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Subject: FW: Resolution passed at July's meeting- FAO Anne Maria Walsh

Anne Maria Walsh,
Meetings Administrator,
Kilkenny County Council,
County Hall,
John Street,
Kilkenny

Ref: DRCD-MO-00112-2020

Dear Ms Walsh,

I refer to your correspondence of 5 August 2020, which was forwarded to this Department by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

While the Minister for Rural and Community Development has governance oversight of Water Safety Ireland, the safe use of natural local amenities such as rivers, beaches and coastal areas and provision and maintenance of water safety equipment is a matter for local authorities under the Local Government Acts. The Minister has no function in this area.

This Department have also asked Water Safety Ireland to consider how it can assist with addressing the issue through education and advising the public as to safe use of water amenities.

I trust this has been of some help.

Yours sincerely

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