

NOTICE OF MOTION – SEPT 2017

14.17. Change System of Home Help Hours

Notice of Motion from Councillor Ward - 14/17

“I am calling on the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris TD, the Government and the HSE to change the present system of putting people on waiting list for a number of months for home help hours after they have been assessed and approved by the HSE. I am also calling for increase home help hours from two and quarter hours per week to seven hours per week.”

REPLY:

This motion requires a resolution of the Council.

15.17. Home Care Support Scheme

Notice of Motion from Councillor Leyden - 15/17

“That Roscommon County Council support increased home help hours and home care packages through the Home Care Support Scheme to be made available in County Roscommon.”

REPLY:

This motion requires a resolution of the Council.

16.17. Verge Trimming

Notice of Motion from Councillor Connaughton - 16/17

“That Roscommon County Council provide sufficient funding from 2018 to ensure all roadsides in the county are trimmed annually (including hedging) in the interest of safety to the public. The option of full privatisation to a large number of contractors should be considered as the current number of outdoor staff is not sufficient to carry out the proposed increased workload.”

REPLY:

Landowners are responsible for the cutting, trimming and maintenance of roadside trees and hedges which are a hazard or potential hazard to road users or interfere with the maintenance of the road. A public road means from fence to fence and includes grass margins. It is the policy of the Council to carry out hedge trimming where it is required to facilitate road works or safety works only.

The Council also carries out verge trimming. This operation is targeted at the most heavily trafficked roads and at junctions where sight distance is impeded by vegetation. Each Municipal District Engineer examines the budgets and local situation and takes whatever action considered necessary within the resources available. The trimming of verges is done during the spring and summer months. It will not be possible, having regard to the

resources available, to carry out this work on all local roads. Priority will be given to locations where sight distances are restricted by vegetation.

Hedge and verge cutting operations in the county are partially privatised. The service is carried out through the hire of machinery and driver or the hire of machinery with a Council driver. The funding of hedge and verge trimming is financed from road maintenance allocations which are not adequate to meet all maintenance requirements. These limited allocations also fund pothole repairs, drainage etc.

17.17. An Garda Síochána Recruitment Process

Notice of Motion from Councillor Kilduff - 17/17

In light of technological developments and indeed the widespread use of social media both of which are extensively used and sometimes abused Roscommon County Council calls on the Minister for Justice to develop robust screening and selection processes for recruitment and graduation to An Garda Síochána in order to ensure that only individuals with the right character, integrity and moral compass are allowed to enter the force.”

REPLY

This motion requires a resolution of the Council.