

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER 2018**

ITEM NO. 28

**NEW NETWORK OF WATER FOUNTAINS AND BOTTLE-REFILL
STATIONS**

Motion: Councillor B. Martin. AI042354

“That this Council considers rolling out a new network of water fountains and bottle-refill stations across the County to help reduce the usage of single-use plastic water bottles as agreed by the Balbriggan/Swords Area Committee.”

Report:

It is noted in some media report that the EU is to oblige national governments to provide greater access to drinking fountains, encourage restaurants to offer free tap water, and raise the standards required of suppliers, as part of a move to clamp down on plastic waste and improve the health of Europeans. Further details do not seem to be available at this stage including how the Government would assign the responsibility for this proposal should it be adopted.

However it is planned to install drinking fountains at two locations in the Howth/Malahide Area in the next few weeks. Their usage will be monitored to assess effectiveness and to determine whether a further roll out should be considered.