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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday, June 12, 2017**

**MOTION NO.6**

**MOTION: Councillor S. Holland**

That this Council make a submission to the consultation on the Draft River Basin Management Plan, to include a map of invasive species (including Japanese Knotweed) in this County and a plan for eradication, together with a request for support for affected homeowners.

**REPORT:**

As reported previously to the County Council and Area Committee meetings in 2016 and to date in 2017, an exercise to survey and map locations where Japanese Knotweed is in existence in the County is under way.  To date the Dodder river has been surveyed and mapped in its entirety while the Owendoher River and Whitechurch Stream have been surveyed and mapped in part.  The surveying and mapping on the Owendoher River and Whitechurch Stream has now recommenced and will be completed soon while the survey of the Dodder will be reviewed to determine if any changes have occurred since it's completion. In addition to these areas there are a number of known locations around the County where Japanese Knotweed is in existence and these have been mapped and are the subject of an existing treatment programme.  While some treatment of areas on the Dodder, Owendoher and Whitechurch stream has occurred in the past it is planned that an extensive treatment programme, informed by the information gleaned from the surveying and mapping exercise, will commence in September of this year and will run for the recommended period of 4 to 5 years until such time as the problem has been eradicated.  It is known that the problem exists on private property in some areas and the Council intends to inform owners or property affected in this way.

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