

**Local Electoral Area  
Boundary Committee No. 2  
Report 2018**

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### **Attachments**

Larger maps of local electoral areas are included in the plastic pouch inside the back cover of this report in respect of Dublin City and Ireland.

## **Presentation of Report to Minister**

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Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local  
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### **Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2 Report 2018**

Dear Minister

You appointed us on 13th December 2017 as members of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2 to review and make recommendations on the division of the local authority areas of Dublin City, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin. This involved reviewing the division, into local electoral areas, of these local authority areas, which are currently divided into 26 local electoral areas and represented by 183 Councillors. You subsequently appointed us, on 21 March 2018 to review and make recommendations on the division of local authority areas in Cork City and, on 3 May 2018, Galway City. These two Cities are currently divided into 9 local electoral areas and represented by 49 Councillors.

The Committee observed its statutory requirements in preparing its report and recommendations in accordance with the terms of reference and within the time period which you prescribed for this task.

On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to submit to you a completed report of our recommendations in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tom O'Mahony  
Chairperson  
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2

13 June 2018

## **Glossary of terms**

### **The Committee**

The Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2, established by Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform.

### **Electoral divisions**

These are the smallest administrative areas for which population statistics are published. There are 3,441 electoral divisions in the State. Electoral divisions are referred to by their established statutory names. In some cases, these names differ from addresses and place names currently used.

### **Local electoral areas or electoral areas**

Under local government legislation, the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government is responsible for dividing each city, county, and city and county (Limerick and Waterford) into local electoral areas (also referred to as electoral areas) for the purposes of local elections. Generally, a number of electoral divisions are grouped to form a local electoral area.

## 1. **Legislation, Programme for Government Context and Terms of Reference**

### **Legislation - Legal provisions on local electoral areas:**

**Section 23** of the Local Government Act 2001 empowers the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to divide a local authority area into local electoral areas and to amend those areas.

However, in advance of deciding to make an order under section 23 of the Act, the Minister must, in accordance with section 32(2) of the Local Government Act 1991, request a boundary committee to make a report having regard to such matters as may be specified by the Minister.

The Minister must publish the report of the boundary committee and must have regard to the report of that committee when deciding to make an order on local electoral area boundaries.

Boundary committees are independent in the performance of their functions and stand dissolved on the expiration of such period of time as may be specified by the Minister at the time of a committee's establishment.

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No 1 and No 2 were established with reference to sections **28, 32 and 33 of the Local Government Act 1991**.

**Section 28** provides that -

- the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government may establish a boundary committee;
- a boundary committee is independent in the performance of its functions.

**Section 32** provides that the Minister may request a boundary committee to prepare a report –

- with respect to the boundary of any district or division based on a local government boundary and used for any public administration purpose related to local government;
- with respect to any matter specified by the Minister relating to local government.

**Section 33** provides that -

- a boundary committee shall review the boundaries requested by the Minister, and make such recommendations as it considers necessary, and report to the Minister;
- a boundary committee shall have regard to such considerations as the Minister specifies;
- in preparing a report, a boundary committee shall consult any local authority concerned and shall have regard to any such consultation and submissions made;
- where the report relates to a boundary of a county or a county borough (city) a committee shall publish a notice inviting submissions from any person concerned;
- the committee shall have regard to any such consultations and submissions made.

## **Programme for Government Context**

The Programme for a Partnership Government sets out a number of commitments in relation to local government reform to ensure that local government funding, structures and responsibilities strengthen local democracy into the future.

In particular, the Programme includes a commitment to consider reducing the territorial size of local electoral areas.

Against this background, on 13 December 2017, the Minister of State announced the establishment of two independent boundary committees to review local electoral areas and to report with recommendations within six months. Both the membership of each committee and their accompanying terms of reference were published as part of the Minister's announcement.

Committee No. 1 was requested to report and make recommendations on every county, other than Cork, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Galway and South Dublin, as well as on Limerick City and County and Waterford City and County. For these Councils, the number of councillors should be not less than 5 and not more than 7 for each local electoral area, provided that in particular compelling circumstances, 3 or 4 seat local electoral areas may be recommended.

Committee No. 2 was tasked with reporting and making recommendations on Dublin City, and the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin. For these Councils the number of councillors should be not less than 5 and not more than 7.

It was, in addition, announced at that time, that terms of reference would also be established for the review of local electoral areas in Cork and Galway in due course.

On 6 June 2018, the Government approved the General Scheme of a Local Government Bill 2018 which will give effect to the alteration of the boundary between Cork City and County Councils, extending the administrative area of the city council. It is understood that drafting of the Bill is proceeding with a view to early publication and enactment. The Bill also contains provision for the appointment of a single chief executive with dual responsibility for Galway City and County Councils. This will enable administrative integration of the two authorities in preparation for full unification which the Government has decided in principle to implement by 2021, as recommended by an Expert Advisory Group in April 2018. Elections to both councils, as independent authorities, will take place in 2019 on the basis of electoral areas to be determined in light of this report.

The review of local electoral areas in Cork was announced on 21 March 2018 with Committee No. 1 being requested to expand its original remit and to undertake the review of local electoral areas in Cork County and Committee No. 2 being assigned a similar task in respect of Cork City. In addition, Committee No. 1 was also asked on 3 May 2018 to carry out a review in relation to Galway County and Committee No. 2 again being assigned a similar task in respect of Galway City on the basis that the terms of reference would be similar to those for the other local authorities they were already tasked with reviewing.

## **Terms of Reference**

The Minister of State, Mr. John Paul Phelan, T.D., appointed the Committee on 13 December 2017 to review and make recommendations on the division of Dublin City and the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin into local electoral areas, and to make recommendations on the number of members of each council to be assigned to each local electoral area.

### **Committee No.2 - Terms of Reference:**

1. To review and to make recommendations on the division of Dublin City and the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin into local electoral areas and the number of members of each city or county council to be assigned to each such electoral area.
2. For the purpose of the review, the Committee should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016, should assume no change in the total membership of each local authority specified in the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and should endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other requirements of these terms of reference, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%.
3. The number of councillors assigned to a local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7.
4. Local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban villages or have a neighbourhood focal point (or points), taking due account of local and community identities and linkages and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances or over multiple urban villages, or which divide individual urban villages or natural communities.
5. The committee should take account of the desirability, where it may be possible to do so, of aligning local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries.
6. The Committee shall have regard to Government policy in relation to local government, including any further reports, statements or decisions in that regard during the course of the review, and to any further guidance or requirements issued by the Minister.
7. The Committee may also be asked to make recommendations on the division of Cork and Galway into local electoral areas. The Terms of Reference for that purpose will be set out in due course.

The Terms of Reference for the review of Cork County and of Galway County are to be found at Appendix IV.

**Committee Reports:**

Committee No. 1 and Committee No.2 are required to report as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than six months after their establishment (i.e. 13 June 2018), to allow for implementation of each report's recommendations sufficiently well in advance of the 2019 local and European elections.

Following consideration of each committee's report, the necessary statutory instruments revising local electoral areas will be made in accordance with sections 4 and 23 of the Local Government Act 2001.

By way of additional background, the last such Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee was established in November 2012 and reported on 29 May 2013, twelve months in advance of the 2014 local elections. The recommendations in the report of the committee were accepted in full by the then Minister and the statutory instruments giving effect to them were made in January 2014.

## 2. Summary Table of Recommendations

### Total number of elected members

The total number of elected members and the number of members within each city and county was not changed from the current configurations, as outlined in the Committee's terms of reference.

### Number of members representing each local electoral area

The following table shows the overall number of local electoral areas by size (i.e. 5 to 7 members) recommended by the Committee.

**Table 1: Recommended local electoral areas by size**

	<b>5 members</b>	<b>6 members</b>	<b>7 members</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Number of Local Electoral Areas</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total number of members</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>232</b>

The number of members to be assigned to individual local authorities and the number and size of the local electoral areas for each council is set out in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Recommended Local Electoral Areas by local authority**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Number of members</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total no. of local electoral areas</b>
<b>Cork City</b>	31	-	4	1	<b>5</b>
<b>Dublin City</b>	63	5	4	2	<b>11</b>
<b>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</b>	40	-	2	4	<b>6</b>
<b>Fingal</b>	40	4	1	2	<b>7</b>
<b>Galway City</b>	18	-	3	-	<b>3</b>
<b>South Dublin</b>	40	4	1	2	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>39</b>

### **3. Appointment of Committee and Working Methods**

#### **Appointment and Membership**

The order establishing the Committee was signed by the Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr John Paul Phelan, T.D. on 13 December 2017. Minister Phelan subsequently appointed the Committee, on 21 March 2018 to review Cork City and on 3 May to review Galway City. The following persons were appointed as members:

- Tom O'Mahony, former Secretary General at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (Chairperson)
- Peter Caulfield, former Director of Services, Fingal County Council;
- Professor Tom Collins, Chair of the Governing Body, Dublin Institute of Technology;
- Anne O'Keeffe, former Director, the Office for Local Authority Management;

#### **Consultation Arrangements**

The Committee undertook three public consultations from 17 January 2018, inviting submissions to inform its work. This included an initial call for submissions and, subsequently, a second and third call for submissions in relation to the Cork and Galway reviews.

A deadline date of 19 February 2018 was set for the receipt of submissions in relation to the first consultation undertaken. Subsequent deadline dates of 9 May and 31 May were set for submissions in respect of Cork and Galway respectively.

Having regard to the timeframe for the review, the Committee decided that it would only accept written submissions, in electronic form or hard copy.

#### Advertisements

Public notice advertisements inviting submissions were initially published in the national newspapers and sixty one local papers. A notice inviting submissions in Irish was also placed in the Irish language newspaper Seachtain. Further advertisements appeared in the national newspapers and relevant local papers on 11 April and 8 May 2018 in respect of the Cork and Galway reviews. Copies of the notices are at Appendix II.

#### Letters

At the Committee's request the secretariat wrote directly on 17 January 2018 initially and on 10 April in relation to Cork and on 8 May regarding Galway specifically, inviting submissions from the following:

- The Cathaoirligh of the 31 local authorities, for attention of all Members;
- The 31 local authority Chief Executive Officers;
- Members of the Dáil and Seanad;
- Irish Members of the European Parliament, and;
- All registered political parties.

The request for submissions was copied to the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA), the County and City Management Association (CCMA), the Local Authorities Members Association (LAMA) and the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG).

