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Your ref: HD/AOS/M193

Our Ref: TO2021/94599

8 December 2021

Dear Ms Dunphy

Thank you for your letter of 29 October to the Secretary of State regarding Motion number 193 passed at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council. Government Ministers receive a large volume of correspondence and they are unable to reply personally on every occasion. I have been asked to respond.

State Pensions are a transferred matter and therefore the responsibility of the Northern Ireland Executive.

Furthermore, this Department is unable to comment on the issues you raise regarding pension provision administered by the Department of Social Protection

Yours sincerely

Robert Watling  
Head of the Ministerial Correspondence Team

Honor Dunphy  
Meetings Administrator

15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Your Ref: HD/AOS**

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

Thank you for your letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 regarding anti-social behaviour in private and public housing estates.

Waterford CSP would like to investigate the issues raised if more detail could be provided, estates concerned, issues involved and the names of those raising the issues at the meeting to allow us to contact them to discuss further.

The CSP is in the process of developing a Community Safety Plan which will involve extensive consultation across the city and county. Any safety issues raised as part of this consultation will be included in plan and this will cover anti-social behaviour in housing estates across the county.

I look forward to your reply and have included our contact details below for further queries and response.

Yours sincerely,



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**pp** Seán Aylward  
Chairperson  
Waterford Local Community Safety Partnership



# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	EDDIE MULLIGAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA AUTUMN TRAINING SEMINAR
CONFERENCE LOCATION	PARK HOTEL, SLIGO
DATE OF CONFERENCE	3/11/21 TO 5/11/21

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

- LAUNCH OF COUNCIL'S MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME.
- PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PLANS
- MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES & COUNSELLING THROUGH CASE STUDIES

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

THE PRESENTATIONS BY NIALL COUSIN CE & ANNE MACE O'CONNOR D/REGULATOR ON THE WORK OF THE PLANNING REGULATOR.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

BUT YOUR HAND WRITTEN NOTES & PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CIRCULATED TO ALL BY LAMA.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Signed: Cllr. 

Date: 17/11/21

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Jason Murphy
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	IPI Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Wexford
DATE OF CONFERENCE	18th + 19th / Nov / 21

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

PLANNING ISSUES include post Covid growth / initiatives by Fáilte Ireland to stimulate growth. Discussion around town + small city renewal.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Talk by our own Director Kieran Keogh regarding measures taken by Waterford to promote outdoor dining

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

All available on IPI website

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed: Cllr. Jason Murphy Date: 25/11/21

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	EDDIE MULLIGAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	HOUSING FOR ALL
CONFERENCE LOCATION	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, CARLINGFORD
DATE OF CONFERENCE	29 <sup>th</sup> TO 31 <sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2021

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE HOUSING FOR ALL PLAN.
2. AN OVERVIEW OF THE PATHWAYS IN
  - SUPPORTING HOME OWNERSHIP & AFFORDABILITY.
  - ELIMINATING HOMELESSNESS
  - INCREASING HOUSING DELIVERY
  - NEW & SOCIAL HOUSING
3. THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.
4. TACKLING COST OF LAND/PROPERTY INCREASES.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME AND ITS APPLICABILITY FOR THE AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES IN WATERFORD. THE PATHWAY TO INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY ALSO.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST FROM ME.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. 

Date: 17/11/21

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NAME OF COUNCILLOR	EAMON O'NEILL
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	IAMA Sligo Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Sligo Park Hotel
DATE OF CONFERENCE	3RD November to 5th November 2021

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Planning - County Development Plans

Mental Health - Councillor presence

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

OPR was good. Much more open to compromise.

Councillor mental health contact number very welcome

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Yes, I received a brochure.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Eamon O'Neill

Date: 19/11/21

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	John Pratt
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	Mental Health + Wellbeing
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Four Seasons Hotel Cork City
DATE OF CONFERENCE	03/12/21 - 05/12/21

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Mental Health + Wellbeing. Poor mental health can often be attributed to how parents bring up their kids. ~~and~~ mental health can affect concentration / motivation / self worth + our ability to connect with people. As a councillor its important to be a good listener + have an understanding of all of the above when dealing with certain constituents.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

We as councillors were given a great insight into why some people suffer the way they do from depression/mental health etc. It puts an onus on us as public representatives to fight for better services to help prevent some of these issues at an early age.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Yes

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. John Pratt

Date: 07/12/21

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	John Pratt
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	IP3 Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Wexford
DATE OF CONFERENCE	17/11/2021 to 19/11/2021

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Conference was on Plan Led Development. Brian Ennis gave an in depth briefing on Glasgow Zero Carbon 2030. This involved Citizen led housing associations + housing led Regeneration Programmes. The tenant voice was paramount in this model. Other topics like Sustainable homes / access to green space / Decarbonisation / Energy efficiency / Fuel Poverty / Retrofitting + 15 minute city models were discussed. Kieran Kehoe gave a fabulous presentation on mainly outdoor dining + its success. This was a great advertisement for Waterford City + County.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The 15 minute rule I found very interesting whereby by everything is accessible within 15 minutes of your home.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Mainly Agendas but will be available online.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. John Pratt

Date: 25/11/21

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	John O'Leary.
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	Celtic Conference
CONFERENCE LOCATION	4 Season Hotel Carrigrohane
DATE OF CONFERENCE	3, 4, 5 of December

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Mental Health and well Being.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

all aspects of mental health, emphasis on, coping mechanisms, and focusing on, youth and adolescents, well being.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

Received handouts and are available on request to other members

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Signed: Cllr.

