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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 2nd May 2017**

**MOTION NO.13**

 **MOTION: Councillor E. Fanning**

 That this Council calls for the banning of any use of glyphosate in or close to public parks, public playgrounds and public gardens. (Glyphosate is a broad-spectrum systemic herbicide and crop desiccant used to kill weeds, especially annual broadleaf weeds and grasses)

 **REPORT:**

 European Commission made a decision in January 2017 to register a European Citizens Initiative (ECI) relating to targeting a ban on glyphosate.

 The ECI proposal is as follows:  "to propose to Member States a ban on glyphosate, to reform the pesticide approval procedure, and to set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use".

 European Citizens Initiatives were introduced with the Lisbon Treaty in 2012, with the aim of giving citizens a direct mechanism to propose change.

 The Commission registered the above ECI and now formally recognises it.  The ECI concerned has a period of 1 year to collect at least 1 million signatures of EU citizens from at least 7 member States after which the Commission must react within a 3 month period.

 This ECI has no impact on the current regulatory framework, which remains unchanged from that previously outlined i.e. the current EU approval of glyphosate extends to the end of 2017 or 6 months from the receipt of the final ECHA review on glyphosate.

 Therefore, Member States all retain registrations containing glyphosate subject to a further EU renewal of glyphosate in 2017.

 Should the EU Commission and the Member States decide otherwise Ireland, and South Dublin County Council, will take the necessary and appropriate regulatory actions.

 In the interim, South Dublin County Council will continue to abide by existing regulatory framework.

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