### Boundary Committees Website

The website [www.boundarycommittee.ie](http://www.boundarycommittee.ie) was established to publicise and inform in relation to the work of the Committee. Updates were provided regarding the appointment of the Committee to review Cork and Galway. All requests for submissions, by way of public advertisement or letter, were published on the website. Submissions received by the relevant deadline dates were published on the website. Reminders in relation to the deadlines for receipt of submissions were also posted online.

### Submissions

A total of 445 submissions were made by 424 contributors to both Committee No. 1 and Committee No.2 in respect of the review of all local authorities up to the final deadline of 31 May 2018. Of these, 135 of these submissions refer specifically to the review undertaken by Committee No. 2. They included submissions specific to particular local authorities and also general submissions and observations on more than one local authority and regarding the review in general.

Submissions were received from a range of individuals, public representatives, local authorities, political parties and community and business organisations. The submissions received provided a clear overview of the issues and challenges faced by various communities and the value of well-balanced representation.

The Committee would like to acknowledge and thank all those who made submissions. All submissions received were examined carefully and information and issues raised provided an invaluable input to the deliberations of the Committee.

Table 3 below provides a breakdown of the submissions to Committee No. 2 based on their source.

**Table 3 Breakdown of Submissions made to Committee No. 2 by Source**

Source of Submission	Number
Political Parties and Branches	18
Public Representatives	39
Local Authorities	3
Organisations	11
Individuals	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>

A full list of the submissions received is at Appendix III.

### **Work of the Committee**

In accordance with Part V of the Local Government Act 1991, the Minister provided the Committee with staff to assist in its work.

The Secretariat to the Committee were Emer Connolly, Principal, Tom Gallagher, Assistant Principal, Ian Stuart-Mills, Administrative Officer and David Harbourne, Executive Officer. The Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the very high standard of the Secretariat's work, which was at all times thorough and meticulous.

The Committee adopted rules of procedure to assist it in its business. These are set out at Appendix I.

The Committee held 7 meetings between January 2018 and June 2018. All matters arising at meetings of the Committee were agreed by consensus, and without the need to use the voting arrangements provided for in the rules of procedure.

## **4. Application of the terms of reference and issues arising**

### **General issues**

The local electoral areas recommended in this report are formed on the basis of the population as ascertained at Census 2016. Overall, the population of the State rose by 3.8% between census 2011 and census 2016. The counties and cities reviewed by the committee represent the local authority areas with some of the highest rates of population growth in the State over that period. Under the terms of reference only the population changes and movements within each county or city area were relevant to the recommendations of the committee.

The terms of reference of the Committee are similar in some respects to those used in previous reviews; however they also contain changed elements. Against this background, the Committee was mindful of the impact of possibly significant changes in the configuration of local electoral areas following the review. During its meetings as part of the review process, the Committee sought to strike an appropriate balance between the different elements of the terms of reference having regard to the unique environment, population distribution and circumstances of each local authority area resulting in a recommendation for each that is uniquely tailored to that specific combination of circumstances. Each recommendation required a balance of all relevant factors such as population, extent of urban and rural population density, geography and topography, as well as consideration of community linkages. The application of these terms of reference collectively made for the formulation of local electoral areas with an emphasis on communities; whether based around larger or smaller urban areas.

All recommendations were reviewed for consistency and adherence to the terms of reference.

The following paragraphs outline in general terms how the Committee addressed the various elements of the terms of reference. Individual analysis is provided in each county and city report in relation to the recommendations of the Committee.

### **Population and Representation ratios between local electoral areas**

The Committee was requested to endeavour, as in previous reviews, as far as practicable and subject to the other requirements of these terms of reference, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. The committee have ensured that the acceptable range applies in all of their recommendations. The Committee, in arriving at its recommendations, has sought in each case to minimise the variance from the local authority average while at the same time taking account of the other considerations in the terms of reference. The largest variations from the local authority average population per member arising from the recommendations of the Committee would occur in the Palmerstown-Fonthill electoral area (+7.5%) of South Dublin County Council and in the South East Inner City electoral area (-7.7%) of Dublin City Council. The scope for the Committee to minimise variations was bounded by the need to take account of other considerations, including for example, local and community identities and linkages, as well as clearly defined boundaries.

## **Membership per Local Electoral Area**

Unlike the 2013 review, the terms of reference for this review do not allow for 8, 9 or 10 seat local electoral areas and the maximum number of members allowable per electoral area is 7, with the minimum being 5. There are local electoral areas with over 7 seats in five of the six local authorities reviewed by the committee and these required the recommendation of changes to comply with the terms of reference.

## **Alignment of local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries**

The terms of reference for the review of the four Dublin local authorities asked that the committee take account of the desirability, where it may be possible to do so, of aligning local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries. The committee gave this issue due consideration in each of the four local authority areas and found that it was possible to improve the alignment of local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and in South Dublin. However, it was not possible to completely align local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries in any of the four Dublin local authority areas.

## **Local and community identities**

The terms of reference provided that as well as the focus on urban villages and neighbourhood focal point (or points); the Committee should take due account of local and community identities and linkages and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members. The terms of reference also included the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances or over multiple urban villages, or which divide individual urban villages or natural communities.

The Committee reviewed six local authorities that were predominantly urban in nature. Some areas within these local authorities were also less urbanised and less densely populated rural areas. The committee's consideration of issues concerning community identities and linkages therefore drew on factors such as particular town and urban village affinities, settlement patterns, topography, dominant natural physical features such as the location of major roads, railway lines, and more general accessibility issues between areas.

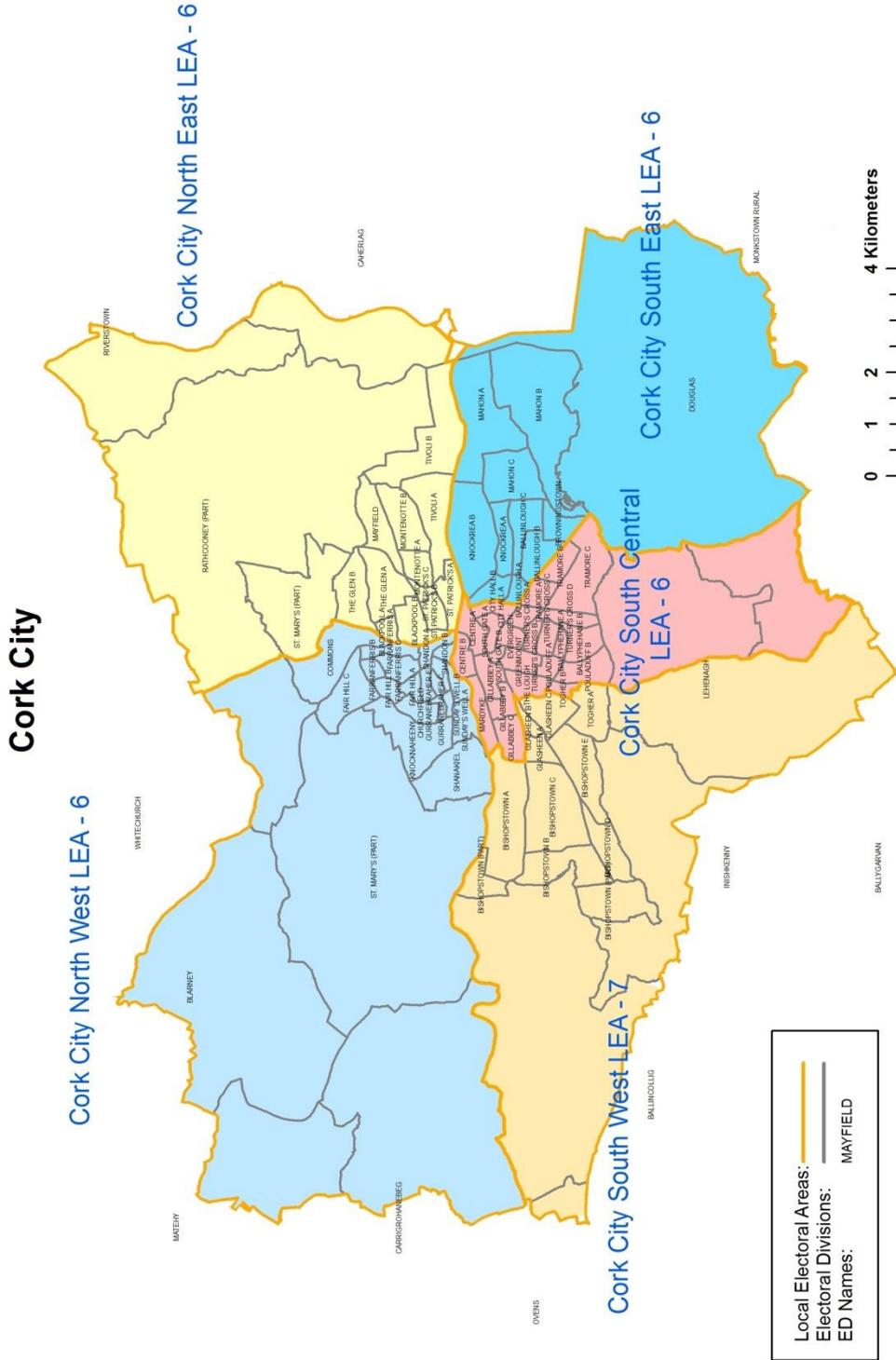
## **Submissions**

The submissions, which in their totality display a strong sense of community awareness, were influential and helpful in informing the Committee's recommendations. Many emphasised natural associations between particular areas. The naming of particular local electoral areas was also a feature of many submissions received. In some instances sporting or cultural associations were highlighted. While it was not possible for the Committee to adopt each course of action proposed, all such contributions were considered and evaluated. The submissions helped to deepen the Committee's understanding of issues of interest and concern to local communities, public representatives and others who participated in the consultation process.

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5. Examination of Local Authorities and Recommendations

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## Cork City

### Overview

The population of the **Cork City Council** area, prior to the forthcoming boundary change, was recorded under the 2016 census as 125,657, an increase of more than 5% on the 2011 census population of 119,230. The terms of reference directed that for the purposes of the Committee's review, the boundary of Cork City shall be the boundary as shown on the map attached to the terms of reference which is to be given legal effect under forthcoming legislation. The post boundary review population of Cork City Council, as recorded under the 2016 census, has been ascertained as **210,853**.

At present, Cork City Council has 31 members elected from six local electoral areas, as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members
Cork City North Central	5
Cork City North East	4
Cork City North West	4
Cork City South Central	5
Cork City South East	7
Cork City South West	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

With a population of **210,853**, and 31 members, the population per member ratio in Cork City is **1:6802**. The terms of reference ask the committee to endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other terms of reference, to achieve a variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. For Cork City, this represents a range of 6,122 and 7,482 per member.

