

**FAO Mr Martin Vaughan, Secretary, Electoral Area Boundary Committee.**

**ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARY REVISION**

Dear Mr Vaughan

I attach a proposed revision of the local electoral boundaries in Offaly for your consideration.

The attached proposal represents a very modest amendment to the existing county electoral divisions. However the proposal will result in the Birr Electoral Area deviating from the County Average by 10.7% which slightly exceeds the Terms of Reference guideline of 10%.

I would consider that in this case it is prudent not to change the Birr area as to do so will have a significant knock on effect on the Birr, Ferbane and Tullamore Electoral areas.

In other respects the proposal is in line with the guidelines and has only a minor effect on the electoral areas throughout the county.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours Sincerely

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**Current Situation:**

<b>Co. Offaly Ratio of Population per County Councillor - Census 2006 figures</b>				
<b>Electoral area</b>	<b>Number of Councillors</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Ratio population : Councillor</b>	<b>% Deviation from the average for each area</b>
Birr	5	15072	3,014 : 1	10.7% Over-representation
Tullamore	7	26372	3,767 : 1	11.6% Under-representation
Ferbane	4	11210	2,803 : 1	16.95% Over-representation
Edenderry	5	18214	3,643 : 1	8% Under-representation
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Average ratio for the county		3,375 persons: per 1 councillor		

## Proposed Revisions

Summary:	Electoral Area	Representation
	Ferbane	4 (No change)
	Birr	5 (No change)
	Tullamore	7 (No change)
	Edenderry	5 (No change)

To achieve the above representative structure the following amendments are proposed:

### Ferbane

	Population
Current Population	11,210
Transfer from Tullamore Electoral Area the following DEDs	+ 1,049
Killoughy (628)	
Rathrobin (421)	
New Population	12,259
Population / Councillor (÷4)	3,065
Deviation from County Average	-9.18%

### Tullamore

Current Population	26,372
Transfer as above	-1,049
New Population	25,323
Population / Councillor (÷7)	3,618
Deviation from County Average	+ 7.2%

Edenderry - Unchanged - Deviation + 8%

Birr - Unchanged – Deviation -10.7% (Small % over not considered material overall)