



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge  
Waterford City & County Council

**Our Ref:** HD/AOS

15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

**To:** Each Local Authority

The following motion was adopted at the December meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017:

“In consideration and recognition of the brave women and men in the emergency services who put their lives at risk to save others, who again were not found wanting during the recent extreme weather conditions, and whose lives were put at unnecessary risk by individuals who entered the sea during the status Red weather alert,

This council calls on the Government to introduce legislation as quickly as possible, to make it an offence for a person or persons to enter the water, that being the sea or river, during a status Red weather warning.

To also make it an offence to enter the water, that being the sea or river, when the area has been closed by either the local council or the Gardai as a matter of public safety”.

Yours sincerely,

*Honor Dunphy*  
*Meetings Administrator*