

Mayor & Members

I refer to the following Notice of Motion from Cllr Noel Collins which is on the Agenda for the Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September:-

***“That this Council request the appropriate Minister to make an order redrawing the county boundaries to include the waters of the harbours in which development of either commercial or high profile nature has taken place in order to given the Council authority to develop and control such developments.”***

Reply

The current jurisdiction of the Council provides for the development of planning, policy and control of development within Cork Harbour and other harbours across the county coastline.

This is effected through the County Development Plan and the Local Area Plans in place and currently being reviewed for publication of new draft LAP's in November this year. In terms of control of development, this is effected through the development management system in line with the Planning and Development legislation.

In this context, the Council has a considerable remit in providing for planning policy and control of development.

As the motion refers to a redrawing of the county boundaries in the context of the "waters of the harbours", it is expected that the motion is not related to the review of the boundaries of city and county council. Members should note that this is a matter on which the council awaits hearing formally from government following completion and publication of the report of the independent review committee last year. In the circumstances, should the motion refer in any way to this matter, which is ongoing, then it would be appropriate for Council to await developments and not take any decisions that may be related to the matter.

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