

WATERFORD CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING 13TH MAY, 2021

**Item
No.**

MOTIONS

1. Motion in the name of Cllrs. J. Pratt, T. Phelan, S. Ryan & G. Barron

“That Waterford City & County Council write to Minister Eamonn Ryan and Minister Norma Foley regarding the anomaly between Eligible and Concessionary students for School Transport.”

Reg. No. 185 (dated, 25th April, 2021)

2. Motion in the name of Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

“That we the Members of Waterford City & County Council request that the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Transport, Mr. Eamon Ryan TD prioritises the planning, design and construction of the N24 Waterford to Limerick Corridor road project within the Review of the National Development Plan. This project is critical to the development of the South East region and to the achievement of national targets on addressing regional imbalance by connecting the cities of Waterford and Limerick, the South East, South West and Mid West Regions, Rosslare Europort, the Port of Waterford and existing strategic transport corridors including the M7 (Dublin - Limerick), M8 (Dublin-Cork) and M9 (Dublin-Carlow-Kilkenny-Waterford) motorways. It is further requested that this Notice of Motion be sent to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Paschal Donohue TD and Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr. Michael McGrath TD..”

Reg. No. 186 (dated, 27th April, 2021)

3. Motion in the name of Cllr. Damien Geoghegan

“That this Council calls on the Government in the light of Brexit and other market influences to recognise the strategic value of the South-East Ports in Rosslare and Belview, Waterford through

- *Strategic investment in the Ports, in particular through the purchase of additional land for the expansion of Rosslare Europort and the advance construction of Rosslare Europort Harbour Access Road.*
- *Amalgamation of the ports structure and governance to create a Tier 1 port as a combined entity.*
- *Designation of the combined entity as the service port for off-shore renewables in The Irish and Celtic Seas.”*

Reg. No. 187 (dated, 28th April, 2021)

4. Motion in the name of Cllrs. T. Phelan, J. Pratt, S. Ryan & G. Barron

“In light of the increased demand for and strain on bins and toilets at popular outdoor leisure and recreation locations throughout Waterford, which is leading to litter and other issues, we propose that the relevant Council officials complete the following in advance of the June plenary Council meeting:

A. Provide members with a brief report as to which public outdoor leisure locations (particularly beaches) are provided with serviced toilets and bins on a year-round basis, and which are provided with these facilities on a seasonal only basis (and for what durations). In addition to the above, the report should:

- i. specify the total cost for the provision of these services,*
- ii. include a subtotal for services provided year-round,*
- iii. include a subtotal for services provided seasonally,*
- iv. provide a projected cost for upgrading the provision of toilet and bin facilities at those locations where it is currently seasonal to a year-round basis for the remainder of this year and also for a full year basis for 2022; and in both instances to a level sufficient to meet demand.*

B. Having determined the projected cost of upgrading the provision of toilet and bin facilities from seasonal to full-time at relevant locations for the remainder of 2021, then further determine and advise members if there is any projected underspend of a similar amount in any area of our discretionary current budget, so that members can make an informed decision as to whether or not to resolve that the projected underspend so identified should be diverted to this purpose for the remainder of this year.

C. Having determined the projected cost of upgrading the provision of toilet and bin facilities at all current locations to a year-round basis for 2022, duly advise the Council of the full amount that would need to be allocated in next year’s budget so that members can be cognisant of this figure when voting on our budget for 2022 later this year.

The government has been indicating that Summer 2021 will be all about the outdoors due to the ongoing pandemic, so we must prepare accordingly. This motion would allow us to make appropriate increased provision for toilets and bins at relevant locations for the remainder of this year if budgetary possible, and if not to at least look ahead to making provision for this upgrade in next year's budget should members decide to do so having knowledge of the costs involved."

Reg. No. 188 (dated, 28th April, 2021)