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Dear Meetings Administrator

The Association of Irish Local Government will be holding two training mornings for elected members generally – whether new or re-elected – on the following dates and venues:

11 July 2019, registration from 0915, Mullingar Park Hotel, (off the M4), Co. Westmeath

For Councillors whose parent councils are within the catchments of the <u>Midlands and East</u> and <u>Northern and Western Regional Assemblies</u>

and

13 July 2019, registration from 0915, Horse & Jockey Hotel, (off the M6), Co Tipperary

For Councillors within the catchment of the Southern Regional Assembly.

The same rules apply to the above as for the standard training activities viz:

- If a Councillor attends at a location other than the venue specified for her or his training, payment will only be made for the shortest distance of the two;
- A councillor can claim for no more than two out-of-region Saturdays within a calendar year.

The content of the training mornings include elements of induction and refresher training regarding the core competences of the elected member.

This training is intended to be additional and complementary to training which is being organised by each parent local council. Since 2010 Councils have been required to adopt a Training and Development Programme for Councillors – see Part V (B) of the directions issued by the Minister in this regard which accompanied Circular LG04/2018. The coming months early in the life of a new Council would seem an opportune time for the development of such a programme which might include a blend of parent council in-house training and external training such as that provided by the AILG.

We look forward to working with your members over the new council term.

Yours faithfully

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