

Press Releases - Council moves to paperless future - 02/06/00

Councillor Costello welcomes move to paperless Council

Councillor Eoin Costello has welcomed moves to make our Council a paperless one.

This week I received notification that councillors are to receive a laptop in the near future. Once all the Councillors have the laptops;

1. The issue of agendas, minutes and other official correspondence will be sent to Councillors via email.
2. Councillors will have to submit all business regarding Council/Committee meetings such as questions and motions, via email.

One point of concern is that the Council reserves the right to scrutinise all emails and determine the suitability of the contents of emails. This is somewhat compromising the confidentiality of a Councillor's correspondence. Also Councillors will not be able to access the Internet to carry out research. The laptops will be restricted to accessing the Council's intranet.

In responding to the move Councillor Costello said *"I feel that this move is very welcome. Every Council meeting generates almost 6000 sheets of paper in agendas, reports, answers to questions, maps etc. Not only must every councillor receive a copy of the above items before the Council meeting in the post but they also receive another copy of all this information at the Council meeting. There is no recycling of all this high quality paper. It's wastefulness that must stop!"*