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14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

To/ All Local Authorities

Re: Motion of Tipperary County Council

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

**“That Tipperary County Council explores the possibility of offering Apprentice Schemes within the Council and in addition looks at the possibility of including an apprenticeship clause for contractors tendering for large council led construction projects”.**

I would be grateful if you could bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh,  
Meetings Administrator



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A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Tipperary County Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, the following resolution was passed and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

**"That Tipperary County Council request the Government to amend the Mother and Baby Homes redress scheme to include the 24,000 survivors who were excluded from the redress scheme".**

I would be grateful if you could bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Yours sincerely,

Ger Walsh,  
Meetings Administrator

# Comhairle Contae Chorcaí Cork County Council

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27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*Our Ref: FC/February2.Item17*

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Mayor and Members resolved as follows:-

**“That rather than its apparent aims of limiting public participation and access to justice, the new Planning & Development Bill would take the opportunity to address identified concerns with regard to Ireland’s need to meet the requirements of the Aarhus Convention, to which it is a signatory.”**

Members agreed that the Resolution would be circulated to all other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairead Lucey'.

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**MAIREAD LUCEY**  
**SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*CC: All Local Authorities*

03 March 2023

To: **All Local Authorities**

Re: **Motion of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

At the recent meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 27 February 2023, the following resolution was passed, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

***“That Westmeath County Council would write to the Finance Minister to request immediate action using the expertise available to design and implement a comprehensive regional public banking system that makes full use of the remaining financial services infrastructure in local towns and other areas in this county to deliver an essential local banking service to local communities and businesses that would augment the work of post offices and credit unions and give local people and business real finance and borrowing options and keep local towns thriving.”***

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Mise le meas,



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Anne Galvin,

Meetings Administrator,

Corporate Services.



COMHAIRLE | CLARE  
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

**Our Ref: March 23 - 29/AR/AC**

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the March meeting of the Council the members passed the following resolution:

“In the context of the acknowledged desire, necessity and urgency to bring derelict and vacant properties back into use, I call on Clare County Council to write to the minister for Housing and Local Government requesting that the laudable Croi Conaithe scheme targeted to assist this objective is adjusted to allow owners of qualifying properties to access the scheme subject to conditions that the property is subsequently used for long term occupancy either through sale or long term lease. If supported, I request this motion be circulated to all other local authorities”.

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to all local authority for support.

Yours sincerely,

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

**An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach**  
**Stiúrthóireacht Airgeadais agus Seirbhísí Tacaíochta**  
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Our Ref: 03/2023-29

16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the Ordinary meeting Sligo County Council held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the Members agreed the following resolution:

*"This Council write to Minister for Health asking him to make the CF medication Kaftrio available to all patients who require it within the State."*

It was further agreed to circulate this motion to all Local Authorities in support of the motion.

Yours sincerely,

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Jennifer Burns  
A/Meetings Administrator

c.c.: *Minister for Health*

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County Secretary

MD/ZP

22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023

**Re: March 2023 Meeting Wexford County Council**

Dear Meeting Administrator,

At the March Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

*(a) Any person or body, on payment of the prescribed fee, may make a submission or observation in writing to a planning authority in relation to a planning application within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.*

*b) Any submission or observation received*

*Shall—*

*(i) State the name of the person or body making the submission or observation, and*

*(ii) Indicate the address to which any correspondence relating to the application should be sent.*

*(2) Subject to article 26, the planning authority shall acknowledge any submissions or observations as soon as may be after receipt in the form set out at Form No. 3 of Schedule 3, or a form substantially to the like effect.*

*(3) Where a submission or observation, under this article, is received by the planning authority after the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application, the planning authority shall return to the person or body concerned the submission or observation received and the fee and notify the person or body that their submission or observation cannot be considered by the planning authority.*

*(4) Where the planning authority so consents, a submission or observation under sub-article (1) may be made in electronic form.*



***"This council asks the minister to strengthen section 29/b/ sub sections (1) and (2) of the planning and development, (submissions or observations in relation to planning application) to put an end to bogus submissions or objections and that the SPC would look to see if this local authority could change our own policies to avoid this.***

***If this motion is passed that it would be circulated to all local authorities."***

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

Yours sincerely,



**Michael Drea,**  
**County Secretary & Communications Officer**  
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3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**RE: Resolution from Offaly County Council**

Dear Minister

At the March meeting of Offaly County Council, the Members passed a resolution that Offaly County Council calls on the Government to extend the Eviction Ban for all 'No Fault' tenants who face eviction until meaningful action is taken, to include measures that will ensure that thousands of children and their parents around the country aren't added to the growing Homeless List."

