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Subject: FW: DJE-MO-01962-2021

From: Ministers Office [<mailto:no-reply@cloud.gov.ie>]
Sent: Thursday 4 March 2021 09:41
To: Contact User
Subject: DJE-MO-01962-2021

Met no 168

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Minister's Reference: DJE-MO-01962-2021

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 4th March 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick McCabe
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice

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4th March 2021

Honor Dunphy,
Meetings Administrator,
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Email: contact@waterfordcouncil.ie

Dear Ms Dunphy,

Thank you for your letter of 26/02/2021 to Darragh O'Brien, TD, Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage in connection with the Waterford Boundary Committee Review.

The issue raised comes under the remit of the Minister of State Peter Burke, who has special responsibility for Local Government and Planning. I have, therefore, forwarded the correspondence to his Office for attention and direct reply.

Yours sincerely

**Niamh Redmond,
Private Secretary.**

Subject: FW: FAO Ms. Honor Dunphy - HPLG-MoSB-00233-2021

From: Housing Minister Of State [<mailto:ministerofstate@housing.gov.ie>]
Sent: Friday 5 March 2021 15:37
To: Contact User
Subject: FAO Ms. Honor Dunphy - HPLG-MoSB-00233-2021

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

On behalf of Mr. Peter Burke TD, Minister for Planning and Local Government, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence in relation to the extension of boundaries, which was forwarded from the office of Minister Darragh O'Brien.

Kind Regards,

Caoimhe Barrett

Minister of State Peter Burke's Office

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Our Ref : C/ MK - 2021/105

4th March 2021

Ms. Honor Dunphy,
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Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to Minister of State Patrick O'Donovan T.D., on behalf of Waterford County Council, in relation to The Invincibles in Kilmainham Gaol, and the families wishes to have them re-interred in consecrated grounds in Glasnevin Cemetery.

I have brought this to the attention of the Minister and have forwarded it to the relevant section for a substantive response and will revert when it is received.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Devaney
Private Secretary

Angela O'Shea

Subject: FW: FIN-MO-01680-2021

From: Minister for Finance [<mailto:finance-mo-correspondence@cloud.gov.ie>]

Sent: Friday 5 March 2021 11:26

To: Contact User

Subject: FIN-MO-01680-2021

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Our Ref: FIN-MO-01680-2021

Ms Honor Dunphy

(contact@waterfordcouncil.ie)

Dear Ms Dunphy

The Minister for Finance, Mr Paschal Donohoe TD, has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your recent email.

As the issue raised is a matter in the first instance for Ms Helen McEntee TD, Minister for Justice your correspondence has been forwarded to her Department for attention and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely

Alex Costello

Private Secretary to the Minister for Finance

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Angela O'Shea

From: Minister of State Naughtons Office [MinisterNaughton@cloud.gov.ie]
Sent: Saturday 6 March 2021 04:57
To: Angela O'Shea
Subject: Ref: DTTAS-MOSN-01132-2021

Our Ref: DTTAS-MOSN-01132-2021

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

On behalf of the Minister of State for Transport, Ms. Hildegarde Naughton, T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 04/03/2021 regarding Motion from Waterford City & County Council. A further reply, if required, will issue to you as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Chris Smith
Private Secretary to Minister of State Hildegarde Naughton TD

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Our Ref: 210047/TAN

22nd March 2021

Ms Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
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Dear Ms Dunphy,

Thank you for your correspondence in which you raise concerns not only for my Department but for the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

I am committed to bringing in a statutory sick pay scheme for Ireland and it is my intention that this scheme will be designed in consultation with Trade Unions and Employer Groups. Work is well underway.

I launched a full public consultation in November which lasted for 6 weeks and concluded in December 2020. I encouraged employers, employees and Trade Unions to engage with this consultation and make their views known. My Department received 118 responses from a wide range of stakeholders and all views have been taken into consideration as part of the development of the scheme.

The Government is committed to moving through the process and settling issues as quickly as possible and to publish the General Scheme of a Bill by the end of March 2021, with a view to having the Bill enacted as soon as possible after that.

