

Secretary,
Electoral Area Committee,
Room 2.03,
Custom House,
Dublin 1,
14th March, 2008.

Dear Sir,

I include below an analysis of the 2006 census figures relevant to the deliberations of the National Independent Boundary Commission Review of LEA's for County Wexford.

You will see from these figures that, while Wexford LEA and Enniscorthy LEA have almost no deviation from the county average, that Gorey LEA and New Ross LEA have complementary deviations.

Wexford County Council

Local Electoral Area	Population	Councillors per LEA	Population per Councillor	% deviation per LEA
Enniscorthy	31,797	5	6,359	1.4%
Gorey	29,280	4	7,320	16.7%
New Ross	26,917	5	5,383	-14.2%
Wexford	43,755	7	6,251	-0.4%
County Council	131,749	21	6,274	

These figures tell us that Enniscorthy and Wexford LEAs are both spot on with the other two LEAs each needing adjustment i.e. New Ross down one councillor and Gorey up one councillor. The remit of the Independent Boundary Commission requires that all LEA's be brought within a +10% and -10% bracket of deviation from the average population per Councillor. On this basis, Wexford LEA is as close to the average as is practically possible and there is no case for adjustment.

Taking the above figures into account, the people of Wexford will not entertain the prospect of a reduction in the geographical size or number of County Councillors in the Wexford LEA

Wexford Town is the County town of Wexford and the current make up of the LEA is both practical and sensible with the Town of Wexford as the hub of LEA. The people of Wexford Town and District fully deserve to have the maximum possible representation on the County Council and the current position is appropriate to the population of Wexford Town and district. I strongly recommend to the Commission that it make no change to the current status of Wexford LEA.

Yours sincerely,

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