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

The members would welcome your comments on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Gerard Bruton  
Meeting Administrator



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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	DECLAN CLUNE
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG MODULE 1 TRAINING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	LIMERICK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25 <sup>TH</sup> FEB, 2023

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

Briefing on Electoral Form Act 2022 and the provisions included in it.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

- Modernisation of electoral register
- Establishment of independent electoral commission
- Political party funding – parties can apply for lottery licence for draws/raffles/fundraising
- Online Political Advertising
- Political Donations – stronger regs introduced
- Revisions for to cater for public health restrictions

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

Presentations will be available from AILG

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor

Signed: Cllr.

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023

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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	ALG A Briefing on The Electoral Reform
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Radisson Blu + Sla Limerick
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/04/2023

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

It was a look at the overall Programme of electoral reform as provided for under The Electoral Reform Act 2022.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The newly formed Electoral Commission  
changes in the new electoral registration forms.

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

To be sent online

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. John Pratt  
11/05/2023

Date:

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DAMIEN GEORGHIAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA CONFERENCE
CONFERENCE LOCATION	WESTLODGE HOTEL BANTRY
DATE OF CONFERENCE	2/3/23 - 4/3/23

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

Apprenticeship + Future Building Initiatives  
Recruitment + TRAINING

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF APPRENTICES WAS  
Quite INFORMATIVE

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

I received HANDOUTS.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. 

Date: 06/03/23

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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	AIRC TRAINING - (Electoral reform)
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Limerick
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/2/03

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

A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

New system in place in regards to the Register of Electorate.

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

No

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. J. Murphy

Date: 28/2/03

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOE CONWAY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	IRISH GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
CONFERENCE LOCATION	BELFAST: ULSTER MUSEUM
DATE OF CONFERENCE	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2023.

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

Geological impact and implications for climate change, flood management and seismology in Ireland.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Potential for Carbon Capture & Sequestration; Extreme weather events; Geothermal potential in Ireland; new accuracies in Irish seismology; logainmneacha, and what they reveal about our geology.

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

However, the attached resume indicates relevant sessions - and these can be augmented for other members, as the need arises

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr.

Date:

11/3/2023.

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IRISH GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH MEETING: Ulster Museum 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

The format of this annual seminar is one which has a wide variety of talks/questions/discussions. I will endeavour to indicate those that have probable interest and applicability to our work as Councillors.

**In-situ mineral carbonation potential of Ireland Jonathan Alexander.**

(j.alexander3@universityofgalway.ie), D. McNamara<sup>2</sup>, T. Henry<sup>1,3</sup> 1 Earth and Ocean Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, University of Galway; 2 School of Earth, Ocean and Ecological Sciences, University of Liverpool; 3 iCrag, SFI Research Centre in Applied Geosciences. This study identifies potential geological candidates in Ireland for in-situ mineral carbonation, an emerging CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage) technology that has demonstrated recent success at pilot projects in Iceland and the United States.

**Enhanced global weathering in response to Central Atlantic Magmatic Province across the Triassic–Jurassic transition.**

Georgia Ballabio<sup>1</sup> (georgia.ballabio@ucdconnect.ie), W. Xu<sup>1</sup>, D. Hnatyshin<sup>1</sup>, D. van Acken<sup>1</sup>, A.J. Dickson<sup>2</sup> & S.P. Hesselbo<sup>3</sup> 1 Department of Earth Sciences, University College Dublin, Dublin, IE; 2 Department of Earth Sciences, Royal Holloway University of London, UK; 3 Camborne School of Mines and Environment and Sustainability Institute, University of Exeter, Penryn Campus, Penryn, Cornwall, UK The Triassic–Jurassic transition (~201.5 Ma) is marked by abrupt positive and negative carbon isotope excursions in marine and terrestrial sedimentary records. This reflects global carbon cycle perturbations occurring in response to massive carbon release from volcanogenic degassing of the Central Atlantic Magmatic Province (CAMP). The subsequent doubling–tripling in atmospheric pCO<sub>2</sub> led to ocean acidification and the development of marine anoxia, thought to cause the end-Triassic mass extinction, one of the biggest mass extinctions of the Phanerozoic.

