

## Appendix II

### Rules of Procedure of the Committee

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 Chairperson is not present at a meeting, the members of the Committee present shall choose one of their number to be Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson.
11. The minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be approved at the next meeting and shall thereupon be signed by the Chairperson and retained by the Secretary.

## **Appendix III**

### **Copy of newspaper advertisement**

#### **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 IV

### Persons and Organisations who made submissions to the Committee

#### Political Parties

Fianna Fáil, Dublin North West  
Fianna Fáil, Dublin West Comhairle Dailcheantaire  
Fine Gael  
Fine Gael, Swords Branch  
Green Party, Dublin City Region  
Green Party, Dublin West  
Green Party, The Fingal Greens  
Labour  
Labour, Jack Clarke Branch  
Progressive Democrats, Dublin Mid West  
Progressive Democrats, Dublin South East  
Progressive Democrats, South Dublin  
Sinn Féin  
Sinn Féin, Limerick  
Socialist Party

#### Public Representatives

Eamon Ryan, T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources  
Pat Carey, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of An Taoiseach  
Thomas P. Broughan, T.D.  
Joan Burton, T.D.  
Joe Costello, T.D.  
Paul Gogarty, T.D.  
Noel Grealish, T.D.  
Olivia Mitchell, T.D.  
Jan O' Sullivan, T.D.  
Alan Shatter, T.D.  
Senator Maurice Cummins  
Councillor Darragh Butler, Fingal County Council  
Councillor Maria Byrne, Limerick City Council  
Councillor Peter Coyle, Fingal County Council  
Councillor John Cronin, Limerick City Council  
Councillor David Cullinane, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Tom Cunningham, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Declan Flanagan, Dublin City Council  
Councillor Peggy Hamill, Fingal County Council  
Councillor John Hannon, South Dublin County Council  
Councillor John Halligan, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Gerry Horkan, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council  
Councillor James Houlihan, Limerick City Council  
Councillor Michael Hourigan, Limerick City Council  
Councillor Kevin Humphreys, Dublin City Council  
Councillor Joe Leddin, Limerick City Council

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**Persons and Organisations who made submissions  
to the Committee (continued)**

Councillor Donal Lyons, Galway City Council  
Councillor Sean Paul Mahon, Dublin City Council  
Councillor Eamonn Maloney, South Dublin County Council  
Councillor Donal Marren, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council  
Councillor Paddy McCartan, Dublin City Council  
Councillor Tony McDermott, South Dublin County Council  
Councillor Declan McDonnell, Galway City Council  
Councillor Gerry McLoughlin, Limerick City Council  
Councillor Tom Murphy, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Joe Neville, South Dublin County Council  
Councillor Michael O' Donovan, Fingal County Council  
Councillor Terry O' Flaherty, Galway City Council  
Councillor Mary O' Halloran, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Kieran O' Hanlon, Limerick City Council  
Councillor Laurence "Cha" O' Neill, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Mary Roche, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Seamus Ryan, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Jack Walsh, Waterford City Council  
Councillor Kieran Walsh, Limerick City Council  
Councillor Edie Wynne, Dublin City Council

**Local Authorities**

Cork City Council

**Organisations**

Association of County and City Councils  
Balally Residents Association  
Communities for Sustainable Development, Cork  
Dublin 15 Community Council  
Swords Community Council  
Swords Electoral Area Boundary Group  
Terenure Residents Association

**Individuals**

Catherine Ardagh  
Christopher Barker  
Francis J. Barker  
Theresa Barker  
Dermot Behan  
Desmond Blair, Swords  
Victor Boyhan, Dún Laoghaire  
Pam Brown  
Nikki Burke, Swords  
Peter Clancy, Malahide  
Robert Creighton  
Steward Cullen  
Brian Doyle, Belfield  
Pauline Doyle, Terenure  
Wes Duffy, Swords

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**Persons and Organisations who made submissions  
to the Committee (continued)**

David Hutchinson Edgar, Tallaght  
Anne Feeney, Terenure  
Mary Fitzpatrick  
Breda Flannery, Limerick  
Brenda Gardiner  
James Grant  
Brendan Heneghan, Terenure  
Alan Higgins, Swords  
Robert Irwin, Limerick  
Frank Kavanagh, Limerick  
Amanda Kelly, Swords  
Tony Kelly, Dundrum  
Edward Kiely  
Linda Ledger  
Denis Leonard  
Victoria Lyons, Swords  
Colm MacCarvill, Merrion  
Michael McKeever, Galway  
Bill Mew  
Dawn Murray, Swords  
Andrea Neill, Malahide  
Derek Neill, Malahide  
Derek Nolan, Galway  
Ken O' Brien, Malahide  
Aisling O' Donoghue, Swords  
Michael O' Loughlin, Swords  
William O' Sullivan, Cork  
Maria Parodi  
Celine Power, Malahide  
David Rooney, Swords  
Tara Shorthall, Malahide  
David Sinnott, Swords  
Gerry Sinnott, Swords  
Karen Sinnott, Swords  
Laura Sinnott, Swords  
David Smith, Malahide  
Gerard Stockil, Tallaght  
Daniel K. Sullivan, Limerick  
Aideen Williams

## Appendix V

### Recent history of boundary reviews

In 1985, two non-statutory Commissions were established – one in respect of Dublin City and County and one for the other cities and counties. The task of the Commission reviewing Dublin was to advise and report on the formation of districts and local electoral areas.

The terms of reference for the Commission reviewing Dublin required it *inter alia* to -

- determine boundaries of six districts (Artane/Coolock/Raheny, Glasnevin/Drumcondra/ Clontarf, Finglas/Cabra/Ashtown, the inner-city, Crumlin/Drimnagh/Inchicore/Ballyfermot, and Pembroke/Rathmines/Terenure), each to have populations as recorded in the 1981 Census in the range 75,000 to 100,000
- recommend a division of each of those districts into two electoral areas of not more than five seats, taking due account in such division of the affinity of different parts of these districts with each other and of the populations of these areas as recorded in 1981.

In relation to the then proposed three new county councils in Dublin, the Commission was required to recommend a division of each of the council areas into two districts. Each district was to be sub-divided into electoral areas based on the 1981 Census, having not more than five seats each. In determining the electoral areas, the Commission was required as far as possible to have regard to the preservation of natural communities or of areas forming the hinterland of particular population or shopping centres.

A further review of local electoral areas was carried out in 1998 by two Electoral Boundary Committees established under the Local Government Act 1991. One committee dealt with electoral areas in Dublin City as well as the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin, while the other committee dealt with -

- (a) the cities of Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford
- (b) all counties
- (c) the towns of Clonmel, Drogheda, Kilkenny, Sligo, Wexford, Bray, Dundalk and Tralee.

That review, which had terms of reference quite similar to those of the present review, was based on the 1996 Census.

The Minister made the necessary orders to implement the recommendations of both 1998 Boundary Committees and two local elections (i.e. 1999 and 2004) have taken place since then.

The boundaries of the existing local electoral areas are shown in maps contained in Appendix VI.