

02 April 2024

**To: All Local Authorities**

**Re: Resolution from the Members of Westmeath County Council**

A Chara,

At the recent meeting of Westmeath County Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the following resolution was passed, with cross-party support for the motion, and it was agreed to circulate it to all Local Authorities for your attention:

***“That Westmeath County Council supports the IFA ‘enough is enough’ campaign, recognises the significant contribution that farming, and the Agri-sector make to the Irish and local economy and the farmers contribution to date on climate mitigation measures, and acknowledges the income challenge on Irish farmers arising from the significant increases in the cost of doing business, regulatory costs and cuts in Basic Income supports for farmers.***

***The Council calls on the Government to introduce no further regulations on farmers or any measures that may increase costs on farms without full negotiation and agreement with the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) and that the council calls on the EU and the Government to provide additional standalone funding, separate to the Common Agricultural Policy, to support farmers in undertaking climate action and biodiversity measures. Furthermore, the Council calls on the Government to introduce a Land Regulatory Authority to assist and protect the farming community.”***

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,



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