*John O'Leary*

Date:

13/12/21

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

CC1-1a-0025 – Nov. 21

JB/cw

29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

To: All Local Authorities

RE: Resolution of Galway County Council - Boycott on goods from occupied territories

A chara,

At a recent meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

*"That following the correspondence from South Dublin County Council and this council's recent motion that this council also agrees to write to the Department of the Taoiseach, other local authorities and Retail Ireland calling on Irish and international supermarkets operating here to join the boycott on goods from occupied territories."*

I would be obliged if you would consider this request and revert to me on the above so that I can advise the Elected Members.

Mise, le meas,

**Ms. J. Brann**  
**County Secretary**

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10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

*"Sligo County Council calls upon Minister Eamon Ryan to refuse to grant a prospecting license to Flintridge Resources (Galantas) for almost 50 townlands in North Leitrim. We stand with communities in Leitrim who have voiced their clear opposition to this carbon heavy, energy intensive gold mining industry. We also stand with our colleagues in Leitrim County Council who unanimously voiced their opposition to the granting of this license. Companies like the one to which the Minister intends to grant a license have no role to play in helping create a sustainable future for this and future generations in the region. The industry is long associated with negative impacts on the landscape, air and water quality, carbon emissions, and the displacement of and/or negative impacts on existing industries like tourism and agriculture. We ask the Minister to listen to the thousands of people who have made objections to this proposal. We also encourage other local authorities around the country to voice their opposition."*

It was also agreed to circulate this motion to all other local authorities for their support.

  
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Kevin Colreavy  
Meetings Administrator

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16<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

To: All Local Authorities

**RE: Section 140 Motions**

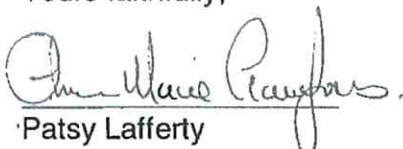
A Chara,

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

*"That this Council apply to the Department for the restoration of Section 140 Motions to Councils" (To be circulated to all other Local Authorities)*

I would be grateful if you could consider same and reply as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

P.P.   
Patsy Lafferty  
Meetings Administrator



# Comhairle Contae Mhuineacháin Monaghan County Council

Our Ref: December 2021/14

20 December 2021

Private Secretary to  
Ms. Helen McEntee, TD  
Minister for Justice,  
Dept of Justice and Equality,  
51 St. Stephen's Green,  
Dublin 2,  
D02 HK52,

A Chara

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

*That Monaghan County Council calls on the Department of Justice to:*

- (a) Take full responsibility for the policy and governance of the State's Coroner Service including the payment of fees and expenses associated with the service provided by Coroners thereby removing the cost and responsibilities associated with the service from Local Authorities.*
- (b) Ensure that in the event of a sudden unexpected death, death by suicide, car accident, drowning etc that a full weekend Post Mortem service be provided.*

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Minister's attention and let me have a reply for the Council members in due course.

Mise, le meas,

**Mary McGarvey**  
Meetings Administrator

c.c. Motion to be circulated to all Local Authorities

Acmhainní Daonna  
Human Resources  
047 30586

Airgeadas  
Finance  
047 30589

Na Bóithre  
Roads  
047 30597

Clár na dToghthóirí  
Register of Electors  
047 30551

Comhshaol  
Environment  
042 9661240

Na hEalaíona  
Arts  
047 38162

Iasachtaí /Deontais Tithíochta  
Housing Loans/Grants  
047 30527

Leabharlann an Chontae  
County Library  
047 74700

Mótarcháin  
Motor Tax  
047 81175

Músaem an Chontae  
County Museum  
047 82928

Pleanáil  
Planning  
047 30532

Pobal  
Community  
047 73719

Rialú Dóiteáin/Foirgnimh  
Fire/Building Control  
047 30521

Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil  
Local Enterprise Office  
047 71818

Seirbhísí Uisce  
Water Services  
047 30504/30571

Fáilfonn an tÚdarás Áitiúil roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge.  
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**Minister Paschal Donohoe,  
Department of Finance,  
Government Buildings,  
Upper Merrion Street,  
Dublin,  
D02 R583.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

**Re: Resolution passed by Galway City Council**

**A Chara,**

I wish to bring to your attention that Galway City Council at their Council Meeting held in November 2021 resolved the following Motions;

1. 'Galway City Council call on the Minister for Finance to extend the Help to Buy Incentive Scheme for at least five more years after he has carried out his review in 2022. That this motion be circulated to all local authorities'.

I would be grateful for your consideration and reply to same.

**Mise le Meas,**

**Ailish Rohan,  
Meetings Administrator.**

*C.C. Cllr. Donal Lyons, 23 Knockncarra Park, Galway*



Comhairle Contae Lú  
Louth County Council

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear Meetings Administrator


The following motion was supported by the members at a recent meeting of Louth County Council.

"That Louth County Council supports the campaign of Epilepsy Ireland to address long-standing issues that continue to impact on people with epilepsy and their families in Ireland today, namely:

1. Access to Free Travel.
2. Provision of Reasonable Accommodations for State Examinations for students with epilepsy."

*Members requested that all local authorities receive notice of this passed motion requesting support.*

Mise le meas

  
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**Gráinne Tuomey**  
**Meetings Administrator**