

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

Arts, Culture, Heritage and Community Strategic Policy Committee

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Item No. 5

Eliminating Plastic Waste in our Libraries

Councillor J. Hopkins - AI088870

"That the Chief Executive consider introducing water fountains and segregated recycling facilities in our Libraries to encourage the use of reusable water bottles and discourage the use of disposable water and sugary/caffeinated drinks specifically for students using our Libraries."

Reply:

At the moment we do not have public water fountains in Fingal Libraries. Students are encouraged to bring water as required when studying or using our services. If someone requires water, staff are always happy to help.

It is noted that some outdoor public water fountains have been installed by Operations across the County. There may be an opportunity for Libraries and Operations to work together in the future in considering locations adjacent to our Public Libraries.

In relation to the segregation of waste, while this is something we do on the staff side of Libraries, it is not always possible due to space or service constraints. It is something that will be considered as we go forward.

Source of Reply:
Lilian Whelan