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Department of Environment & Local Government

Submission to: The Secretary of the Electoral Area Committee

From: Victor Boyhan
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Re: Local Electoral Boundaries within Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council.

Dear Secretary,

Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council current position:

- a.. 28 Members of Council
- b.. 6 Electoral Wards
- c.. Ballybrack 6
- d.. Blackrock 4
- e.. Dun Laoghaire 6
- f.. Dundrum 6
- g.. Glencullen 3
- h.. Stillorgan 3

I wish to propose that the committee give due consideration to two options.

Option One:

- a.. Create 4 Electoral Areas with 7 Council seats in each electoral area, retaining the existing number of a 28 member Council.

Option Two:

- a.. Create 3 Electoral Areas, with the current Ballybrack, Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire Electoral Areas equally divided to form three 5 Council seat in each - Total 15
 - b.. Create 2 Electoral Areas, the part of Ballybrack (now in Dublin South Dáil Constituency) and all of Glencullen and the Leopardstown /Foxrock part of Stillorgan with 6 Council seats. Dundrum and the remainder of Stillorgan to have 7 Council seats. - Total 13.
- Both options would retain the current 28 member Council.

I would also suggest that a new naming system be devised for local electoral areas, the current naming does not fully reflect the geographical areas represented. Suggestion; Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown North, South, East, West, Central and so on.

The recent Dáil Constituency review should form part of the committees review.
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown falls within two Dáil constituencies.

I have considered the submission made by Mr. Liam Kenny of the Association of County & City Councils which was posted on your website, and would fully support his request that a decision in relation to these matters should be made and agreed as soon as his practically possible given the the next Local Government elections are scheduled to take place in June 2009.

I appreciate the opportunity to make this submission and wish the committee every success in its deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

Victor Boyhan