**What controls seismicity of Ireland and Britain? What controlled their Paleogene volcanism and uplift?**

Raffaele Bonadio<sup>1</sup> (bonadio@cp.dias.ie), S. Lebedev<sup>1,2</sup>, D. Chew<sup>3</sup>, J. Grannell<sup>1</sup>, P. Arroucau<sup>4</sup>, N. P. Agostinetti<sup>1,5</sup>, C. J. Bean<sup>1</sup> 1 Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, Ireland; 2 University of Cambridge, UK; 3 Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; 4 EDF-DIPNN-DI-TEGG, Aix-en-Provence, France ; 5 University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy. Ireland and Britain share their tectonic history and are both far from active plate boundaries. Their seismicity shows surprising lateral variations, with few earthquakes in Ireland but many low-to-moderate ones in the adjacent western Britain. Our new mapping of Ireland's seismicity, using new stations operating over the last decade, shows many more earthquakes than known previously but confirms the low seismicity rate.

**Assessing the impact of climate change to groundwater floods in Ireland**

Joan Campanya<sup>1</sup> (Joan.Campanya@setu.ie), Ted McCormack<sup>2</sup>, Owen Naughton<sup>1</sup> 1 South East Technological University, Ireland; 2 Geological Survey Ireland, Ireland A changing climate is expected to increase extreme weather and climate events in Ireland, such as prolonged dry periods, heavy rain episodes and prolonged warm spells. In particular, precipitation is expected to increase during Autumn and Winter months, which will impact the behaviour of groundwater floods, a geohazard prevalent in the limestone lowlands of Ireland that causes widespread disruption and damage to communities. In this study a quantitative approach was developed to assess the impact of climate change on groundwater floods in Ireland.

### Mapping Ireland's subsurface Temperature: De-risking Ireland's Geothermal Potential

Emma L. Chambers<sup>1</sup> ([echambers@cp.dias.ie](mailto:echambers@cp.dias.ie)), Y. Xu<sup>1,2</sup>, R. Bonadio<sup>1</sup>, J. Fulla<sup>1,3</sup>, S. Lebedev<sup>1,2</sup>, D. Kiyan<sup>1</sup>, B. O'Reilly<sup>1</sup>, C. J. Bean<sup>1</sup>, P. Meere<sup>4</sup>, M. Rezaeifar<sup>1</sup>, T. Ye<sup>1</sup>, A. Scully<sup>4</sup>, G. Tomar<sup>1</sup>, and the DIG team\* <sup>1</sup> Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Cosmic Physics, Geophysics Section, Dublin, Ireland; <sup>2</sup> University of Cambridge, Department of Earth Science, UK; <sup>3</sup> Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Department of Physics of the Earth and Astrophysics, Madrid, Spain; <sup>4</sup> University College Cork, School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Cork, Ireland. The De-risking Ireland's Geothermal Potential Project (DIG) aims to de-risk borehole drilling costs to promote geothermal energy in Ireland. High-quality maps of the geothermal gradient and temperature are essential when assessing the geothermal potential of a region. However, determining geothermal potential is a challenge as direct measurements of in situ temperature are sparse and individual geophysical methods are sensitive to a range of parameters, not solely temperature.

### Ireland's Fossil Heritage Jess Franklin1 ([jfranklin@ucc.ie](mailto:jfranklin@ucc.ie))

M. McNamara<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at University College Cork Ireland's Fossil Heritage is a science engagement project funded by Science Foundation Ireland, based at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences at University College Cork. The project aims to increase awareness of, and interest in, Irish fossils by offering a diverse range of free resources to the public.

