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To: **Each Local Authority**

The following motion was adopted at a meeting of Waterford City and County Council held on 10th June, 2021.

“Adult literacy limitations can prevent people from taking a full and active part in our economy so it is vitally important that all possible supports are provided to deal with the issue. The Labour Court has made a recommendation in relation to a claim brought by SIPTU and TUI in respect of regularising the terms and conditions of Adult Education Tutors employed by Education and Training Boards. This recommendation has been under consideration by officials from the Department of Further and Higher Education; Research; Innovation and Science; the Department of Education; and, the Department of Public Expenditure. It is now over 5 months since the Minister of State at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (Niall Collins TD) in reply to a parliamentary question in early December 2020 said that the Labour Court recommendation was still under consideration by officials, and he did not advise when this would be completed. We propose that Waterford City & County Council write to Minister Simon Harris, and cc Ministers Michael McGrath and Norma Foley, and Minister of State Niall Collins, to call for the implementation of the Labour Court recommendation to be treated with the importance and urgency that it deserves.”

Yours sincerely,

Honor Dunphy

Meetings Administrator