

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX I

### Rules of Procedure

1. These rules are hereby adopted by the Committee to assist the proper and effective performance of its functions.
2. The quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be 3.
3. Subject to the requirement of a quorum, the Committee may act notwithstanding a vacancy in its membership.
4. If the Chairman is not present at a meeting, the members of the Committee present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of that meeting.
5. Matters at Committee meetings will in the normal course be agreed by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, and a question at a meeting requires to be decided by vote, the question shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting on the question, each member present having one vote and in the case of an equal division of votes, the Chairman of the meeting having a second or casting vote.
6. No person shall, without the consent of the Committee, disclose to any person any information obtained while serving as a member of the Committee or as a person whose services are made available to the Committee relative to the business of the Committee or the performance of the functions of the Committee.
7. No member of the Committee or its secretariat shall entertain any communication from any person external to the Committee and its secretariat which is for the purposes of influencing the Committee in the performance of its functions.
8. The deliberations of the Committee shall be conducted in private and persons other than members of the Committee and its secretariat shall not normally be permitted to attend a meeting of the Committee. In no case shall persons who are not members of the Committee be allowed to attend a meeting for the purposes of influencing the Committee in the performance of its functions.
9. A member of the Committee shall not participate in the preparation of any part of the report with respect to the functional area of a local authority if he or she is an officer of that authority, nor with respect to the functional area of a local authority situated within an administrative county if he or she is an officer of the council of that county. Any such matter arising shall be noted in the minutes of that meeting.
10. Meetings of the Committee shall be arranged and notified to members by the Secretary after consultation with the Chairman.
11. The minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be approved at the next meeting and shall thereupon be signed by the Chairman and retained by the Secretary.

## APPENDIX II

### Press Notice Inviting Submissions

#### Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr John Gormley, T.D., has established two Committees to review local electoral areas and to report to him not later than 20 June 2008.

The reviews of local electoral areas are being undertaken in prospect of the local elections to be held in 2009, and having regard to population changes since the last similar reviews in 1998. The Committees' reports will be considered by the Minister as the basis for the revision of the local electoral areas under his statutory powers.

The Committees are mandated to review the ratio of population to elected members in each local electoral area and to ensure a reasonable relationship (as far as practicable within a variance of +/-10%) between the population as established by the 2006 Census and representation within each local authority. In addition, in the case of counties and cities, the Committees must also seek to draw up, where possible, electoral areas that would, alone or in combination, have an urban or neighbourhood focal point or points.

The terms of reference for the Committees also require them to take due account of the desirability of preserving natural communities or the hinterlands of population centres, and, where possible, of aligning local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries.

The Committees are asked to assume no change in present numbers of elected members at overall local authority level. Within individual electoral areas as recommended by the Committees, the number of councillors should not be less than 4 or more than 7, provided that in very exceptional circumstances 3 seat local electoral areas may be recommended where otherwise the geographic size of the area would be disproportionately large.

The *Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee* will report and make recommendations in relation to Dublin City, Cork City, Galway City, Limerick City, Waterford City, and Dún-Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin County Councils. The *Electoral Area Boundary Committee* will report and make recommendations in relation to the counties outside of Dublin City, and the borough councils of Drogheda and Sligo and the town councils of Bray and Dundalk, all of which are currently divided into local electoral areas.

The Committees now invite submissions on the matters referred to above. Submissions may be sent by e-mail to [electoralareacommittees@environ.ie](mailto:electoralareacommittees@environ.ie) or by post to Room 2.03, Custom House Dublin 1, and should be addressed to –

Secretary  
Dublin and Cities Electoral Area Boundary Committee

or

Secretary  
Electoral Area Boundary Committee

as appropriate, **to arrive no later than 14 March 2008**. All submissions will be made available on the website of the Committees ([www.electoralareacommittees.ie](http://www.electoralareacommittees.ie)) as soon as they are received.