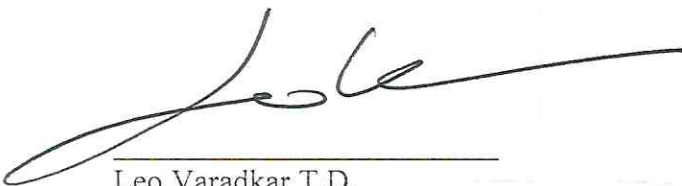
In relation to the concerns raised around parental leave, I have received the following information from my colleague Roderick Gorman T.D. and Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

Force majeure leave is provided for under the Parental Leave Acts 1998 and 2019 and gives an employee a limited right to paid leave from work where, for urgent family reasons, the immediate presence of the employee is indispensable owing to an injury or illness of a close family member (including a child or adoptive child). The maximum amount of leave is 3 days in any 12-month period or 5 days in a 36-month period. Force majeure leave is provided for urgent or emergency reasons, and the available duration reflects this.

The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth will shortly introduce a bill to extend parent's leave and benefit which will provide additional leave to parents of children born or adopted since November 2019. Officials in that department are also considering proposals to extend family leaves including proposals on breastfeeding breaks and domestic violence leave. Work on the transposition of the Work Life Balance Directive (Dir 2019/1158) relating to the work life balance of parents and carers is also underway. These extensions to family leaves will follow a number of advancements in family leaves in recent years, including the introduction of parents leave and benefit in 2019 and the extension of unpaid parental leave to 26 weeks for a child under 12 years in September 2020.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leo Varadkar T.D.

Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

From: Minister of State Naughtons Office [no-reply@cloud.gov.ie]
Sent: Wednesday 24 March 2021 16:04
To: Angela O'Shea
Subject: Ref: DTTAS-MOSN-01132-2021

Our Ref: DTTAS-MOSN-01132-2021

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

Many thanks for your correspondence in relation to a resolution passed by Waterford City & County Council regarding the post office network. In this regard, I have been asked by Minister of State for Transport (with responsibility for An Post) Hildegarde Naughton TD to reply to you on her behalf.

The Minister is aware of the serious decline in mail volumes and the impact that Covid-19 has had on footfall through post offices and on the postal network, and of the importance of maintaining a post office network in our society.

In the four years since the Private Members Motion referred to was debated, a lot of work has been done to ensure An Post and the post office network remain viable.

An Post put in place a Strategic Plan, covering the period 2017 – 2021, in response to structural challenges faced by the postal sector.

In order to implement the Plan, the cost of which was estimated to be in the region of €150m, the Minister for Finance provided a loan of €30m to the company in December 2017 to support the renewal of the post office network (€15m) and the continued fulfilment of a 5 day per week mails delivery service (€15m).

As part of the delivery of the Plan the company was split into two distinct business units, An Post Mails/Parcels and An Post Retail.

An Post is transforming its retail network by delivering new products and new formats. This includes, among other things, diversifying and growing the financial services products it provides for individuals and SMEs to include loans, credit cards and more foreign exchange products, local banking in association with the major banks and a full range of State Savings products. Two new dedicated sub-brands, An Post Money and a new business-to-business brand, An Post Commerce, were launched. Investment by An Post of €50m in the network is designed to encourage communities to use the enhanced services in their local post offices.

As part of its commercial strategy to increase banking services, An Post recently announced a new partnership with Bank of Ireland to offer personal and SME withdrawal and lodgement services to Bank of Ireland customers across the An Post network of over 900 post offices nationwide. This follows the announcement by Bank of Ireland that it is to close over 100 of its offices in Ireland. This builds on the agency banking services An Post already provides for a number of other leading banks including AIB and Ulster Bank with more than 4.5 million transactions and a cash value of almost €1.5bn annually.

With regard to the community banking model, a project team comprising officials from the Department of Rural & Community Development and the Department of Finance was established to progress that particular issue. The final report was published by the respective Ministers on 4 July 2018. The report indicated that the Department of Finance would continue to engage in dialogue with Irish Rural Link and other stakeholders and that it would commission an independent external evaluation of the possibility or otherwise for promotion of the local public banking concept in Ireland. That further report was published by the Department of Finance in December 2019 and concluded that there is no business case for the State to establish a public banking system in Ireland, supporting the outcome of the July 2018 report.

