

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER 2018

ITEM NO. 27

DRINKING WATER FOUNTAINS

Motion: Councillor D. Healy. A1041892

“That in the interests of reducing waste and litter the Council adopts a policy of providing public drinking water fountains where practical in parks, on streets, at beaches, and at other busy locations throughout the County?”

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.