Further information, including full terms of reference, is available from John O'Farrell, telephone 01 888 2092.

## APPENDIX III

### List of Submissions

#### Political Parties

Achill Fianna Fáil

Fianna Fáil Ard Comhairle

Fianna Fáil, Ballaghaderreen Comhairle Ceanntair, Co. Roscommon

Fianna Fáil, Ballinamore Comhairle Ceanntair, County Leitrim

Fianna Fáil, Ballinrobe Comhairle Ceanntair, County Mayo

Fianna Fáil, Dingle Cumann, County Kerry

Fianna Fáil, Gorey, County Wexford

Fianna Fáil Group, Kilkenny County Kilkenny

Fianna Fáil Group, Wexford County Council

Fianna Fáil, Rathangan Cumann, County Kildare

Fianna Fáil, Templemartin Cumann, County Cork

Fine Gael

Fine Gael, County Executive, Cavan

Fine Gael, Mayo Constituency Executive

Green Party, Bray, County Wicklow

Green Party, County Meath

Labour/Green Parties Group, Kilkenny County Council

Sinn Féin, Cavan County Council Members

Sinn Féin, Comhairle Ceantair Lughai

Sinn Féin, North Kerry

The Labour Party

The Labour Party, Laurence Gate Branch, Drogheda, County Louth

#### Public Representatives

Mr. Niall Collins T.D.

Mr. Michael D'Arcy T.D.

Mr. Frank Feighan T.D.

Senator Dominic Hannigan

Councillor Malcolm Byrne, Gorey Town Council

Councillor Caroline Burrell, Bray Town Council  
Councillor John Carey, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Frank Chambers, Mayo County Council  
Councillor Dan Cowman, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Michael Connor-Scarteen, Kerry County Council  
Councillor Pat Daly, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Dervill Dolan, Offaly County Council  
Councillor Tom Feighery, Offaly County Council  
Councillor Seamus Cosai Fitzgerald, Kerry County Council  
Councillor Daragh Fitzpatrick, Kildare County Council  
Councillor Mary Greene, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Connie Hanniffy, Offaly County Council  
Councillor Noel Harrington, Cork County Council  
Councillor Mary Hoade, Galway County Council  
Councillor Lorraine Hynes, Carlow County Council  
Councillor James Joyce, Galway County Council  
Councillor P J Kavanagh, Carlow County Council  
Councillor Fergie Kehoe, Wexford County Council  
Councillor Frank Maher, Louth County Council & Drogheda Borough Council  
Councillor Joe MacDonald, Carlow County Council  
Councillor Michael McNamara, Mayo County Council  
Councillor Alan Mitchell, Longford County Council  
Councillor Aindreas Moynihan, Cork County Council  
Councillor Paddy O'Callaghan, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Paddy O' Rourke, Leitrim County Council  
Councillor Michael D. O' Shea, Kerry County Council  
Councillor Tim O' Leary, Kerry County Council  
Councillor Lola O' Sullivan, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Anne Marie Power, Waterford County Council  
Councillor Bryan Reilly, Meath County Council  
Councillor Katie Ridge, Kildare County Council  
Councillor John Ryan, Wicklow County Council  
Councillor Darren Scully, Kildare County Council

## **Local Authorities**

Drogheda Borough Council  
Ennis Town Council  
Kildare County Council  
Leitrim County Council  
Roscommon County Council  
Sligo Borough Council  
Tramore Town Council  
Tullamore Town Council  
Waterford County Council  
Westmeath County Council  
Wexford County Council