A lot of work has been done over the past few years to develop the network and this has had a positive effect for both postmasters and customers. This momentum needs to be maintained and if An Post, the postmasters and Government work together, we can ensure that the network can emerge as a central hub for a wide variety of valuable community-focused services.

Government believes An Post has untapped potential to do more and make a further significant contribution across many areas of public, business, and community life in Ireland. The Minister intends to set out a series of next steps on the Offline Services Report shortly.

Government is working with An Post to investigate the scope to channel additional services through the network. As with any business the post office needs to develop commercial strategies to enable it to grow and maintain its relevance for its users. All options will be considered fully and efforts will be redoubled to give effect to our commitment to ensuring a sustainable and viable post office network.

In the circumstances, there are no proposals at this time to introduce a Government funded subsidy for the post office network.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Chris Smith

Private Secretary to Minister of State Hildegard Naughton TD

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3rd March, 2021

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1st March 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

"I call on Sligo County Council to make a formal submission to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage outlining our complete opposition to the proposed provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to local democracy. As advocates for the empowerment of local government, we can never support or accept any diminution in the reserved functions and powers of elected Councillors.

I also have concerns regarding the potential long term implications for local authorities in delivering social and affordable housing on local authority held land due to the extensive remit of the LDA. I believe that this is a major battle in our ongoing fight to preserve the local democratic function in the face of ever increasing centralism."

It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution would also be circulated to other Local Authorities.

Kevin Colreavy
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3rd March, 2021

To/ Each Local Authority

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1st March 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

“To call on Sligo County Council to formally request the Minister for Agriculture to seek the appointment of ‘an Independent Meat Regulator’ with statutory powers. The purpose of such an independent regulator will be to have legislative powers to investigate anti-competitive behaviour by meat processors, meat traders, bodies associated with the trade of meat, trade of meat by-products and/or trade by retailers who operate along the meat supply chain.”

It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution would also be circulated to other Local Authorities.


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3rd March, 2021

To/ Each Local Authority

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1st March 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

“To call on Sligo County Council to write to the Government and An Post asking them to give a 2 year extension to the current contract that most of the local Post Offices are engaged in. This is because Covid-19 has had a dramatic negative effect on their income due to the reduction in footfall”.

It was further agreed that a copy of this resolution would also be circulated to other Local Authorities.

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3rd March, 2021

To/ Each Local Authority

At the Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held on 1st March 2021, the following resolution was agreed:

“That Sligo County Council engage with their relevant partners including Sligo PPN, Sligo Volunteer Centre to address the urgent needs of the hundreds of community groups across County Sligo who are facing a funding crisis to keep electricity, insurance, credit facilities, heating, maintenance costs and other recurring fixed costs serviced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Whilst recognising that there has been many beneficial schemes open to the C&V sector to in turn support their communities over the pandemic, there is now a requirement to support the C&V sector themselves to stay afloat.

In addition, that this Local Authority write to the Taoiseach, Tanaiste, Leader of the Green Party and the Minister for Rural Affairs and Community Development to request a scheme be devised to address the Community and Voluntary Sectors funding needs.

That this motion also be relayed to every Local Authority in the country”.



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Darragh O'Brien T.D.
Minister for Housing,
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9th March 2021

Dear Minister,

I wish to advise you that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at their meeting held on 8th March 2021 adopted the following resolutions:

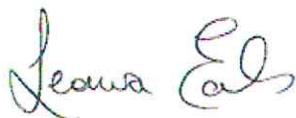
"That Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, recognising the scale of the Housing crisis, reaffirms its commitment to work with Government and all relevant agencies towards delivering new housing units and in particular ensuring that sufficient Social and Affordable housing is built for those in need of same.

Recognizing, however, its responsibility to use Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown property in the best interests of society this Council rejects the provisions contained in the Land Development Agency 2021 Bill published by the Government removing the role of the elected members of Local Authorities in approving the transfer or sale of lands to the Land Development Agency.

