

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 10TH FEBRUARY 2022

**Item
No. 9**

MOTIONS

FOR NOTING ONLY

1. Motion in the name of Cllr. Cristiona Kiely

“That Waterford City & County Council

- 1. Runs a pilot scheme to set up a Library of Things in a unique location or in a branch of Waterford Library as part of the circular economy, giving people the opportunity to borrow items they only need on an occasional basis such as power tools, camping equipment, roof boxes, gardening equipment, musical instruments, shredders, children’s bicycles, cycling equipment and other items they might otherwise have to buy. This would operate on a similar basis to a book library and would reduce costs, reduce waste and free up space in homes while allowing people avail of the items without the need to purchase.*
- 2. Runs a pilot scheme to set up a Library of Toys in a unique location or in a branch of Waterford Library as part of the circular economy, giving people the opportunity to borrow toys for babies and children aged 0-6 which has the dual outcome of making quality toys available to all families while reducing the wastage around the purchase of toys which have a short lifespan. This would bring environmental benefits as toys would be recycled and reused many times, minimising the use of plastic and synthetic materials. It would operate on a similar basis to a book library.*
- 3. Runs a public information campaign around the social and environmental benefits of a Library of Things and a Toy Library; encouraging donations of things and toys; promoting the benefits to all sectors of society of using the libraries and highlighting the links to decarbonisation in line with Waterford City & County Council’s intention to become a decarbonised city by 2040. ”.*

Reg. No. 206 (dated, 10th November, 2021)

It was agreed at CPG held on the 2nd February, 2022, Motion No. 206 be referred to the library functions subcommittee of the Housing, Community & Culture SPC for consideration and report back to the CPG.

2. Motion in the names of Cllrs. Jason Murphy & Eamon Quinlan

” That this Council instructs its Housing SPC to draft a scheme to allow Council tenants, who receive prior permission from the local authority to adapt or upgrade their homes. The costs of which will then be deducted from their Rent Books in order to allow tenants recoup the full costs involved with the approved works. It is envisaged this can be achieved by an annual budgetary allocation and will allow the Council to concentrate the separate funds it receives from Government each year for improvements, directly at those tenants whose homes require improvements but are financially unable to pay for such works and wait to be reimbursed by this scheme. It is also hoped such a scheme will end the practice of unauthorised housing adaptations by providing an incentivised, lawful route for such works. ”

Reg. No. 207 (dated, 25th January, 2022)

It was agreed at CPG held on the 2nd February, 2022, Motion No. 207 be referred to the Housing, Community & Culture SPC for consideration and report back to the CPG.