## **Organisations**

Aglish Development Association, County Waterford  
Allenwood Gaelic Football Club, Naas, County Kildare  
Association of County and City Councils  
Athea Community Council Limited, County Limerick  
Athenry Community Council Trust Limited, County Galway  
Ballinrobe Community Development Council, County Mayo  
Ballinhassig Tidy Towns Committee, County Cork  
Blessington and District Forum, County Wicklow  
Carragaline Macra na Feirme, County Cork  
Castleisland Community and Business Association, County Kerry  
Clontibret Development Association, County Monaghan  
Dromineer and District Development Association, North Tipperary  
Dromore West Community Enhancement Group Limited, County Sligo  
Glencorrib-Kilroe Development Council, County Mayo  
Group of Residents from Arva, County Cavan  
Lough Gowna Development Association, County Cavan  
Lough Sheelin Angling Trout Protection Association, County Cavan  
Kilkishen Community Council, County Clare  
Kilmaley Meitheal Parish Development Committee Limited  
Mid-East Regional Authority, County Offices, Station Road, County Wicklow

Mostrim Parish Identity Group, County Longford  
Mullahoran Parish Council  
Newport and District Development Company Limited, County Mayo  
Newtownmountkennedy Tidy Towns Association, County Wicklow  
O'Callaghan's Mills Community Council, County Clare  
Tracton Community Alert, County Cork

## **Individuals**

Cormac Bohan, Ashfield, North Road, Drogheda, County Louth  
Trish Forde Brennan, County Limerick  
Michael Burke, Convent Road, Ballinrobe, County Mayo  
Dermot Campion, Garranroe, Moyne, Thurles, County Tipperary  
Dan Carroll, Castle Avenue, Muskerry Estait, Ballincollig, County Cork  
Michael Clarke, Main Street, Dromore West, County Sligo  
Noel Conway, Killoe, County Longford  
Timmy Conway, Thomastown, Naas, County Kildare  
Paraic Cosgrove, Cloontakilla, Bangor Ellis, Ballina, County Mayo  
Pat Costello, Kildimo Village, County Limerick  
Paraic Conroy, Finney, County Mayo  
Jim Cuddy, Lydican, Claregalway, County Galway  
Michael J. Deane, Glenamoy, Ballina, County Mayo  
Eoin Dillon, Tyone, Nenagh, County Tipperary  
Michael Duffy, Kilbride, Finney, County Mayo  
Michael J Duffy & Others, Ballintubber, County Mayo  
John Egan, Finney, County Mayo  
Tommy Egan, Finney, County Mayo  
Jonathan Fitzgerald, Baile Caneen, Glens, Dingle, County Kerry  
Jim Fleming, The Swan House, The Swan, County Laois  
Bridgid Fox, Myshall, County Carlow  
Pat Gallagher, County Manager, Offaly County Council  
Gerry Garvey, Liscolvin, High Street, Carrick-on-Shannon, County Roscommon  
Jim Gilna, Woodford, Laytown, County Meath  
Albert Glynn, Glan, Kilcogy, County Cavan  
Sean Hallinan, Parks, Clogher, Claremorris, County Mayo  
Brendan Heneghan, Terenure, Dublin

