

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**Meeting of the Full Council – 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**Councillor Seamus McGrath**

“To seek a report outlining the Council’s previous involvement, in whatever form, in the provision of public garden allotments across the County. Also, to request that further consideration is given towards utilising Council owned land as garden allotments, perhaps on an interim basis and particularly in the vicinity of large population bases”.

**REPORT**

The Council, with support from Leader and the local community did develop an allotment in Ballincollig. The overall cost of the project was circa €247,000. This was a 2.7 acre development and included provision of carparking, communal facilities etc.

The Council is supportive of the concept of allotments and will consider, through the Municipal Districts working with, local communities in developing allotments on Council land. It may not be possible in all cases for a permanent facility to be developed as the land might be required for use in the medium term. In looking at other sites soil samples and testing would need to be undertaken to ensure sites are suitable, infrastructure would also need to be provided (Water, Power, Storage areas, Toilet facilities, car parking etc.) as well as the security of the site.

It is envisaged that any such allotments would be developed by the local community with the assistance and support of the Municipal District.

**Mary Ryan,  
Director of Service,  
Municipal District Operations & Rural Development.**

**24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.**