



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

**Our Ref:** ER/AOS

24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Minister Simon Coveney TD,  
Minister's Office.  
Department of Housing  
Planning and Local Government  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Dear Minister Coveney,

The following motion was adopted at the April meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and asked that it be forwarded to you for your attention.

“This Council notes that, under current arrangements, a member who is unable to attend a meeting is listed as either absent or that they have sent apologies. Medical certification is not recorded or taken into account.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the Minister to authorise the following amendments:

- 1) In cases of medical issues / illness, a member can submit their certification and it is recorded as such.
- 2) In cases of medical issues / illness which is certified, the meetings missed are deleted from the overall meetings total for the particular member so that the 80% attendance rule is calculated on the basis of all meetings for the year minus those meetings that are missed on certified medical grounds.
- 3) Meetings that are not attended on the basis of certified medical grounds are recorded and published separately”.

Yours sincerely,

**Eddie Ruane**  
**Meetings Administrator**