

## Electoral Area Boundary Revision

Total population of county Offaly = 70,868

Number of county council seats = 21

Average ratio of population for the county per county councillor = 3,375

County Offaly Ratio of Population per county councillor – Census 2006 figures

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>Number of Councillors</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Ratio of Population /councillor</b>	<b>% deviation from average for each area</b>
Birr	5	15,072	3,014	10.7% over representation
Tullamore	7	26,372	3,767	11.6% under representation
Ferbane	4	11,210	2,803	16.95% over representation
Edenderry	5	18,214	3,643	8% under representation

Proposed Revision.

<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>Representation</b>
Birr	4
Tullamore	2 * 4
Ferbane	4
Edenderry	5

Rationale for proposal:

Tullamore electoral area today has a population requiring 8 councillors and sits well within the population/councillor ratio above. The town of Tullamore is the county town and forms along with Athlone and Mullingar the Midland Gateway as set out by the National Spatial Strategy. Current population projections for the town of Tullamore included in the current Offaly County Development Plan 2003 –2009, envisage a population growth up to 20,000 by the year 2020.

In the light of the current numbers in the Tullamore electoral area and the status of Tullamore within the county I propose that the Tullamore electoral area be set out as follows:

**Tullamore Greater Urban Area** - Population 13,081

(including Tullamore Rural and Tullamore Urban DED's) (see attached list for Tullamore )

$$\frac{\text{Population / Councillor}}{4} = 3,270$$

**Tullamore Rural Area** - Population 13,291

(including remaining 14 DED's)

$$\frac{\text{Population / Councillor}}{4} = 3,323$$

The two Tullamore electoral areas would function as a single entity.

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The Edenderry electoral area to remain as it is today.

I do not wish to put forward any proposal for how the Ferbane and Birr areas accommodate their 8 seats as this may be put forward by those councillors representing these areas.

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**POPULATION WITHIN BIRR ELECTORAL AREA**

DED Name	Population 2006	% Change 2002 - 2006	Actual Population Change
Aghancon*	380	4.7	17
Ballincor*	139	0.7	1
Banagher	1,950	9	161
Barna*	171	-2.3	-4
Birr Rural	1,268	15.7	172
Birr Urban	4,091	14	501
Cangort*	182	13.8	22
Cullenwaine	664	2.3	15
Dromoyle	309	5.1	15
Dunkerrin*	351	-3.6	-13
Eglisb*	165	3.1	5
Ettagh*	433	3.3	14
Gorteen*	286	0.4	1
Kilcolman	356	-6.8	-26
Killyon*	255	2.4	6
Kinnitty	518	3	15
Knockbarron	154	-1.9	-3
Letter	156	13.9	19
Lusmagh	506	10.2	47
Mounterin*	211	0	0
Mountheaton	730	0.8	6
Roscomroe*	148	2.1	3
Seirkieran	460	0.2	1
Shinrone	921	15.6	124
Templeharry*	158	3.9	6
Tulla*	110	11.1	11

**POPULATION WITHIN FERBANE ELECTORAL AREA**

DED Name	Population 2006	% Change 2002-2006	Actual Population Change
Ballycumber	688	-2	-14
Bawn	346	8.1	26
Broughal*	127	-5.9	-8
Cloghan	854	-0.2	-2
Clonmacnoise*	321	1.6	5
Derrinboy	261	1.6	4
Derryad*	255	-1.2	-3
Derrycooley	252	5.4	13
Doon	423	4.4	18
Drumcullen	333	19.8	55
Ferbane	1170	4.3	48
Gallen	597	-4.8	-30
Hinds*	291	3.6	10
Huntston	369	-0.8	-3
Kilcormac	1288	-0.6	-8
Killooly	249	5.5	13
Lea	341	5.9	19
Lumcloon	368	-6.8	-27
MoyClare	591	8	44
Rahan	696	-5.6	-41
Shannonbridge	332	-5.9	-21
Shannonharbour	329	-2.4	-8
Srah	737	3.7	26

**POPULATION WITHIN TULLAMORE ELECTORAL AREA**

DED Name	Population 2006	% Change 2002-2006	Actual Population Change
Ballycommon	532	14.9	69
Cappancur	1272	1.4	18
Clara	3587	11.2	361
Durrow	723	9.4	62
Geashill	1449	19.6	237
Gorteen	309	13.6	37
Kilcumreragh	497	9	41
Killeigh	1209	5.7	65
Killoughy	628	10.2	58
Rathrobin	421	5.5	22
Screggan	1339	21.5	237
Silverbrook	656	11	65
Tinamuck	219	11.2	22
Tinnycross	450	7.1	30
Tullamore Rural	2181	11.9	1185
Tullamore Urban	10,900	6.1	630

POPULATION WITHIN EDENDERRY ELECTORAL AREA			
DED Name	Population 2006	% Change 2002-2006	Actual Population Change
Ballaghassaan	37	8.8	3
Ballyburly	1291	12.5	143
Ballymacwilliam	565	20.7	97
Ballyshear	365	20.5	62
Bracknagh	942	11.1	94
Clonbullogue	709	9.1	59
Clonmore	419	21.4	74
Clonygowan	424	7.9	31
Croghan*	457	-0.2	-1
Daingean	1460	25	292
Edenderry Rural	715	-2.1	-15
Edenderry Urban	5617	33.2	1401
Esker	368	5.1	18
Hammerlane	561	5.1	27
Kilclonfert*	319	6	18
Knockdrin*	157	11.3	16
Monasteroris	675	-7.8	-57
Mountbriscoe	199	0.5	1
O'Dempsey	126	12.5	14
Portarlinton North	2039	24.7	404
Raheenakeeran	388	4.9	18
Rathfeston	381	47.1	122