

03 March 2023

To: All Local Authorities

Re: Motion of Westmeath County Council

A Chara,

At the recent meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 27 February 2023, the following resolution was passed, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

"That Westmeath County Council would write to the Finance Minister to request immediate action using the expertise available to design and implement a comprehensive regional public banking system that makes full use of the remaining financial services infrastructure in local towns and other areas in this county to deliver an essential local banking service to local communities and businesses that would augment the work of post offices and credit unions and give local people and business real finance and borrowing options and keep local towns thriving."

I would be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the Elected Members at the next meeting of the Local Authority.

Mise le meas,

Anne Galvin,

Meetings Administrator,

Corporate Services.