Twenty three submissions were received by the committee in respect of Cork City and provided a valuable contribution during the deliberative process.

### Recommendations

In making its recommendations the Committee took cognisance of the report of the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government Arrangements in Cork, in particular its recommendation that the structure of the City Council should be "based on five areas (including the city centre)". Informed by the report and submissions made, the Committee carefully considered how the City Council and, in particular, the city centre area should be treated in its recommendations.

The Committee's conclusion was that recommending a five local electoral area structure with each area taking a portion of the city centre was likely to assist in the integration and the identity formation of the City Council.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for five local electoral areas, comprising of one 7 seat local electoral area; and four 6 seat local electoral areas.

The committee's recommendations are summarised as follows:

<b>Local Electoral Area</b>	<b>Number of members</b>	<b>LEA pop.</b>	<b>Population per Member</b>	<b>Variance + / - %</b>
Cork City North East	6	42174	7029	3.3
Cork City North West	6	40181	6697	-1.5
Cork City South Central	6	38677	6446	-5.2
Cork City South East	6	42780	7130	4.8
Cork City South West	7	47041	6720	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>210853</b>		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

### **Cork City North East**

Blackpool A, Blackpool B, Mayfield, Montenotte A, Montenotte B, St. Patrick's A, St. Patrick's B, St. Patrick's C, The Glen A, The Glen B, Tivoli A, Tivoli B, the eastern portion of the St. Mary's (part) electoral division, and the portions of the following electoral divisions that fall within the Cork City boundary: Caherlag; Rathcooney (Part Rural); and Riverstown.

### **Cork City North West**

Churchfield, Commons, Fair Hill A, Fair Hill B, Fair Hill C, Farranferris A, Farranferris B, Farranferris C, Gurranebraher A, Gurranebraher B, Gurranebraher C, Gurranebraher D, Gurranebraher E, Knocknaheeny, Shanakiel, Shandon A, Shandon B, Sundays Well A, Sundays Well B, the western portion of the St. Mary's (part) electoral division, and the portions of the following electoral divisions that fall within the Cork City boundary: Blarney; Carrigrohane Beg; Matehy; and Whitechurch.

### **Cork City South Central**

Ballyphehane A, Ballyphehane B, Centre A, Centre B, City Hall A, Evergreen, Gillabbey A, Gillabbey B, Gillabbey C, Greenmount, the parts of the Lehenagh electoral division to the east of the N27, Mardyke, Pouladuff A, Pouladuff B, South Gate A, South Gate B, The Lough, Togher B, Tramore A, Tramore B and Tramore C, Turners Cross A, Turners Cross B, Turners Cross C, Turners Cross D, and the parts of the Douglas electoral division that fall within the Cork City boundary to the west of a line drawn south from the most easterly point of the Lehenagh electoral division.

### **Cork City South East**

Ballinlough A, Ballinlough B, Ballinlough C, Browningstown, City Hall B, Knockrea A, Knockrea B, Mahon A, Mahon B, Mahon C, the parts of the electoral division of Douglas that fall within the Cork City boundary but are not included in the Cork City South Central electoral area; and the parts of the electoral division of Monkstown Rural that fall within the Cork City boundary.

### **Cork City South West**

Bishopstown A, Bishopstown B, Bishopstown C, Bishopstown D, Bishopstown E, Bishopstown (part), Glasheen A, Glasheen B, Glasheen C, the portion of the Lehenagh electoral division not included in Cork City South Central electoral area, Togher A and the portions of the following electoral divisions that fall within the Cork City boundary: Ballincollig; Ballygarvan, Inishkenny; and Ovens.



## Dublin City

### Overview

The population of **Dublin City Council** based on the 2016 census is **554,554**, an increase of 5% on the 2011 census population of 527,612. Dublin City Council has 63 members elected from nine local electoral areas. The present position is as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members
Ballyfermot - Drimnagh	6
Ballymun	7
Beaumont-Donaghmede	9
Cabra - Finglas	7
Clontarf	6
Crumlin - Kimmage	6
North Inner City	8
Pembroke-South Dock	8
Rathgar - Rathmines	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>

With a population of **554,554**, and **63 members**, the population per member ratio in Dublin City is **1:8,802**. The terms of reference ask the committee to endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other terms of reference, to achieve a variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. For Dublin City, this represents a range between 7,922 and 9,683 per member.

Fifty Submissions were received by the committee in respect of Dublin City and provided a valuable contribution during the deliberative process.

### Recommendations

The Committee's terms of reference require that the number of members in each LEA shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7. The present position, which includes two 8-seat local electoral area and one 9-seat local electoral area, cannot be maintained.

The committee recommends increasing the number of local electoral areas by two, with the addition of one local electoral area on each side of the Liffey. The Committee found that with six Dáil constituencies within or partially within the Dublin City Council area, it was not possible to better align local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for eleven local electoral areas: two 7 seat LEAs; four 6 seat LEAs; and five 5 seat local electoral areas.

The committee's recommendations are summarised as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members	LEA pop.	Population per Member	Variance + / - %
Artane-Whitehall	6	51,156	8,526	-3.1
Ballyfermot - Drimnagh	5	46,068	9,214	4.7
Ballymun-Finglas	6	55,010	9,168	4.2
Cabra - Glasnevin	7	58,652	8,379	-4.8
Clontarf	6	54,182	9,030	2.6
Donaghmede	5	41,593	8,319	-5.5
Kimmage Rathmines	6	55,861	9,310	5.8
Pembroke	5	45,473	9,095	3.3
North Inner City	7	63,612	9,087	3.2
South West Inner City	5	42,344	8,469	-3.8
South East Inner City	5	40,603	8,121	-7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>554,554</b>		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Artane-Whitehall

Beaumont A, Beaumont B, Beaumont C, Harmonstown A, Kilmore A, Kilmore B, Kilmore C, Kilmore D, Priorswood A, Priorswood B, Priorswood C, Priorswood D, Priorswood E, Whitehall A, Whitehall B, Whitehall C and Whitehall D.

Ballyfermot-Drimnagh

Carna, Chapelizod, Cherry Orchard A, Cherry Orchard C, Crumlin A, Crumlin E, Crumlin F, Decies, Drumfinn, Inchicore A, Inchicore B, Kilmainham A, Kylemore, Walkinstown A, Walkinstown B and Walkinstown C.

Ballymun-Finglas

Ballygall A, Ballygall B, Ballygall C, Ballygall D, Ballymun A, Ballymun B, Ballymun C, Ballymun D, Ballymun E, Ballymun F, Finglas North A, Finglas North B, Finglas North C, Finglas South A, Finglas South B, Finglas South C and Finglas South D.

Cabra-Glasnevin

Arran Quay A, Ashtown A, Ashtown B, Botanic A, Botanic B, Botanic C, Cabra East A, Cabra East B, Cabra East C, Cabra West A, Cabra West B, Cabra West C, Cabra West D, Drumcondra South C, Inns Quay A, Inns Quay B, and that part of the electoral division of Phoenix Park not contained in the local electoral area of South-West Inner City.

Clontarf

Beaumont D, Beaumont E, Beaumont F, Clontarf East A, Clontarf East B, Clontarf East C, Clontarf East D, Clontarf East E, Clontarf West A, Clontarf West B, Clontarf West C, Clontarf West D, Clontarf West E, Drumcondra South A, Grace Park and Harmonstown B.

Donaghmede

Ayrfield, Edenmore, Grange A, Grange B, Grange C, Grange D, Grange E, Raheny-Foxfield, Raheny-Greendale and Raheny-St .Assam.

Kimmage - Rathmines

Crumlin B, Crumlin C, Crumlin D, Kimmage A, Kimmage B, Kimmage C, Kimmage D, Kimmage E, Rathfarnham, Rathmines West A, Rathmines West C, Rathmines West D, Rathmines West E, Rathmines West F, Terenure A, Terenure B, Terenure C, and Terenure D.

North Inner City

Arran Quay B, Arran Quay C, Arran Quay D, Arran Quay E, Ballybough A, Ballybough B, Drumcondra South B, Inns Quay C, Mountjoy A, Mountjoy B, North City, North Dock A, North Dock B, North Dock C, Rotunda A and Rotunda B.

Pembroke

Pembroke East B, Pembroke East C, Pembroke East D, Pembroke East E, Pembroke West B, Pembroke West C, Rathmines East A, Rathmines East B, Rathmines East C, Rathmines East D, and Rathmines West B.

South-East Inner City

Mansion House A, Mansion House B, Pembroke East A, Pembroke West A, Royal Exchange A, Royal Exchange B, St Kevin's, South Dock, Wood Quay A and Wood Quay B.

South-West Inner City

Kilmainham B, Kilmainham C, Merchants Quay A, Merchants Quay B, Merchants Quay C, Merchants Quay D, Merchants Quay E, Merchants Quay F, Ushers A, Ushers B, Ushers C, Ushers D, Ushers E, Ushers F, and that part of the electoral division of Phoenix Park situated between the northern boundaries of the electoral divisions of Kilmainham B and Ushers A and the southern boundary of the Phoenix Park.

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**Overview**

The population of **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown**, based on the 2016 census, is **218,018**, an increase of 5.7% on the 2011 population of 206,261. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has 40 members, currently elected from six local electoral areas.

The present position is as follows:

<b>Local Electoral Area</b>	<b>Number of members</b>
Killiney – Shankill	6
Blackrock	6
Dundrum	7
Dún Laoghaire	8
Glencullen – Sandyford	7
Stillorgan	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

With a population of **218,018 and 40 members**, the individual average population per member in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown is **1:5,450**. The terms of reference require a variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. For Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, this represents a range between 4,905 and 5,995 per member.

Six submissions were received by the committee in respect of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and provided a valuable contribution during the deliberative process.

**Recommendations**

The Committee’s terms of reference require that the number of members in each local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7. The present position, which includes the 8-seat local electoral area of Dún Laoghaire, cannot be maintained.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for the retention of the existing configuration of six local electoral areas, with seven seats now assigned to the Dún Laoghaire local electoral area and seven seats assigned to the Killiney-Shankill local electoral area.

In order to improve the balance of representation, the electoral division of Foxrock-Beechpark is moved into the Blackrock local electoral area. The electoral division of Cabinteely-Loughlinstown is included in the local electoral area of Killiney-Shankill local electoral area, better aligning local electoral area boundaries with the Dún Laoghaire Dáil constituency boundaries. The boundaries for each of the other local electoral areas are unchanged.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for six local electoral areas: four 7 seat local electoral areas; and two 6 seat local electoral areas.

