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## Proposals for Local Elections 2019 Boundary Changes in County Donegal

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Currently there are five electoral areas: Letterkenny and Inishowen alone account for 19 of the 37 Council seats.

### PROPOSALS

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That the number of 37 Council Members be retained because the population density of 159,212 supports the criteria per member.

That the number of electoral areas be increased to seven with two areas in Inishowen and the original Milford area restored.

That the Letterkenny area be divided into (2) distinct electoral areas - that of Letterkenny and Milford.

That the new Milford area have 4 Cllrs.

That those areas of the Woodlands polling station north of Kiltroy and the Golf Course road be included with Milford electoral area because it is part of the natural hinterland there in its rural location.

That part or parts thereof from the Creeslough area from Lackagh Bridge and the Log Cabin on the N56 also be taken into the Milford area along with the polling district of Meencargagh.

That the inclusion of the Castlewray and parts of the Creeslough polling districts be so changed to enable the Milford area population density to be no less than 18,500

That Letterkenny and its environs should have 6 Cllrs with a population density circa 26,600.

That the polling district of Manorcunningham be retained within the Letterkenny area to ensure a population base for 6 Cllrs.

That the Stranorlar Electoral Area retains its 6 seats: That the area should see the inclusion of the Kincaigry district (1026 residents) to give a population density of 26,500.

That the Glenties area retain its 6 Cllrs with a population density of 24,400.

That the Glenties electoral area, with the inclusion of those Gaeltacht districts now based in the Donegal area retain 6 Cllrs with their new population base should have a population density of 24,400.

That the Gaeltacht area of Glencolmcille, Málainn Bhig and Cill Ghabhlagh, Cro Chaorach, Cill Cartha with a population circa 2260 be included in the Glenties area where their native Irish language is a dominant feature of the political landscape.

That the Donegal Electoral Area retain its status of 6 Cllrs with a population density of 24,250 and should continue to have the necessary population base excluding those Gaeltacht areas being transferred to Glenties.

That 2 new electoral areas be created in Inishowen electoral area be divided so that the peninsula retains its 9 seats; eg (1) of 5 seats in South Inishowen and an electoral area comprising North Inishowen should have 4 seats These electoral areas may be based in Buncrana and Carndonagh.

The transfer of Manorcunningham circa population of 1214 will leave the Inishowen Peninsula with a population of more than 39,000 and in line with the population density for 9 seats across two separate electoral areas.

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## Summary

The proposals, seat numbers and population density.

Donegal (6) 24,250.

Glenties (6) 24,400.

Inishowen (2) electoral

Areas (9) 39,000.

L'Kenny (6) 26,600

Stranorlar (6) 26,500

Milford (4) 18,500

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