The Council further agrees to write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage urging a removal of that provision and to ensure that elected Councillors retain the right to control such sales or transfers and be able to prepare and plan for appropriate housing delivery on Council owned lands. The Council further agrees to circulate this motion to each Local Authority and the Association of Irish Local Government requesting their support for this."

I would appreciate your comments in this regard.


Yours sincerely



Leonora Earls
A/Director of Service
Corporate Affairs



16 March 2021

To/ Each Local Authority

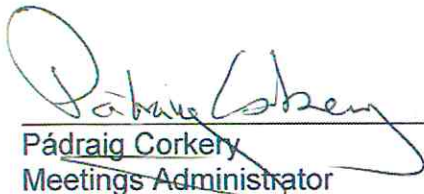
A Chairde,

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

“That we the members of Kerry County Council oppose the introduction of the Land Development Agency Bill.”

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

Mise le meas,


Pádraig Corkery
Meetings Administrator





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Mr. Darragh O'Brien, TD,
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage,
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23rd March, 2021

RE: Land Development Agency Bill, 2021 – Section 56 - Provision relating to local authority land.

Dear Minister,

At special meeting of Wicklow County Council held on Monday the 22nd of March, 2021 the elected members unanimously passed the following resolution:-

'That the Members of Wicklow County Council call on the Government to reinstate, in the Land Development Agency Bill, the legal requirement that Councillors must consent to the sale of all public land in the ownership of the Council by way of a Disposal Motion (Section 183) voted for by a majority of Councillors in public session'.

The Elected Members requested that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to your office and also circulated to all other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Gallagher | Meetings Administrator
Director of Services | Enterprise and Corporate Services





Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

24th March 2021

Dear Meetings Administrator

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

"Calling on the Minister of Housing and or the Oireachtas members to amend the LDA Bill to remove s.49 and 56 of the bill as it is 'ultra vires' the programme of Government and is a direct stripping of Local Government Councillors executive powers".

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

Mise le meas

Grainne Tuomey
Meetings Administrator

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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

24th March 2021

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the March Plenary Meeting of Galway County Council, the Members passed the following motion:

"I call on Galway County Council to make a formal submission to the Minister for Housing Local Government & Heritage outlining our complete opposition to the proposed provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to local democracy. As advocates for the empowerment of local government, we can never support or accept any diminution in the reserved functions and powers of elected Councillors.

I also have concerns regarding the potential long-term implications for local authorities in delivering social and affordable housing on local authority held land due to the extensive remit of the LDA. I believe that this is a major battle in our ongoing fight to preserve the local democratic function in the face of ever increasing centralism, "

I wish for that a copy would also be circulated to other Local Authorities.

It was agreed to send a copy of this motion to all Councils.

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Michael Owens

Michael Owens

Meetings Administrator



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29th March 2021

All Local Authorities

Re. Proposed provisions of Land Development Agency Bill 2021.

Dear Meetings Administrator

Mayo County Council, at its meeting of 8th March 2021, has passed the following motion:

Proposed by: Cllr. M. Kilcoyne

Seconded by: Cllr. C. Hyland

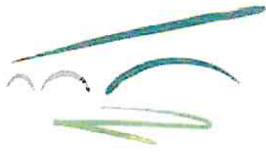
Resolved: -

"Mayo County Council wishes to formally outline its complete opposition to the proposed provisions of the Land Development Agency Bill 2021. The proposed removal of the Section 183 reserved function of Elected Members in relation to the disposal of local authority held land to the LDA as provided for in Part 7 Section 56 of the bill is unacceptable and an affront to Local Democracy. As advocates for the empowerment of local government, we can never support or accept any diminution in the reserved functions and powers of Elected Councillors."

It was agreed to send a copy of this motion to all Councils.

Yours sincerely

Síofra Kilcullen
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Limerick City
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9th March, 2021.

TO: EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

A Chara,

I write to inform you that at a Meeting of Limerick City and County Council held on Monday, 8th March, 2021, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support –

“That, Limerick City and County Council request Iconic Newspapers Ltd. to recognise the National Union of Journalists and engage with the NUJ worker representatives to address concerns of their employees working in the Limerick Leader newspaper.”

Is mise le meas,


James Clune,
Meetings Administrator.