The committee's recommendations are summarised as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members	Population 2016	Population per member	Percentage Variance
Killiney – Shankill	7	39,164	5,595	2.6 %
Blackrock	6	33,727	5,621	3.1 %
Dundrum	7	37,452	5,350	- 1.8 %
Dún Laoghaire	7	40,545	5,792	6.3 %
Glencullen – Sandyford	7	36,622	5,232	- 4.0 %
Stillorgan	6	30,508	5,085	- 6.7 %
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>218,018</b>		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Killiney-Shankill

Ballybrack, Cabinteely-Granitefield, Cabinteely-Kilbogget, Cabinteely-Loughlinstown, Dalkey-Avondale, Killiney North, Killiney South, Shankill-Rathmichael, Shankill-Rathsallagh and Shankill-Shanganagh.

Blackrock

Blackrock-Boosterstown, Blackrock-Carysfort, Blackrock-Central, Blackrock-Glenomena, Blackrock-Newpark, Blackrock-Seapoint, Blackrock-Templehill, Blackrock-Williamstown, Foxrock-Beechpark, Foxrock-Deansgrange, Stillorgan-Priory; that part of the electoral division of Blackrock-Monkstown situated west of a line drawn along Stradbroke Road; and that part of the electoral division of Blackrock-Stradbroke situated west of a line drawn along Stradbroke Road.

Dundrum

Ballinteer-Broadford, Ballinteer-Ludford, Ballinteer-Meadowbroads, Ballinteer-Meadowmount, Churchtown-Castle, Churchtown-Landscape, Churchtown-Nutgrove, Churchtown-Orwell, Churchtown-Woodlawn, Clonskeagh-Farranboley, Clonskeagh-Windy Arbour, Dundrum-Kilmacud, Dundrum-Sweetmount, Dundrum-Taney; that part of the electoral division of Ballinteer-Marley situated north of a line drawn along Grange Road; that part of the electoral division of Dundrum-Balally situated north of a line drawn along Blackthorn Drive; and that part of the electoral division of Dundrum-Sandyford situated north of a line drawn as follows: commencing at the intersection, at the south-eastern corner of the electoral division of Ballinteer-Ludford, of the southern boundary of the electoral division of Ballinteer-Ludford and the western boundary of the electoral division of Dundrum-Sandyford, thence proceeding in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the grounds of Gort Mhuire to the point where it meets Ballawley Park, thence commencing in an easterly direction and proceeding along the northern

boundary of the said park to its intersection with the eastern boundary of the electoral division of Dundrum-Sandyford.

#### Dún Laoghaire

Cabinteely-Pottery, Dalkey-Bullock, Dalkey-Coliemore, Dalkey Hill, Dalkey Upper, Dún Laoghaire-East Central, Dún Laoghaire-Glasthule, Dún Laoghaire-Glenageary, Dún Laoghaire-Monkstown Farm, Dún Laoghaire-Mount Town, Dún Laoghaire-Sallynoggin East, Dún Laoghaire-Sallynoggin South, Dún Laoghaire-Sallynoggin West, Dún Laoghaire-Salthill, Dún Laoghaire-Sandycove, Dún Laoghaire-West Central; that part of the electoral division of Blackrock-Monkstown not contained in the local electoral area of Blackrock; and that part of the electoral division of Blackrock-Stradbroom not contained in the local electoral area of Blackrock.

#### Glencullen-Sandyford

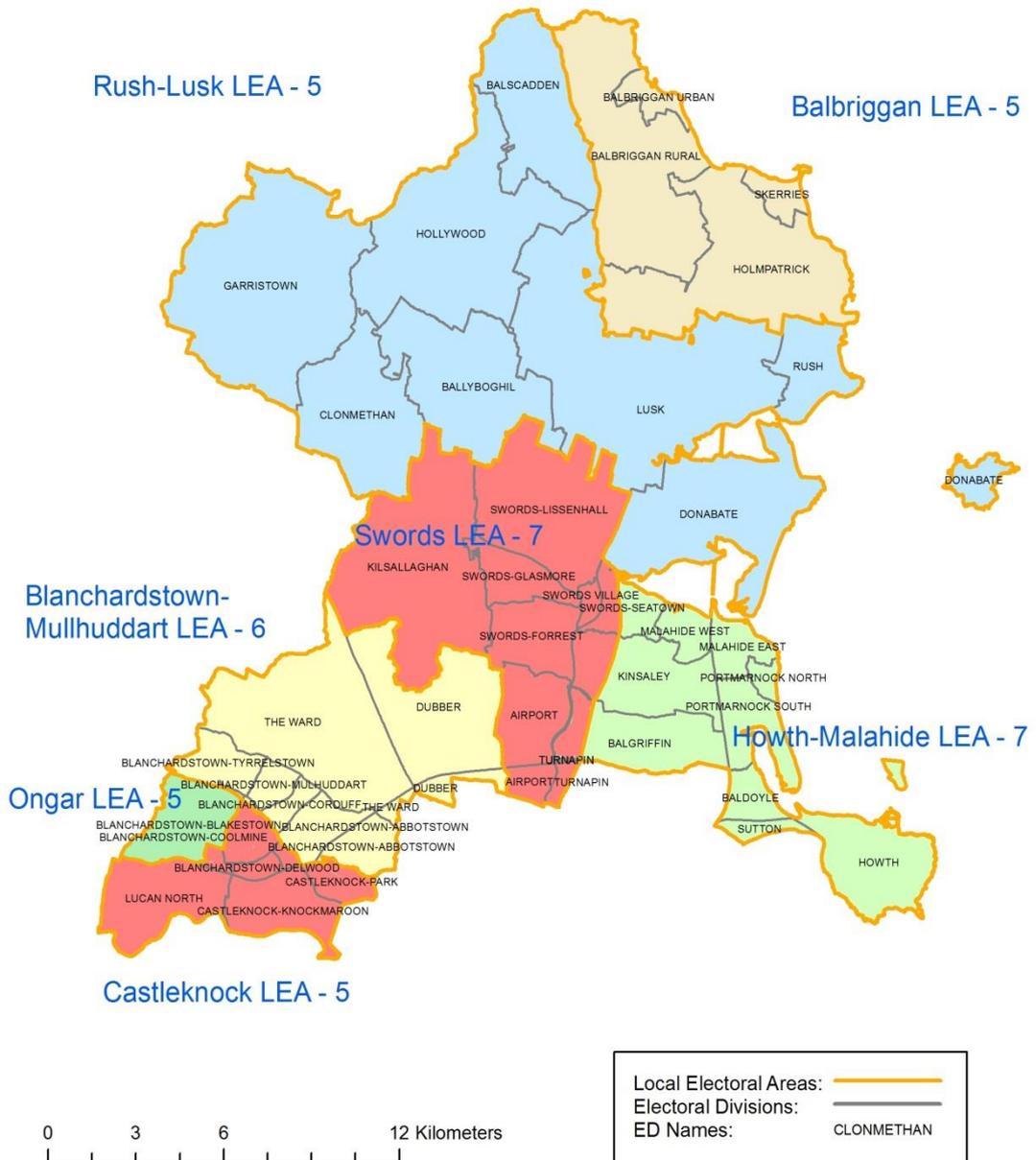
Ballinteer-Woodpark, Glencullen, Tibbradden; that part of the electoral division of Ballinteer-Marley not contained in the local electoral area of Dundrum; that part of the electoral division of Dundrum-Balally not contained in the local electoral area of Dundrum; and that part of the electoral division of Dundrum-Sandyford not contained in the local electoral area of Dundrum.

#### Stillorgan

Clonskeagh-Belfield, Clonskeagh-Milltown, Clonskeagh-Roebuck, Foxrock-Carrickmines, Foxrock-Torquay, Stillorgan-Deerpark, Stillorgan-Kilmacud, Stillorgan-Leopardstown, Stillorgan-Merville and Stillorgan-Mount Merrion.

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Fingal



## Fingal

### Overview

The population of **Fingal County Council** based on the 2016 census is **296,020**, an increase of 8% on the 2011 census population of 273,991, making it the fastest growing local authority area in the state. Fingal County Council has 40 members elected from nine local electoral areas. The present position is as follows:

<b>Local Electoral Area</b>	<b>Number of members</b>
Balbriggan	8
Castleknock	7
Howth-Malahide	8
Mulhuddart	8
Swords	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

### Population per member

With a population of **296,020**, and **40** members, the population per member ratio in Fingal is **1: 7,400**. The Terms of Reference ask the committee to endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other terms of reference, to achieve a variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. For Fingal, this represents a range of between **6,660 and 8,140** per member.

39 Submissions were received by the committee in respect of Fingal and provided a valuable contribution during the deliberative process.

### Recommendations

The Committee's terms of reference require that the number of members in each local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7. The present position, which includes three 8-seat local electoral areas and one 9-seat local electoral area, cannot be maintained.

The committee recommends increasing the number of local electoral areas by two to seven. The committee recommends the creation of a five seat Ongar local electoral area based on the highest population electoral division in the state Blanchardstown-Blakestown; and the creation of a five seat Rush-Lusk local electoral area. The Committee is recommending a seven seat Swords local electoral area with a clear

eastern boundary with its neighbouring seven seat Howth-Malahide local electoral area, largely defined by the M1 motorway. Also recommended are a five seat Castleknock local electoral area; a six seat Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart local electoral area; and a five seat Balbriggan local electoral area. It was not possible to better align local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries in the Fingal area.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for seven local electoral areas; two 7 seat local electoral areas; one 6 seat local electoral areas; and four 5 seat local electoral areas.

The committee's recommendations are summarised as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members	LEA pop.	Population per Member	% Variance
Balbriggan	5	36,570	7314	-1.2
Castleknock	5	34,811	6962	-5.9
Howth-Malahide	7	55,472	7925	7.1
Ongar	5	35,832	7166	-3.2
Swords	7	52,037	7434	0.5
Blanchardstown - Mulhuddart	6	46,624	7771	5.0
Rush Lusk	5	34,674	6935	-6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>296,020</b>		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Balbriggan

Balbriggan Rural, Balbriggan Urban, Holmpatrick, and Skerries.

