

Corporate Services, City Hall, Merchant's Quay, Limerick.

16th August, 2013.

To: Each Local Authority

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I write to inform you that at the July 2013 Monthly Meeting of Limerick County Council, the following resolution was adopted and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for support:

"That, Limerick County Council calls on the Government to carry out a serious review of its present policies on Free Legal Aid with a view to having people who currently qualify for Free Legal Aid making a substantial contribution themselves; and that having been means-tested as eligible for Free Legal Aid, applicants would select from a panel of the legal profession, directly employed by the State on a fixed annual salary; and that recipients of Free Legal Aid should have the cost associated with this aid paid back through the following ways: (i) if in receipt of Social Welfare, a weekly deduction should be taken from same, (ii) if a property owner, a charge should be put on this property which could be collected with interest if that property is sold in the future, or handed down."

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Eugene Griffin, County Secretary.



