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## **CRU Information Note**

### **Irish Water's Proposed Connection Charging Policy**

#### **Purpose of this Information Note**

The CRU is publishing this Information Note to update interested parties on the establishment of Irish Water's enduring Connection Charging Policy. The CRU understands that there are parties currently seeking connection to the water/wastewater network and are awaiting the establishment of the enduring Connection Charging Policy.

#### **Project Update**

On 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018 the CRU published its consultation paper on Irish Water's proposed Connection Charging Policy. The consultation was open for comments from the public for 10 weeks and closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. The CRU expected to reach a proposed decision in Q3 2018 however this timeline has now changed and the CRU instead expects to reach a proposed decision in Q4 2018.

In April 2018, following careful consideration of the responses received to the consultation, the CRU provided feedback to Irish Water on its proposals. In June 2018, Irish Water submitted a revised connection policy and charges to the CRU.

Following further CRU review and analysis, and in discussion with Irish Water, it has been agreed that further detailed analysis is needed on certain elements of Irish Water's proposals. This is to ensure that Irish Water's proposals reflect to the best extent possible, the underlying costs of connections, taking account of issues raised in the consultation responses. Irish Water has committed to completing this work and submitting revised proposals to the CRU in August 2018.

The views of the public underpin CRU decisions, and therefore the CRU seeks to fully inform the public prior to reaching any final decisions. For this reason, and as previously indicated, the CRU will first reach a proposed decision on Irish Water's proposed Connection Charging Policy. It is intended to publish this proposed decision in Q4 2018. The proposed decision will indicate the CRU's position regarding Irish Water's proposals, and at that stage the public will be invited to comment again on any additional information. Thereafter, the CRU will endeavour to reach a final decision by the end of 2018.