Castleknock

The part of Blanchardstown-Blakestown electoral division situated within the following line: commencing at the junction of the R121 and the boundary of the electoral division immediately adjacent to the Clonsilla railway bridge (referred to hereafter as the first-mentioned point), then proceeding in a north easterly direction along the R121 to the junction with the Clonsilla link road, then proceeding along the Clonsilla link road in a northerly direction to the junction with the Ongar distributor road, then proceeding along the Ongar distributor road in a south-easterly direction to the junction with Shelerin road concurrent with the boundary of the electoral division, then proceeding along the boundary of the electoral division along Shelerin road in a southerly direction to the

junction with Clonsilla Road, then continuing along the boundary of the electoral division in an easterly direction along Clonsilla Road to the next roundabout, then proceeding in a southerly direction along Clonsilla road to the boundary of the electoral division marked by the railway line, then proceeding in a westerly direction along the railway line concurrent with the boundary of the electoral division until reaching its junction with the Clonsilla railway bridge (the first-mentioned point), the part of the Blanchardstown-Coolmine electoral division not included in the Blanchardstown Mulhuddart electoral area, Blanchardstown-Delwood, Blanchardstown-Roselawn, Castleknock-Knockmaroon, Castleknock-Park and Lucan North.

#### Howth-Malahide

Baldoyle, Howth, Malahide East, Malahide West, Portmarnock North, Portmarnock South, Sutton and the parts of the Balgriffin, Kinsaley and Swords-Seatown electoral divisions not included in the Swords electoral area.

#### Blanchardstown Mulhuddart

Blanchardstown-Abbotstown, the parts of the Blanchardstown-Blakestown and Blanchardstown-Coolmine electoral divisions north of the M3 motorway, Blanchardstown-Corduff, Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart, Blanchardstown-Tyrrelstown, Dubber, and The Ward.

#### Ongar

The part of electoral division of Blanchardstown-Blakestown not included in the electoral area of Castleknock, and not included in the electoral area of Blanchardstown-Mulhuddart.

#### Rush -Lusk

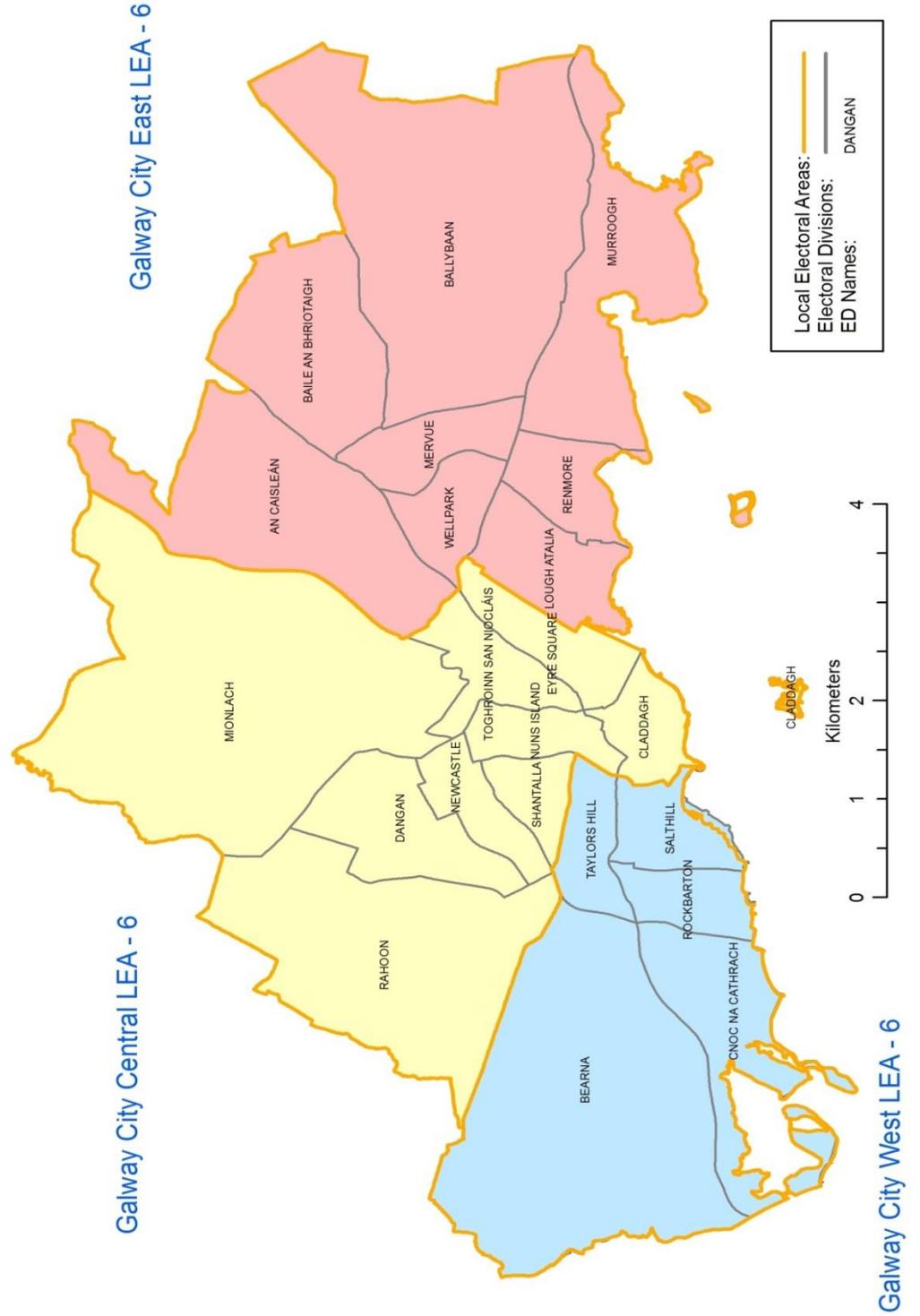
Ballyboghil, Balscadden, Clonmethan, Donabate, Garristown, Hollywood, Lusk, and Rush.

#### Swords

Airport, Kilsallaghan, Swords-Forrest, Swords-Glasmore, Swords-Lissenhall, Swords Village, Turnapin, and the parts of the Balgriffin, Kinsaley and Swords-Seatown electoral divisions west of the M1 motorway.

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**Galway City**



## Galway City

### Overview

The population of **Galway City Council** based on the 2016 census is **78,668**, an increase of 4.1% on the 2011 census population of 75,529. At present, Galway City Council has 18 members elected from three local electoral areas, as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members
Galway City Central	6
Galway City East	6
Galway City West	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

With a population of **78,668**, and 18 members, the population per member ratio in Galway City is **1:4370**. The terms of reference ask the committee to endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other terms of reference, to achieve a variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. For Galway City, this represents a range between 3933 and 4807 per member.

Four submissions were received by the committee in respect of Galway City and provided a valuable contribution during the deliberative process.

### Recommendations

The Committee's terms of reference require that the number of members in each local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7. The present position in Galway City, which includes three 6 seat local electoral areas, meets the term of reference. In order to improve the balance of representation between each of the three six seat local electoral areas, the Committee recommends moving the electoral division of Claddagh into the electoral area of Galway City Central. The recommendations of the Committee provide for three 6 seat local electoral areas.

The Committee's recommendations are summarised as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members	LEA pop.	Population per Member	Variance + / - %
Galway City Central	6	26,702	4,450	1.8
Galway City East	6	26,595	4,433	1.4
Galway City West	6	25,371	4,229	-3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78,668</b>		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Galway City West

Bearna, Cnoc na Cathrach, Rockbarton, Salthill and Taylors Hill.

Galway City Central

Claddagh, Dangan, Eyre Square, Mionlach, Newcastle, Nuns Island, Ragoon, Shantalla, and Toghroinn San Niocláis.

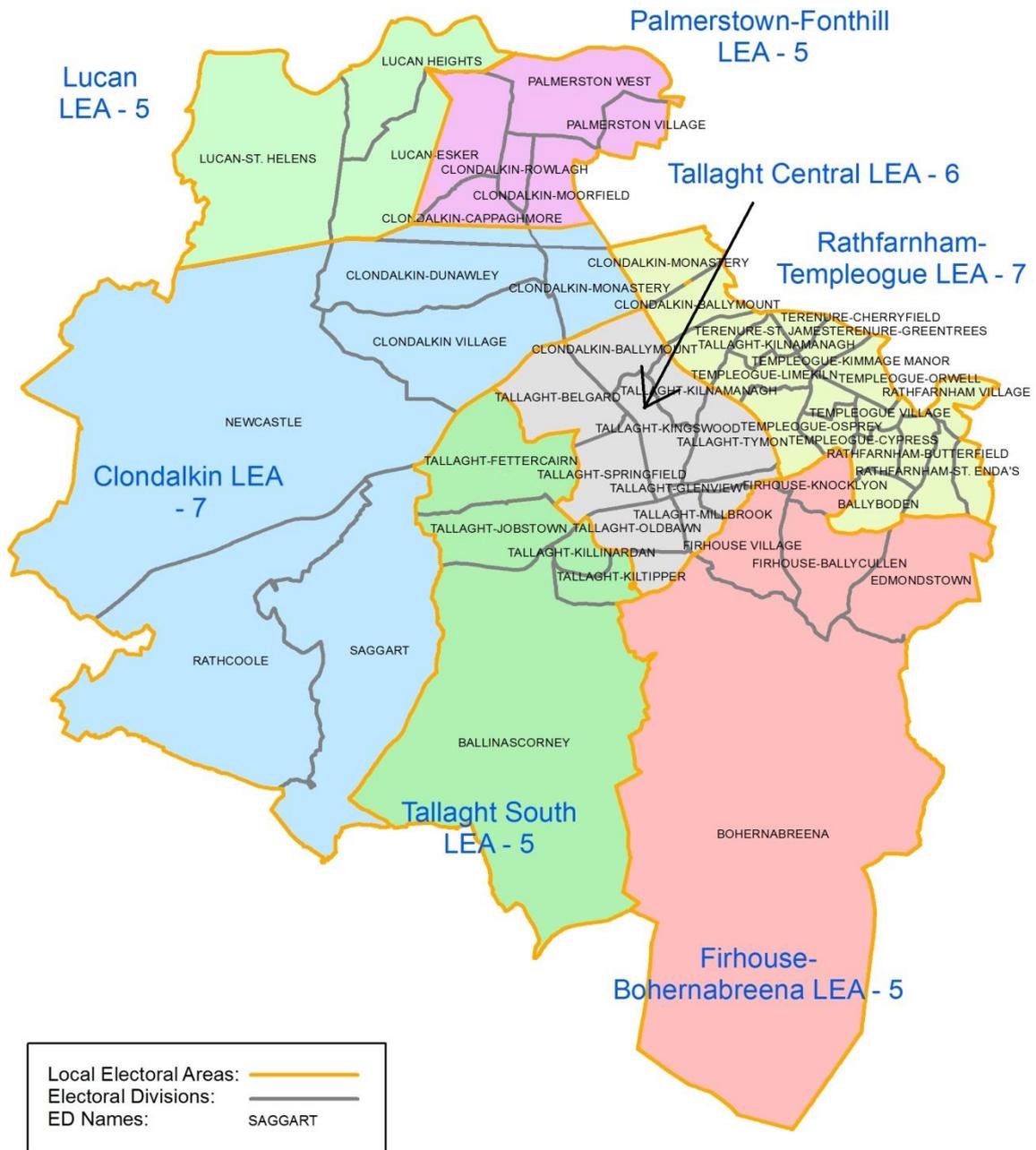
Galway City East

An Caisleán, Baile an Bhriotaigh, Ballybaan, Lough Atalia, Mervue, Murroogh, Renmore and Wellpark.