Johnny Joyce, County Mayo  
Michael Joyce, County Mayo  
Sean Keogh, Myshall, County Carlow  
James Lawless, Naas, County Kildare  
Padraig Loughrey, Killoe, County Longford  
Noel Lynch, Macroom, County Cork  
Sean Lyons, County Mayo  
Michael Mayling, Little Acre, Killeshin Road, Carlow, County Carlow  
Antóin MacGearailt, Na Traiceanna, An Daingean, Contae Chiarrai  
George McCarney, Carlow, County Carlow  
John McAteer, Main Street, Milford, County Donegal  
J.C. McClafferty, County Donegal  
Sean McClafferty, Carrigart Lower, Letterkenny, County Donegal  
Dan McSweeney, Bandon, County Cork  
Nevan McCartin, Main Street, Newowngore, County Leitrim  
Garreth McDaid, Woodcairn, Drumleague, County Leitrim  
Tom McCormack, Killoe, County Longford  
Michael McKeon, Rosevale, Drogheda, County Louth  
Anne McHale, Killavalla, County Mayo  
Catherine Murphy, Leixlip Park, Leixlip, County Kildare  
Richard Murphy, GWS Co-operative, Ballyglass, County Mayo  
William Murphy, Galbally, Curracloe, Enniscorthy, County Wexford  
Joe Nestor, Ballyglass, County Mayo  
Sean Nestor, Belcarra, Castlebar, County Mayo  
Gerald O' Connor, Skreen, County Sligo  
Dr. Tony O' Donnell, Drumcree Court, Kildare Town, County Kildare  
Donal O h-Ealaithe, County Cork  
Pat O' Shea, Acres, Annascaul, County Kerry  
Peter O' Rourke, Knocklonegad, Garryhill, Bagenalstown, County Carlow  
Eugene O' Neill, Carrigeencor, Dromahair, County Leitrim  
Terry O'Niadh, County Manager, North Tipperary County Council  
Danny Owens, County Offaly  
Patrick Pidgeon, Blessington, County Wicklow  
Mary B. Prendergast, Belcarra, County Mayo  
Seamus Rodgers, Ard na Mara, Annagry, Letterkenny, County Donegal  
Eoin Seymour, Annaghbeg, Ballycommon, Nenagh, County Tipperary  
Joe Shannon, Mahanagh, Cloonloo, County Sligo

Marc Sheehan, Knockaneowen, Coachford, County Cork

Eilish Smyth, Ballygall Parade, Dublin 11

Marian Smyth, Graiguecullen, County Carlow

Mike Sweeney, Cobh, County Cork

Sean Tansey, Adspialda, Gurteen, County Sligo

Máire Bean Uí Chonchúir, An Caladh, Sráid an Trá, An Daingean, Contae Chiarraí

Michael Varley, Drumsheel Lower, Cong, County Mayo

P J Walsh, Myshall, County Carlow

Padraic Walsh, Breaffy, County Mayo

Tommie Walsh, County Mayo

## APPENDIX IV

### Recent History of Boundary Reviews

#### 1985

In 1985, the Government established two non-statutory Commissions to advise on the revision of representation at local level – one in respect of Dublin City and County and one in respect of County and County borough Councils outside of Dublin. The County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundary Commission had in its terms of reference :-

1. To recommend revisions to the representation on County Councils and County Borough Councils outside Dublin, with a view to ensuring a reasonable relationship between population and representation within each local authority without reducing the representation of any electoral area.
  
2. To consult with relevant local authorities in relation to extending the County Boroughs Cork and Limerick and constituting a County Borough in the Borough of Galway and to recommend appropriate representation. In the event of no extensions being agreed the level of representation of the existing County Boroughs would remain unchanged and the new Galway County Borough would have 15 seats
  
3. The key criteria to be employed by the commission to be
  - a. where a reasonable relationship exists between the 1981 population and representation to leave boundaries unchanged

- b. where representation levels are outside the limits to re-balance by, firstly, applying minimal boundary change taking due account of preserving natural communities and the hinterlands of population centres and, secondly, of the desirability, where it may be possible to do so of aligning electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries.
- c. In cases where limited boundary changes cannot achieve the required balance and extensive disturbance of boundaries could be minimised by adding one or more seats in combination with or in substitution for boundary changes, to recommend the addition of one or two councillors with due regard to the undesirability of adding an excessive number of additional councillors in any county.
- d. Where the number of councillors representing an area equals or exceeds eight, to recommend sub-division in to electoral areas of no less than four members.

## **1998**

Two Electoral Boundary Committees established under the Local Government Act 1991 carried out a further review of local electoral areas in 1998. One Committee dealt with electoral areas in Dublin City as well as the counties of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin, while the other Committee dealt with -

- (a) the cities of Cork, Limerick, Waterford and Galway
- (b) all counties
- (c) eight borough and urban district councils

Both Committees' terms of reference were quite similar to those of the present review and based their work on the 1996 Census.

The Minister made the necessary orders to implement the recommendations of both Committees and two local elections (i.e. 1999 and 2004) have taken place since then.