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Submission of Fine Gael Dublin Rathdown.

Submission to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No.2 (Committee) on possible revisions to the Ward Boundaries.

The key points of the terms of reference for the Ward Boundaries are that:

- The number of councillors per ward shall be 5,6 or 7,
- The differences in the ratio of population per council seat per ward should not be greater than + or – 10%.

The position for the DLR Council area is as follows:

County	DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN
Population 2016	218,018
Total no. of Cllrs.	40
Population per Cllr.	5,450
<i>variance +10%</i>	5,995
<i>variance -10%</i>	4,905

Current LEAs	Seats	Pop.	Pop/seat	Var.
Blackrock	6	32,047	5,341	-2.0%
Dún Laoghaire	8	43,307	5,413	-0.7%
Dundrum	7	37,452	5,350	-1.8%
Glencullen-Sandyford	7	40,902	5,843	7.2%
Killiney-Shankill	6	33,802	5,634	3.4%
Stillorgan	6	30,508	5,085	-6.7%

Dublin Rathdown	20	109,156	5,458	0.1%
Dún Laoghaire	20	108,862	5,443	-0.1%

The above table shows the following:

- All of wards are within the + or – 10% requirement.
- However, Glencullen/Sandyford is already 7% over and covers one of the fastest growing area in the council area. A change here is going to be inevitable.

This could be remedied by transferring an area from GS to Stillorgan, which is the only area which is considerably below the average. However, this would mean splitting the village of Sandyford Village, which would not be “natural” and would surely be opposed by the local population.

An Extra Ward

Another possibility is to look at a slightly bigger reconfiguration and creating a fourth ward.

Ward	Existing Council Seats	Change to four wards- no. of seats
Dundrum	7	5
Stillorgan	6	5
Glencullen/Sandyford	7	5
Ballinteer		5
Total	20	20

Apart from “right-sizing” both Glencullen Sandyford and Glencullen, the arguments in favour of the four wards are:

- Smaller areas make it easier for councillors to serve their constituents
- Smaller wards are beneficial also for the electorate as the ward is likely to be more homogenous
- A fourth ward will allow Ballinteer to have its own representation and voice in the Council.

We recommend the latter option and would suggest the creation of 4 wards as follows:

Dáil 2018	LEA	ED	2016 Final	Average	% of 5450
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Broadford	2,537		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Ludford	2,028		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Meadowbroads	1,639		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Ballinteer-Meadowmount	1,848		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Nutgrove	3,165		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Sweetmount	2,165		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballinteer-Marley	2,253		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Sandyford	7,688		
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Ballinteer-Woodpark	5,405		
		Total =	28,728	5745.6	105.42
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Castle	1,476		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Landscape	1,411		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Orwell	1,943		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Churchtown-Woodlawn	1,481		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Farranboley	1,615		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Clonskeagh-Windy Arbour	2,736		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum/Glencullen-Sandyford	Dundrum-Balally	8,035		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Milltown	2,049		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Kilmacud	3,274		
Dublin Rathdown	Dundrum	Dundrum-Taney	2,491		
		Total =	26,511	5302.2	97.29
Dun Laoghaire	Glencullen-Sandyford	Cabinteely-Loughlinstown	4,280		
Dublin Rathdown/Dún Laoghaire	Glencullen-Sandyford	Glencullen	19,773		
Dublin Rathdown	Glencullen-Sandyford	Tibradden	1,111		
		Total =	25,164	5,033	92.34

Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Belfield	3,122		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Clonskeagh-Roebuck	2,699		
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Carrickmines	5,951		
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Foxrock-Torquay	1,445		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Deerpark	2,955		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Kilmacud	3,973		
Dun Laoghaire	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Leopardstown	2,714		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Merville	3,217		
Dublin Rathdown	Stillorgan	Stillorgan-Mount Merrion	2,383		
		Total =	28,459	5691.8	104.44