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### South Dublin



## South Dublin

### Overview

The population of **South Dublin**, based on the 2016 census, is 278,767, an increase of 5.1% on the 2011 census population of 265,205. At present, South Dublin has 40 members elected from six local electoral areas, as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members
Lucan	8
Tallaght Central	6
Tallaght South	6
Templeogue Terenure	6
Clondalkin	8
Rathfarnham	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

With a population of 278,767 and 40 members, the population per member ratio in South Dublin is **1:6,969**. The Terms of Reference ask the committee to endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other terms of reference, to achieve a variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%. For South Dublin, this represents a per member population range between 6,272 and 7,666.

28 Submissions were received by the committee in respect of South Dublin County Council and provided a valuable contribution during the deliberative process.

### Recommendations

The Committee's terms of reference require that the number of members in each LEA shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7. The present position, which includes two 8-seat local electoral areas, cannot be maintained.

The committee recommends increasing the number of local electoral areas by one to seven. The committee recommends the creation of a five seat Lucan local electoral area; and the creation of a five seat Palmerstown-Fonthill local electoral area. In the south of the local authority the committee recommends the creation of a five seat Firhouse-Bohernabreena local electoral area.

The Saggart electoral division is included in the seven seat Clondalkin local electoral area allowing for alignment with the Dublin Mid-West Dáil constituency boundary. The portion of the Clondalkin-Monastery electoral division east of the M-50 motorway is included in the recommended seven seat Rathfarnham-Templeogue electoral area, allowing for better alignment with the Dublin South-Central Dáil constituency boundary. A five seat Tallaght South local electoral area and a six seat Tallaght Central local electoral area are recommended with a change to the current boundary between these areas.

The recommendations of the Committee provide for seven local electoral areas: two 7 seat local electoral area; one 6 seat local electoral areas; and four 5 seat local electoral areas.

The committee's recommendations are summarised as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Number of members	LEA pop.	Population per Member	% Variance
<b>Clondalkin</b>	7	46,533	6,648	-4.6
<b>Firhouse - Bohernabreena</b>	5	34,202	6,840	-1.8
<b>Lucan</b>	5	33,990	6,798	-2.5
<b>Palmerstown-Fonthill</b>	5	37,453	7,491	7.5
<b>Rathfarnham-Templeogue</b>	7	47,909	6,844	-1.8
<b>Tallaght South</b>	5	35,562	7,112	2.1
<b>Tallaght Central</b>	6	43,118	7,187	3.1
	<b>40</b>	<b>278,767</b>		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Clondalkin

Clondalkin- Dunawley; the part of the Clondalkin-Monastery electoral division that's west of the M50 motorway; the parts of the Clondalkin-Cappaghmore electoral division and the Clondalkin-Moorfield electoral division south of the South Western Commuter and Intercity railway line; Clondalkin Village; Newcastle; Rathcoole; and Saggart.

Firhouse- Bohernabreena

Bohernabreena; Edmonstown; Firhouse-Ballycullen; Firhouse-Knocklyon; and Firhouse Village.

### Lucan

Lucan St Helens; Lucan Heights; and the parts of the electoral division of Lucan Esker not contained in the Palmerstown-Fonthill electoral area.

### Palmerstown-Fonthill

The parts of the electoral divisions of Clondalkin Cappaghmore and Clondalkin Moorfield not contained in the Clondalkin electoral area; Clondalkin-Rowlagh; the parts of the electoral division of Lucan Esker to the east of a line drawn along the R136 (outer ring road) commencing at the southern boundary of the electoral division marked by Kishoge railway station, and continuing along the R136 in a northerly direction to the junction of the R136 and the northern boundary of the electoral division; Palmerstown Village; and Palmerstown West.

### Rathfarnham-Templeogue

Ballyboden; the parts of the Clondalkin-Ballymount electoral division and Clondalkin-Monastery electoral division east of the M50 motorway; Rathfarnham-Ballyroan, Rathfarnham-Butterfield; Rathfarnham-Hermitage, Rathfarnham-St. Enda's; Rathfarnham Village; the part of Tallaght-Kilnamanagh electoral division east of the M50 Motorway; Templeogue-Cypress; Templeogue-Kimmage Manor; Templeogue-Limekiln; Templeogue-Orwell; Templeogue-Osprey; Templeogue Village; Terenure-Cherryfield; Terenure-Greentrees; and Terenure-St. James.

### Tallaght Central

The parts of Clondalkin-Ballymount electoral division west of the M50 motorway; Tallaght-Avonbeg; Tallaght-Belgard; Tallaght-Glenview; the parts of Tallaght-Kilnamanagh electoral division west of the M50 motorway; the part of the Tallaght-Kiltipper electoral division situated within the following line: commencing at the junction of the Firhouse Road West and Old Bawn road (R113) (referred to hereafter as the first mentioned point), then proceeding in a south easterly direction to the junction of the Old Bawn road (R113) and the Kiltipper Road, proceeding along Kiltipper Road in a south westerly direction along the boundary of the Tallaght- Kiltipper electoral division to the roundabout marking the junction between the Kiltipper Road and the Kiltipper way, then proceeding along Kiltipper Way northwards until reaching the roundabout that intersects with the boundary line of the Tallaght -Kiltipper and Tallaght Oldbawn electoral divisions, then proceeding along the boundary line in a easterly direction to the first mentioned point; Tallaght-Kingswood; Tallaght-Millbrook, Tallaght-Oldbawn; Tallaght-Springfield; and Tallaght-Tymon.

### Tallaght South

Ballinascorney; Tallaght-Fettercairn; Tallaght-Jobstown; Tallaght-Killinardan; and the part of Tallaght- Kiltipper electoral division not included in Tallaght Central electoral area.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix I

#### **Rules of Procedure for the 2018 Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2**

1. These rules are hereby adopted by the Committee to assist the proper and effective performance of its functions.
2. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be 3.
3. Subject to the requirement of a quorum, the Committee may act notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership.
4. If the Chairperson is not present at a meeting, the members of the Committee present shall choose one of their number to be Chairperson of that meeting.
5. Matters at committee meetings will in the normal course be agreed by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, and a question at a meeting requires to be decided by vote, the question shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting on the question, each member present having one vote and in the case of an equal division of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting having a second or casting vote.
6. No person shall, without the consent of the Committee, disclose to any person any information obtained while serving as a member of the Committee or as a person whose services are made available to the Committee relative to the business of the Committee or the performance of the functions of the Committee.
7. No member of the Committee or its secretariat shall entertain any communication from any person external to the Committee and its secretariat which is for the purposes of influencing the Committee in the performance of its functions.
8. The deliberations of the Committee shall be conducted in private and persons other than members of the Committee and its secretariat shall not normally be permitted to attend a meeting of the Committee. In no case shall persons who are not members of the Committee be allowed to attend a meeting for the purposes of influencing the Committee in the performance of its functions.
9. Meetings of the Committee shall be arranged and notified to members by the Secretary after consultation with the Chairperson.
10. The minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be approved at the next meeting and shall thereupon be signed by the Chairperson and retained by the Secretary.

## Appendix II (a)

### Press Notice Inviting Submissions –17 January 2018

#### Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees invite submissions

Mr John Paul Phelan T.D., the Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform has established two committees to review local electoral areas and to report to him within six months. The Committees' reports will be considered by the Minister as the basis for the revision of local electoral areas under his statutory powers.

The Committees are tasked with making recommendations on the division of council areas into local electoral areas and on the number of members of council to be assigned to each such local electoral area.

The review of local electoral areas is being undertaken in prospect of the local elections to be held in 2019. The Committees will have regard to the results of Census 2016. The policy objectives of the review are to reduce the size of territorially large local electoral areas and to designate urban-focused local electoral areas around the larger towns.

Committee No. 1 will report and make recommendations on every county, other than Cork, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Galway and South Dublin and on Limerick City and County and Waterford City and County. For these Councils the number of councillors will be no less than 5 and no more than 7 for each local electoral area, provided that in particular compelling circumstances 3 or 4 seat local electoral areas may be recommended, where otherwise the geographic size of the area would be disproportionately large.

Committee No. 2 will report and make recommendations on Dublin City and the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin. For these Councils the number of councillors will be no less than 5 and no more than 7 for each local electoral area.

Committee No. 2 may also be asked to make recommendations on the division of Cork and Galway into local electoral areas, in due course.

The Committees now invite submissions on the matters referred to above.

Submissions may be sent by e-mail to [boundarycommittee@housing.gov.ie](mailto:boundarycommittee@housing.gov.ie) or by post to:

Secretary,  
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,  
Room 1.67,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1.

**to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday 19 February 2018.**

Please note that all submissions will be made available on the Committees' website and may also be subject to Freedom of Information requests.

Further information on the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees, including their full terms of reference, is available on [www.boundarycommittee.ie](http://www.boundarycommittee.ie) or by contacting telephone number 01-888-2769 or 01-888-2031.

## Appendix II (b)

### Press Notice Inviting Submissions [Cork] – 11 April 2018

#### Cork City and Cork County – Local Electoral Area Review – Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees invite submissions

Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, has appointed the existing Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees to review and make recommendations on local electoral areas in Cork City and Cork County.

The review will be conducted on the basis of the revised boundary between the city and county, as proposed by the Cork Implementation Oversight Group and agreed by Government, and which will be given legal effect by forthcoming legislation. For the purpose of the review, the Committees should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016 and should assume no change in the total membership of either Cork City Council or Cork County Council.

The Committees' reports will be considered by Minister Phelan as the basis for the revision of local electoral areas under his statutory powers. The review of local electoral areas is being undertaken in prospect of the local elections to be held in 2019.

