

## **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 had been removed.
4. Some major buildings are lacking water fountains (for example: Fraser Nobel, where one is available in a discrete staff/ common room, but not in a main area like the entrance hall where there are only vending machines.
5. Other buildings such as the Union building, King's college and Edward Wright Building are also lacking water fountains. There are no microwaves for students to use on King's campus.
6. 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.

### **Council Believes:**

1. Water Fountains should be provided in high foot traffic locations of all buildings. But 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 Union building 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.
2. This failing/ in addition AUSA should take initiative by providing these in AUSA run areas. In particular: AUSA should consider providing them in the Union building, currently undergoing development.