### Reed Beds Decarbonising the health service heating systems.

Jon Gluyas<sup>1</sup> ([j.g.gluyas@durham.ac.uk](mailto:j.g.gluyas@durham.ac.uk)), Rob Raine<sup>2</sup> and Rioko Moscardini<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Durham Energy Institute, Durham University, DH1 3LE, UK; <sup>2</sup> Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, Belfast, BT4 3SB, UK; <sup>3</sup> University College Dublin, Dublin, DO4 V1W8, Ireland Geothermal energy in the UK is little exploited but sufficient heat exists beneath our feet to keep our buildings warm in winter and cool in summer by exploiting such a sustainable thermal source. That geothermal energy is little developed is a function of the availability and low cost of natural gas. Access to which ended in early 2022 and coupled with the need to decarbonise the UK's heating demand, geothermal energy looks like an exciting option. However, perceptions are important and UK geothermal is seen as untested – risky and with a low margin of return requiring stable contracts. It therefore does not fit well with a market used to dispatchable energy.

### High water risin'—risin' night and day: the rapid filling and draining of the High Burren's secret turlough.

Tiernan Henry<sup>1</sup>, <sup>3</sup> ([tiernan.henry@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:tiernan.henry@universityofgalway.ie)) and E. Doyle<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Earth and Ocean Sciences, School of Natural Science, University of Galway; <sup>2</sup> Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Clare County Council; <sup>3</sup> Irish Centre for Research in Applied Geosciences (iCRAG), University of Galway. The Gowlaun is mapped as a minor tributary of the Aille River in County Clare. At the confluence in Lisdoonvarna, however, observation and measurement show that at least 70% of the total flow is from the Gowlaun. This minor tributary is the dominant input to the system, rising at St Brendan's Well, but fed by a combination of surface and subsurface flows originating on Slieve Elva. Hydrological and meteorological data collected over a two-year period demonstrates the intimate relationship between water and geology, and highlights the importance of the only blanket bog in the high Burren in maintaining constant river baseflows, and feeding stormflows. Geological pinch points in the system also lead to the formation of a turlough that can rise in a number of hours, can persist for hours or days. GPS mapping was used to determine turlough capacities, and indicate filling and draining rates. This study has helped to unpick the story of the Gowlaun, to



highlight the importance of this river to the overall makeup of the Aille system, to relate rainfall to spring and river flows, and to support a citizen science project and a Young Scientist Award.

#### Crushed Returned Concrete as a Soil Amendment for Carbon Capture.

Ruadhan Magee<sup>1</sup> (ruadhan.magee@ucd.ie), F.McDermott<sup>1</sup>, M.Bryson<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Department of Earth Sciences, University College Dublin; <sup>2</sup> Silicate Carbon Limited, Institute of Technology Sligo, Ash Lane, Ballytivnan, Sligo, Ireland Silicate rocks exposed at the Earth's surface are broken down by carbonic acid ( $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). Bicarbonate ion ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) is produced as a product of this reaction, and in this soluble form carbon is carried to the ocean where it is stored for hundreds of thousands of years. By crushing silicate-bearing materials to a fine fraction and spreading them on the land surface, this natural reaction can be accelerated, and  $\text{CO}_2$  sequestered on timescales relevant to climate change.

#### Improved event detection achieved by recent upgrades to the Irish National Seismic Network (INSN).

Martin Möllhoff<sup>1</sup> (martin@dias.ie), D. Craig<sup>1</sup>, J.R. Grannell<sup>1</sup>, L. Collins<sup>1</sup>, C. Horan<sup>1</sup>, P. Grange<sup>1</sup>, C.J. Bean<sup>1</sup>, K. Verbruggen<sup>2</sup> and B. McConnell<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, Geophysics Section, 5 Merrion Square, Dublin 2, D02 Y006; <sup>2</sup> Geological Survey Ireland, Dept. of the Environment, Climate and Communications, Booterstown, Co Dublin, A94 N2R6 The INSN is operated by the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies (DIAS) and co-funded by DIAS and the Geological Survey Ireland (GSI). The network is mainly used to monitor seismic events and currently consists of 10 permanent seismic installations. The network operation has been significantly improved over the last five years.