The Committees are tasked with reporting to the Minister no later than 13 June 2018.

The review of Cork County will be undertaken by Committee No. 1. The number of councillors will be not less than 5 and not more than 7 for each local electoral area, provided that in particular compelling circumstances, 3 or 4 seat local electoral areas may be recommended.

The review of Cork City will be undertaken by Committee No. 2. The number of councillors will be not less than 5 and not more than 7 for each local electoral area.

The Committees now invite submissions in relation to Cork City and Cork County regarding the matters referred to above.

Submissions may be sent by e-mail to [boundarycommittee@housing.gov.ie](mailto:boundarycommittee@housing.gov.ie) or by post to:

Secretary,  
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,  
Room 1.67,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1,  
D01 W6X0

**to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 9 May 2018.**

Please note that all submissions will be made available on the Committees' website and may also be subject to Freedom of Information requests.

Further information on the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees, including their full terms of reference, is available on [www.boundarycommittee.ie](http://www.boundarycommittee.ie) or by contacting telephone number 01-888-2769 or 01-888-2031.

## Appendix II (c)

### Press Notice Inviting Submissions [Galway] – 8 May 2018

#### Galway County and Galway City – Local Electoral Area Review – Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees invite submissions

Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, has appointed the existing Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees to review and make recommendations on local electoral areas in both Galway County and Galway City.

The review will be conducted on the basis of the recommendation in the *Second Report of the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government Arrangements in Galway* that the 2019 local elections should take place to the two councils as currently constituted.

For the purpose of the review, the Committees should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016 and should assume no change in the total membership of either Galway County Council or Galway City Council.

The Committees' reports will be considered by Minister Phelan as the basis for the revision of local electoral areas under his statutory powers. The review of local electoral areas is being undertaken in prospect of the local elections to be held in 2019.

The Committees are tasked with reporting to the Minister no later than 13 June 2018.

The review of Galway County will be undertaken by Committee No. 1. The number of councillors will be not less than 5 and not more than 7 for each local electoral area, provided that in particular compelling circumstances, 3 or 4 seat local electoral areas may be recommended.

The review of Galway City will be undertaken by Committee No. 2. The number of councillors will be not less than 5 and not more than 7 for each local electoral area.

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### Appendix III

#### List of Submissions Received In alphabetical order

Adam McCarthy  
Adrienne O'Doherty  
Aidan Sampey  
Alan and Elizabeth Stewart  
Alan Farrell T.D.  
Alan Manning  
Alan O'Callaghan  
Andrea O'Driscoll  
Antóin MacGabhann  
Aoife Hickey  
Association of Irish Local Government  
Atlantic View Residents Association - Myrtleville  
Baby Pereppadan  
Balgaddy Working Together Group  
Ballincollig Business Association  
Ballinlough Community Association  
Balrothery Community Association  
Ber Looney  
Bernadette MacGabhann  
Beryl Lawlor  
Billy Timmins  
Blaine Gaffney  
Blair Feeney  
Bohan-Marren Working Group  
Breandán Fitzgerald  
Brenda Kelly  
Brendan Heneghan  
Brendan Kernan  
Brian Stanley T.D.  
Brigid Gallen  
Carmel Conway  
Carol Maxwell  
Carol Wade  
Carrigtwohill Community Council  
Castleisland Chamber Alliance  
Cathal Boland  
Cathal Foley  
Cathriona Clooney  
Christine O'Grady  
Ciaran McDonald  
Clare County Council  
Clooney Quin Community Sports Amenity Development Company  
Cobh Community for Change  
Colin and Ber McKeeman  
Colm Donoghue  
Cork City Council  
Cork County Council  
Councillor Adam Teskey

Councillor Al McDonnell  
Councillor Alan Tobin  
Councillor Albert Doherty  
Councillor Alison Gilliland  
Councillor Andrew Montague  
Councillor Andy Moloney  
Councillor Anne Feeney  
Councillor Anthony Barry  
Councillor Barbara-Anne Murphy  
Councillor Barry Martin  
Councillor Bobby O'Connell  
Councillor Breda Gardner  
Councillor Brendan Barry  
Councillor Brendan Cronin  
Councillor Brian Lawlor  
Councillor Brian McDonagh  
Councillor Christy Curtin  
Councillor Christy Hyland  
Councillor Cieran Perry  
Councillor Damien Geoghegan  
Councillor Damien O'Farrell  
Councillor Damien O'Reilly  
Councillor Damien Ryan  
Councillor Darragh Butler  
Councillor David Daniels  
Councillor David Hynes  
Councillor Deirdre Donnelly  
Councillor Derek Mitchell  
Councillor Dermot Lacey  
Councillor Des Guckian  
Councillor Domnick Connolly  
Councillor Donal Grady  
Councillor Eddie Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Edward Timmins  
Councillor Elenora Hogan  
Councillor Emer Higgins  
Councillor Emily Wallace  
Councillor Fidelis Doherty  
Councillor Fintan Phelan  
Councillor Francis Deane  
Councillor Francis Timmons  
Councillor Frank Godfrey  
Councillor Frank Moran  
Councillor Frankie Keena  
Councillor Gearóid Murphy  
Councillor George Lawlor  
Councillor Ger Mitchell  
Councillor Gerry O'Neill  
Councillor Guss O'Connell  
Councillor Ian Doyle  
Councillor Jack Murray  
Councillor James Charity  
Councillor James Kelly  
Councillor Jason Murphy  
Councillor Jerome Scanlan  
Councillor Jerry Lundy

Councillor Jim Gildea  
Councillor Jim Moore  
Councillor Jim Tenanty  
Councillor Jimmy Moloney  
Councillor Joe Conway  
Councillor Joe Kelly  
Councillor John Browne  
Councillor John Caulfield  
Councillor John Clendennen  
Councillor John Cummins  
Councillor John Francis Flynn  
Councillor John O'Leary  
Councillor Johnny Flynn  
Councillor Johnny Healy-Rae  
Councillor Kathleen Shanagher  
Councillor Ken Glynn  
Councillor Laurence Fallon  
Councillor Liam Callaghan  
Councillor Liona O'Toole  
Councillor Malcolm Byrne  
Councillor Malcom Noonan  
Councillor Mark Stafford  
Councillor Mary Farrell  
Councillor Mary Freehill  
Councillor Mary Hoade  
Councillor Mary Rose Desmond  
Councillor Maura Healy-Rae  
Councillor Melissa O'Neill  
Councillor Michael Connolly  
Councillor Michael D. O'Shea  
Councillor Michael Dollard  
Councillor Michael Fahy  
Councillor Michael Gleeson  
Councillor Michael Hillery  
Councillor Michael J. O'Ryan  
Councillor Michael Loftus  
Councillor Michael McBride  
Councillor Michael Sheahan  
Councillor Mick Finn  
Councillor Mike Cubbard  
Councillor Niall Kelleher  
Councillor Nicholas Crossan  
Councillor Nick Killian  
Councillor Nicola Lawless  
Councillor Noel Cribbin  
Councillor Oliver Tully  
Councillor Orla Leyden  
Councillor P J Ryan  
Councillor Paddy McCartan  
Councillor Paddy Meade  
Councillor Pat Dunne  
Councillor Pat McMahan  
Councillor Pat O'Toole  
Councillor Patrick Connor-Scarteen  
Councillor Patsy O'Brien  
Councillor Paudie Dineen

Councillor Paul Gogarty  
Councillor Paul Hand  
Councillor Paul Hayes  
Councillor Paul Mulville  
Councillor Paul Murphy  
Councillor Pip Breen  
Councillor Ray McAdam  
Councillor Ray Murphy  
Councillor Rebecca Moynihan  
Councillor Rena Donaghey  
Councillor Séadhna Logan  
Councillor Séamus Cosá Mac Gearailt  
Councillor Seamus McGrath  
Councillor Seamus Weir  
Councillor Sean Smith  
Councillor Shane P. O'Reilly  
Councillor Sharon Keogan  
Councillor Sinéad Burke  
Councillor Stephen Keary  
Councillor Tania Doyle  
Councillor Thomas Healy  
Councillor Thomas McEllistrim  
Councillor Thomas Moloney  
Councillor Thomas Welby  
Councillor Tim Brosnan  
Councillor Tom Kelly  
Councillor Tom Wood  
Councillor Tony Fitzgerald  
Councillor Valerie Byrne  
Councillor Walter Lacey  
Courtmacsherry Development Association  
D.J. Moore  
Daniel K. Sullivan  
Danny Collins  
Danny Healy-Rae T.D.  
Danny Lafferty  
David Boyle  
David Doran  
David Farrell  
David Hyde  
David Rouse  
Deaglán Ó Broin  
Declan Myers  
Declan Tobin  
Denis Ahern  
Denis Looney  
Denis O'Sullivan  
Derek Murphy  
Des Gunning  
Des O'Doherty  
Dessie Ellis T.D.  
Dimitri Cafolla  
Donegal County Council  
Drumshanbo Community Council  
Drumshanbo Residents  
Dublin City Council

Duleek Revival Programme  
Dunbro Lane Residents - St Margarets  
Éamon Ó Gamhna  
Eamonn Hughes  
Edith Wynne  
Edmond and Carol Gibbs  
Eimear Marron  
Elaine Dooley - Labour Party  
Elaine Smith  
Emer Kernan  
Emily O'Doherty  
Eoghan Howe  
Eoin Neylon - Tidy Drimnagh  
Evie Sammon  
Fergus O'Rourke  
Fianna Fáil - Athlone Comhairle  
Fianna Fáil - Dún Laoghaire CDC  
Fianna Fáil - Ennistymon Comhairle Ceantair  
Fianna Fáil - Galway East CDC  
Fianna Fáil - Galway West CDC  
Fianna Fáil - Offaly Comhairle Dáilceantair  
Fianna Fáil - Wexford County Council Councillors Group  
Fianna Fáil Cumann - Westport  
Fine Gael  
Fine Gael - Boolteens-Inch Branch  
Fine Gael - Cavan County Executive  
Fine Gael - Charleville  
Fine Gael - Cork South Central  
Fine Gael - Crosshaven  
Fine Gael - Donegal Constituency Executive  
Fine Gael - Drumshanbo Branch  
Fine Gael - Dublin Bay South  
Fine Gael - Dublin Central  
Fine Gael - Dublin Fingal Constituency  
Fine Gael - Dublin Rathdown  
Fine Gael - Gerry Wallace Branch  
Fine Gael - Kerry Constituency Officers  
Fine Gael - Kildare North Constituency  
Fine Gael - Kilkenny  
Fine Gael - Kilmichael Branch  
Fine Gael - Longford  
Fine Gael - Meath East & Meath West  
Fine Gael - Monaghan County Executive  
Fine Gael - Nenagh Newport  
Fine Gael - Offaly Strategy Committee  
Fine Gael - PJ Lynch Branch  
Fine Gael - Roscommon Galway Constituency Executive  
Fine Gael - Sligo Constituency Executive  
Fine Gael - Tipperary Constituency Executive  
Fine Gael - Willie O'Brien Branch  
Fine Gael Group - Cork City Council  
Fiona Russell  
Florence Keary  
Frances Fitzgerald T.D.  
Francis and Margaret Breslin  
Garrett Lyons

