



# Local Authority Services National Training Group

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## 21st Annual Conference

### TOPIC

### Progressing a Single Water Utility Approach

With new legislative and funding arrangements being put in place, it is now timely to take stock of the significant progress achieved since Irish Water was established in 2014, working in collaboration with local authorities, in implementing new arrangements for delivering public Water Services and upgrading associated infrastructure. These arrangements are needed to meet consumer expectations and support the social and economic requirements of a growing economy. The WSTG Annual Conference provides a forum for taking stock of developments to date and updating on planned progress of initiatives in the period ahead.

### DATE

Thursday 7th September 2017

### VENUE

Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny

### OBJECTIVE

To provide the water industry with the opportunity to review developments to date, and to provide all stakeholders with a forum for discussion of topical issues.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Management and Engineering Personnel involved in:

- local authority delivery of water services
- Irish Water
- contractors and consulting engineers
- firms in the water industry supply chain

### PROGRAMME

(Overleaf)

### FEE

Conference Fee: €150 per person.

*CPD Points will be awarded to relevant staff attending this conference*

Tom Kirby, *Secretary,*  
July 2017.



An Roinn Títhíochta, Pleanála,  
Pobal agus Rialtais Áitiúil  
Department of Housing, Planning,  
Community and Local Government

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## Progressing a Single Water Utility Approach

09.00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.  
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### Registration

**Welcome** – *Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council/Chair WSTG*

**Address** – *Mr. Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government*

### Session 1 Chairperson

#### Facilitating Economic & Social Development Needs

*Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council/Member WSTG*

9.50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

#### Keynote – Irish Water Next Phase – Transforming to an Effective and Efficient Water Utility

*Mr. Jerry Grant, Managing Director, Irish Water*

10:20 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.

#### Water Services Meeting Local Planning Needs

*Mr. Joe MacGrath, Chair CCMA Executive/Chief Executive, Tipperary County Council*

10.50 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Tea/Coffee

### Session 2 Chairperson

#### National and International Policy Perspectives

*Mr. Seán Keating, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council/Member WSTG*

11:15 a.m. – 11.40 a.m.

#### New Legislative and Funding Arrangements

*Ms. Maria Graham, Assistant Secretary, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government*

11.40 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

#### The Challenges Facing Public Water Utilities across Europe

*Mr. Milo Fiasconaro, Executive Director, Aqua Publica Europea*

12.05 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.

#### Economic Regulation of Irish Water

*Ms. Sheenagh Rooney, Director of Water Regulation, CER*

12.30 p.m. – 12.50 p.m.

Questions and Answers

12:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

### Session 3 Chairperson

#### Investment and efficient delivery of infrastructure

*Mr. Stephen Dineen, Water Sector Policy, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government/Member WSTG*

2:00 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

#### Irish Water's revised Business Plan and Capital Outlook to 2028

*Mr. Chris McCarthy, Head of Finance, Irish Water*

2:25 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

#### Prioritising Capital Investment – Achieving a Balance

*Mr. Sean Laffey, Head of Asset Management, Irish Water*

2.50p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

#### Capital Investment 2017 to 2021 – Delivering to meet Priority Objectives

*Mr. Brian Sheehan, Head of Asset Delivery, Irish Water*

3.15 p.m. – 3.35 p.m.

Questions and Answers

3.35 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Tea/Coffee

### Session 4 Chairperson

#### Water Sector Reform – the delivery challenges

*Mr. Gerry Galvin, Chief Technical Officer, Irish Water/Member WSTG*

4.00 p.m. – 4.25 p.m.

#### Transformation - Delivering a Single Public Utility Model

*Mr. John Dempsey, WIOF Programme Director, Irish Water*

4.25 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

#### Post-Transition Legacy Issues – Progress Update

*Mr. Paddy Mahon, Chief Executive, Longford County Council*

4.45 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

#### Evolving a Safety Culture in the Water Industry

*Mr. Neil Lenehan, HSQE Manager, Irish Water*

5.15 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Questions and Answers

5.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.

#### Closing Address

5.45 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Wine reception sponsored by IPBMI

6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Conference dinner