

## **Water Fountains and Microwaves**

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### **Council notes:**

1. Many buildings have water fountains installed. Each floor of the library and some entrance areas have them installed.
2. Suttie Centre on Foresterhill campus is in addition, also equipped with a hot water dispensers and microwaves.
3. The water fountain in MacRobert Building was previously removed and reinstated.
4. Some major buildings are lacking water fountains e.g. Fraser Noble Building where one is available in a discrete staff/common room, but not in the entrance hall next to the vending machines, as well as King's College and Edward Wright Building etc.
5. Bottled water, which is widely available on campus, is expensive for many on a student budget and has a negative impact on the environment. It is unhygienic and physically difficult to refill bottles using the taps in toilets.
6. AUSA provides water fountains and microwaves in areas such as the reception of the Students' Union Building (SUB) and previously in the computer suite.

### **Council believes:**

1. Water fountains should be provided in high foot traffic locations of all buildings, and at the very least one should be placed alongside each set of vending machines (coffee machines require a water supply anyway so there is hardly any technical difficulty) or other food/drink outlet points.
2. Areas such as the canteen in the SUB and other hot drink/food outlets should also have hot water outlet points and microwaves ready for students to use. The ground floor of the library should have hot water available. These would help students, whom often spend long hours on campus have easy and free access to hot food and drink. This would especially help students on a tight budget and those who live far from campus. It would also reduce waste created by disposable coffee cups etc.

### **Council resolves:**

1. A small group of sabbatical officers and students should arrange to meet with the appropriate management section of the University to discuss the provision of water fountains and microwaves of planned future developments on campus.
2. AUSA to lobby the University to increase the number of water fountains and microwaves in existing buildings.