#### Local Geology Treasure Trove found in Place Names.

Benjamin Thébaudeau Joyce Country and Western Lakes aspiring geopark, Tuar Mhic Éadaigh, Co. Mhaigh Eo Joyce Country and Western Lakes aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark in south county Mayo and north county Galway is characterised by the presence of two living languages, with a third of the region in the Gaeltacht (Irish speaking area). Knowledge of the Irish language helps to decode the landscape through its place names or logainmeacha: the names of rivers, lakes, islands and mountains, of the towns and villages and of the 60,000 townlands (the smallest historical land division). Place names can be associated with people, plants or animals but also with their geographical context whether current or historical. And significantly, they can also be associated with the local geology: places with many glacial erratics from the last Ice Age, significant karst features such as springs, swallow holes and turloughs, ore of economic interest or the colour of the local bedrock as found in the names of mountains.

#### Microplastics in lowland Irish karst aquifers.

Luka Vucinic<sup>1,3</sup> (vucinicl@tcd.ie), D. O'Connell<sup>1</sup>, D. Dubber<sup>1</sup>, Q. Crowley<sup>2</sup>, C. Coxon<sup>2</sup>, and L. Gill<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland; <sup>2</sup> Department of Geology and Trinity Centre for the Environment, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland; <sup>3</sup> Tetra Tech, Belfast, Northern Ireland Microplastics have been reported in various environments worldwide. Many studies have documented the occurrence of microplastic particles in the different bodies of water such as oceans, estuaries, and freshwater bodies. Nevertheless, investigations of microplastic contamination of groundwater are still extremely rare since microplastics presence in aquifers has been confirmed only in recent years. In this study, five karst springs in the West of Ireland have been sampled over five consecutive months for quantification and identification of microplastic particles using Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR).



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DATE OF CONFERENCE

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 LAMA Apprenticeship + Future Building Initiatives  
 Recruitment + Training  
 Westlodge Hotel Bantry  
 02nd March to 04th March

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

Future Housing / Building - Apprenticeships.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The seminar was mainly ~~about~~ around the need to build more houses + the different initiatives. Recruiting Apprenticeships has to be part of the process.

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

These will be shared online.

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. John Pratt

Date: 11/03/2023

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g) No other payment has been made to me or is payable to me in respect of the time(s), journey(s) or other matters set out herein.

h) I have not made, and will not make, any other claim for payment in respect of the time(s), journeys or other matters set out herein.

**\*\* Name of member (BLOCK CAPITALS):**

JOHN PRATT

**\*\* Signature of member:**

John Pratt

**\*\* Date:**

11/03/2023

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The Mall, Waterford.***



# Waterford City & County Council

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DAMIEN GEOWYELAN
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILE TRAINING
CONFERENCE LOCATION	PLADISSON BLD Limerick
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25/02/23

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

A Briefing on the ELECTORAL REFORM ACT

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Register of Electors. New system of Registering to VOTE.

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

I received HANDOUTS.

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.

Date:

06/03/23

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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	JOE CONWAY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	ATLG Elected Member Training: Module 1.
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Radisson Hotel, Limerick.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25. 2. 2023

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)  
 A briefing on the Electoral Reform Act.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative  
 The overview by the Franchise Official was particularly illuminating. This was augmented by a good and comprehensive explanation of the functions of an Commission Toighchain. Electoral Registration (new System) was dealt with, with associated awareness campaign.

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  
 Powerpoint presentations are on ATLG Website. Any member who needs further information on these is welcome to contact me.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Joe Conway

Date: 11/3/2023

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AILG Elected Member Training – Module 1 (In-Person) Feb. 2023

Radisson Hotel, Limerick 25/2/2023

### REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

The salient, new feature is Rolling registration, with a single live and responsive register. The process the same all year round - Register to close in advance of electoral event...and reopen the day after and so on.

It is a simplified process – all applications are to LA in first instance. Majority of engagement can be via a single, simple form, with Online registration/updating of details. Individual registration – no more household forms. Identity data cross-check via PPSN, data sharing provisions.

