

27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Update to TEEU Water Services Members

Dear Members,

As you will be aware, at the IWCG meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Irish Water stated they wish to exit the Service Level Agreement by 2021 through negotiation and that in the meantime they would continue to honour all agreements.

You will be aware that since then, the Unions have sought separate meetings with the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, with Local Authority management and with Irish Water. At Wednesday's joint TEEU/SIPTU National Water Committee meeting, the committee was appraised of the initial meetings that have taken place with Sinn Fein, Labour and Fianna Fail. The IWCG unions are scheduled to meet with the Minister early this week.

The Committee also outlined their concerns at the recent inaccurate media reports, which serve to misinform the public and further the cause of those forces who continue to seek the eventual privatisation of our water services. We note that subsequently, Irish Water have issued further correspondence confirming the media articles were inaccurate and did not reflect the current position of Irish Water. Furthermore, at Wednesday's meeting it was outlined that the overwhelming views of our members across the country is against being transferred out of the Local Authorities and out of the jurisdiction and protections of the Public Service Agreement.

The TEEU/SIPTU joint Water Committee have decided to convene a meeting of water service shop stewards and representatives nationally in January 2018, the details and agenda of which will be finalised and issued shortly. It is also agreed that local meetings should be convened in every county in the interim to ascertain the views of our members, which will inform the Sector Committee's position.

We will advise members further in due course.

Yours Fraternally,



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