

Waterford City and County Council
City Hall
The Mall
Waterford

Your Ref: HD/ AOS

FAO: Honor Dunphy

21st July 2022

Dear Ms Dunphy,

I refer to your correspondence dated 14th June 2022 regarding a motion that was adopted by Councillors at the May meeting of the Metropolitan District of Waterford City and County Council.

In response to the question, it should be noted that staffing is a matter for the operator concerned and the question should be directed to them, in this case, Bus Éireann.

It should be noted that, as with many industries, public transport operators are experiencing significant challenges in recruiting qualified staff following the economic and social constraints connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. These issues are further exacerbated when existing staff must also be absent at short notice after contracting COVID-19 or developing other illnesses. The impact of these absences is felt the most on low-frequency services (hourly or less frequent), where the time between services is extended with little opportunity for advance warning. The Authority and the operators have been working to try to ensure that such cancellations are minimised, that – where possible – consecutive services are not withdrawn, and that first and last daily services on a route operate.

Yours sincerely



Anne Graham
Chief Executive

** Letter referred to Bus Éireann, No response to date.*

Mandy Nolan Reade

Subject: FW: DES-CU-02756-2022

From: Correspondence Unit <no-reply@cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday 25 July 2022 16:08
To: Honor Dunphy <hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: DES-CU-02756-2022

Ms. Honor Dunphy
Meetings Administrator
Waterford & City Council

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Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I refer to your recent e-mail to the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley TD, relating to a request that a member of Waterford City & County Council is invited to sit on the Governing body of SETU.

The contents of your letter have been duly noted, however as this matter is more appropriate to the Minister's colleague, Mr. Simon Harris TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, you are advised to contact him directly at Minister_FHERIS@dfheris.gov.ie

Yours sincerely,

Derek Newcombe
Private Secretary

Mandy Nolan Reade

From: Correspondence Unit <Minister_FHERIS@dfheris.gov.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 26 July 2022 10:40
To: Mandy Nolan Reade
Subject: Our Ref: DFHE-CU-01397-2022

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Ms. Mandy Nolan Reade

26th July 2022

Dear Ms. Nolan Reade,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the correspondence to the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science Mr. Simon Harris T.D., regarding July Metropolitan Meeting .

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Aoife Molloy,

Private Secretary to Minister Simon Harris T.D.,
Minister for Further and Higher Education,
Research, Innovation and Science