Single database for all LAs ensuring shared standards and improved data quality. Greater accessibility, New cohorts: Anonymous registration AND Pre-registration for 16/17 year olds. Standardised reference to people with no fixed address Reporting and oversight provided for the first time.

All applications made to LA in first instance (online an option) - PPSNs must be provided for all entries/amendments (cross-check) - Appeals to County Registrar One register, continuously updated -Extracts to be drawn as needed -Process at backend will remain largely as now. Introduction of oversight and reporting arrangements -Reporting to the Electoral Commission by Registration Authorities -Electoral Commission to report on the register annually.

Duties of Registration Authorities Section 20 of the Act, sets out overall duties of registration authorities: Maintaining the register: — Adding people entitled to be registered — Removing people not entitled to be registered — Updating — Correcting “to ensure a complete and accurate register” — Making the register available for inspection (excl AE).

Section 20A requires each registration authority annually to report to An Coimisiún Toghcháin on: • Activities undertaken to ensure the maintenance of a complete and accurate register for its registration area; • Activities undertaken to evaluate whether and how those activities have contributed to a complete and accurate register for its area.

### POLITICAL ADVERTISING AT ELECTIONS

Online ads will appear on Electoral Commission website in real time. There will be statutory vigilance on DISINFORMATION, MISINFORMATION, MANIPULATIVE OR INAUTHENTIC BEHAVIOUR.

These will be countered with take-down notices, correction notices, labelling orders or access blocked (in relation to illegal bot activity).

Electoral Commission has a current budget of €5.7m pa., and is Chaired by a Supreme Court Judge, with members Alex Atwood, Caroline Fennell, Peter Finnegan (Dáil Clerk), Maura Quinn, John Curran, and the Ombudsman (Ger Deering).



# Waterford City & County Council

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	GER BARRON
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA Seminar
CONFERENCE LOCATION	West Lodge Hotel Bantry
DATE OF CONFERENCE	2 March to 4 March

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

Apprenticeship and Future Building ~~with~~ Initiatives  
Recruitment & Training

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

The issue of Apprenticeship Training also the effort of the Dept to attract to the job market people from minority groups

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

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr. Ger Barron

Date: 7/03/23

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN DOOLEY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	LAMA SPRING SEMINAR
CONFERENCE LOCATION	BANTRY WESTLODER HOTEL
DATE OF CONFERENCE	2-4TH MARCH

<b>General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)</b>
APPRENTICESHIPS AND FUTURE BUILDING INITIATIVES RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING
<b>Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative</b>
HEALTH AND SAFETY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES MODERN BUILDING PRACTICES AND SAFETY TRAINING
<b>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</b>

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr. Declan Dooley

Date: 7-3-2023

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## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN DOOLEY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILE TRAINING PROGRAMME MODULE 1
CONFERENCE LOCATION	RADDISON BLU HOTEL LIMERICK
DATE OF CONFERENCE	25-2-2023

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

ELECTORAL REFORM  
DISCUSSED THE NEW ELECTORAL COMMISSION  
+ PART 3 OF ELECTORAL REFORM  
AND CHANGES TO ELECTORAL REGISTRATION FORMS

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

AS ABOVE A DISCUSSION ON ALL SUBJECTS  
AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF SOME TO DIFFERENT  
AREAS AND MEMBERS

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

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent ✓	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. Declan Dooley

Date: 27-3-2023

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

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN DOOLEY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	PRACTICAL GUIDE TO BUDGET 22
CONFERENCE LOCATION	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CARLINGFORD
DATE OF CONFERENCE	30-9-22 to 2-10-22

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

BUDGET BENEFITS TO PUBLIC IN UPCOMING  
Budget and advantages to CONSTITUENTS

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

ALL INCREASES IN SOCIAL WELFARE WAS  
EXPLAINED DUTIES AND TAX CHANGES AS WELL

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

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr Declan Dooley

Date: 27-12-2022

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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	LAMA Spring Seminar
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Bray Co. Dub.
DATE OF CONFERENCE	2 -> 4th March /23

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

Education / Training / Skills

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Presentation by representative of ETB regarding future building skills with particular emphasis on getting more females into workforce

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

No

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. 

Date: 7/3/23

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