion to all local authorities for their attention and consideration.

Mise, le meas,


Joan McCarthy
Meetings Administrator



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