Gavan Cooper  
Geraldine and Michael Dwyer  
Gerard Collins  
Gerard Treanor  
Gneevegullia Community Council  
Grainne Bailey Farrell  
Harry Walsh  
Herbert Park Residents Association  
Hugh McAtamney, Marie McAtamney and Amy McAtamney  
Ian Callaghan  
Jamal Sabahi  
James O'Shaughnessy  
Jason Fitzharris  
Jason Lyne  
Jim Joe Flynn  
Jim O'Dea  
Jimí Ó Lorcáin  
Joan O'Connor  
Joanna Tuffy, David Eaton and Eamon Tuffy  
Joe Keenan  
John Buckley  
John Farrell  
John Gannon  
John Jefferies  
John O'Callaghan  
John Pender  
John Sheahan  
John Walsh  
Joseph Ahern  
Josephine McLoughlin  
Kerry County Council  
Kevin O'Regan  
Kildare County Council  
Kilmacanogue Community Forum  
Kilmacrennan Regeneration Group  
Kilmaley Meitheal Voluntary Development Group  
Kilsheelan Kilcash GAA Club  
Kilsheelan Tidy Towns Committee  
Kirikee/Greenane Residents Association  
Knocklyon Network  
Labour Party - Clondalkin Branch  
Labour Party - Dublin Bay South  
Labour Party - Dublin Central  
Labour Party - Dublin South West  
Les Grennan  
Lydia Groennert  
Marie McMahan  
Marie Sherlock  
Marion O'Shea  
Mark Khan  
Martin Ferris T.D.  
Martin Horan  
Martin McGinley  
Martin Sadlier  
Martina O'Connor  
Mary B. Prendergast, Tony O'Connor, Mick Duffy and Cathy Mulroe

Mary Butler T.D.  
Mary Maxwell  
Matthew Folan  
Maureen Kearns  
Meath County Council  
Members of Arklow Municipal District  
Members of Ashbourne Municipal District  
Members of Baltinglass Municipal District  
Members of Bray Municipal District  
Members of Dublin City Council North West Area Committee  
Members of Dungarvan-Lismore Municipal District  
Members of Gorey Municipal District  
Members of Laytown-Bettystown Municipal District  
Members of Longford Municipal District  
Members of Roscommon County Council  
Members of Tipperary County Council  
Michael Collins T.D.  
Michael J. Dean  
Michael McCaffrey  
Michael McGrath T.D.  
Micheál Martin T.D.  
Mourneabbey Community Council  
Nancy Horan  
Niall Keady  
Niamh Crowley  
Niamh Kernan  
Noel and Deirdre Condon  
P. Gallagher  
Paddy Wade  
Pat Deering T.D.  
Pat McDaid  
Patrick Connolly  
Patrick J. Kelly  
Paul Kavanagh  
Peter O'Donovan  
Phibsboro Village Tidy Towns  
Phil and Tom Flood  
Racheal Bourke  
Rathdrum Development Association  
Rathdrum Playground Committee  
Rathmore Community Council  
Regina Doherty T.D.  
Rev. James Walton PP  
Richard O'Leary  
Rory Hogan  
Rory McEvoy  
Royal Canal Park Community Association & Rathborne Community Association  
Ruth Brittain  
Samantha Long  
Samuel O'Connor  
Seamus Rodgers  
Seán Beirne  
Sean Carey  
Sean Fleming T.D.  
Sean Hallinan  
Sean McMahon

Seanachán Mac Gearailt.  
Seosamh Ó Laoi  
Shane Cassells T.D.  
Sheila Grimes  
Sinn Féin - Drogheda  
Sinn Féin - Dublin Mid West  
Sinn Féin - Kerry  
Sinn Féin - Limerick City  
Sinn Féin - Tiobraid Árann  
Social Democrats - Cork North Central  
Solidarity Steering Committee  
St. Margarets Concerned Residents Group  
Stephen Coakley  
Stephen Nolan  
Steven O'Sullivan  
Susan Lawlor  
Tadhg Hyland  
Tallaght Community Council  
The Donnybrook Trust  
The Green Party / Comhaontas Glas  
The Workers' Party - Cork Region  
The Workers' Party - Dublin Mid West Constituency  
Thomas Brosnan  
Thomas Gibney  
Thomas Heavey  
Thomas Keenan  
Thomas Lyons  
Tim Coffey  
Tirconaill Tribune  
Tom Kerrigan  
Tom O'Regan - Ballyhea Community Council  
Tony Daly  
Tony O'Donovan  
Tracton Arts and Community Centre  
Vincent Coyle  
Vincent McCormack  
Watergrasshill Community Association  
Westmeath County Council  
Wicklow County Council  
William Winters

## Appendix IV

### Terms of Reference for Reviews of Cork City and Galway City

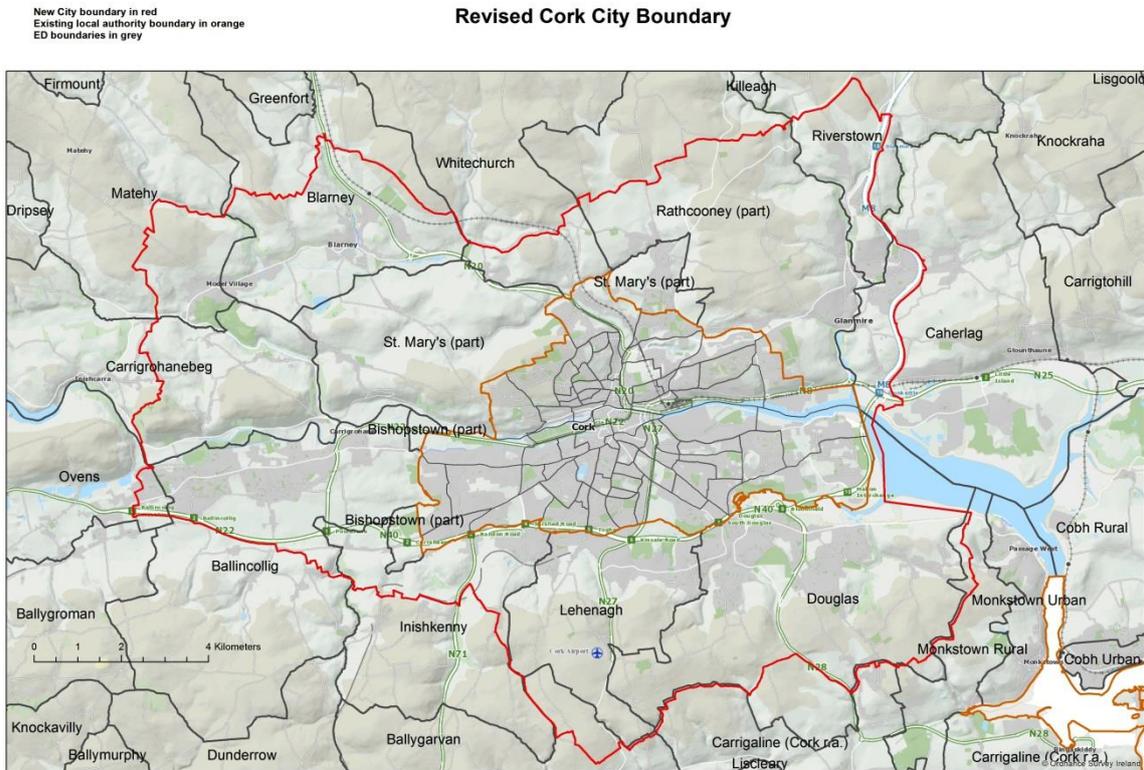
#### Review of local electoral areas in Cork City

##### Terms of Reference – Committee No. 2

1. To review and to make recommendations on the division of Cork City into local electoral areas and the number of members to be assigned to each such electoral area.
2. For the purposes of the review, the boundary of Cork City shall be the boundary as shown on the map attached to these terms of reference which is to be given legal effect under forthcoming legislation.
3. For the purpose of the review, the Committee should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016, should assume no change in the total membership of Cork City Council as specified in the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and should endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other requirements of these terms of reference, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%.
4. The number of councillors assigned to a local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7.
5. Local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban villages or have a neighbourhood focal point (or points), taking due account of local and community identities and linkages and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances or over multiple urban villages, or which divide individual urban villages or natural communities.
6. The Committee shall have regard to:
  - (i) Government policy in relation to local government, including any further reports, statements or decisions in that regard during the course of the review, and to any further guidance or requirements issued by the Minister.
  - (ii) The recommendation in paragraph 12.1.8 of the report of the Expert Advisory Group on Local Government Arrangements in Cork, dated April 2017, that “A newly expanded Cork City Council should also move to introduce an area-or district based structure for the wider city area, based on five areas (including the city centre). This will allow for the devolution of operational decisions at area level and the representation of distinct areas and communities within the city.”

Note: With regard to article 6(ii), local authorities which do not have municipal districts, including Cork City Council, have power under section 50 of the Local Government Act 2001 to establish area committees in respect of local electoral areas. It would appear, therefore, that what would be required to give effect to the Advisory Group

recommendation is to ensure that the LEAs are appropriately configured to facilitate the proposed arrangement.



## **Review of Local Electoral Areas in Galway City**

### **Terms of Reference - Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2**

1. To review and to make recommendations on the division of Galway City into local electoral areas and the number of members to be assigned to each such electoral area.
2. For the purpose of the review, the Committee should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016, should assume no change in the total membership of Galway City Council as specified in the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and should endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other requirements of these terms of reference, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%.
3. The number of councillors assigned to a local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7.
4. Local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban villages or have a neighbourhood focal point (or points), taking due account of local and community identities and linkages and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances or over multiple urban villages, or which divide individual urban villages or natural communities.
5. The Committee shall have regard to Government policy in relation to local government, including any further reports, statements or decisions in that regard during the course of the review, and to any further guidance or requirements issued by the Minister.



