

REVIEW OF CORK CITY AND CORK COUNTY LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS

**Dear Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,**

08/05/2018

I Cllr. Paudie Dineen an elected member of Cork City Council hereby submit my submission to the Local Electoral Boundary Committees for your consideration.

I have being a hard working Councillor for many years in the Cork City South Central Ward and in that time I represented my ward on many fronts. I have like all other hard working Cllr's spent many hours attending meetings in the various community's that make up my ward particularly in the City Centre residential areas. Recently 2 options for the new LEA were put before us at council.

Option (1) shows 5 wards,

City North West

City North East

City South West

City South East and

City South Central.

Option (2) contains all the above with the inclusion of a 6th ward, City Centre.

The inclusion of this ward cuts my ward City South Central into 2 splitting my vote and forcing me to make a decision that will leave many of my voters in limbo including me.

I ask that you would give consideration to option (1) when you make your decision in due course. I feel and know that option (1) will allow me to continue my work at grassroots level throughout my ward and I will willingly accept the extra representative workload from the extended boundary, this is a challenge that I would welcome, I know that many of my colleagues feel the same although they may not take the time to put forward a submission.

Option (1) 5 wards, I believe this is the best result all round for Cllr's and will allow local residents to continue to have confidence in their local elected representatives which is most important when it comes to public representation.

Option (2) 6 wards will not serve the city centre any better than it is served at the moment. If it is split from its original ward structure this would I believe only help to dissolve the hard work and bonding built over many years by Cllr's, resident groups and retailers. This bond should be maintained to ensure continued trusted representation.

I further believe that there would be no need what so ever to increase the number of councillors from the current 31.

Thanking you for your consideration in advance

Cllr. Paudie Dineen,

Cork City Council.

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