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To: Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee

From Cork North Central Social Democrats

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Recommendation

We recommend that the enlarged Cork City Council area has an increased number of councilors.

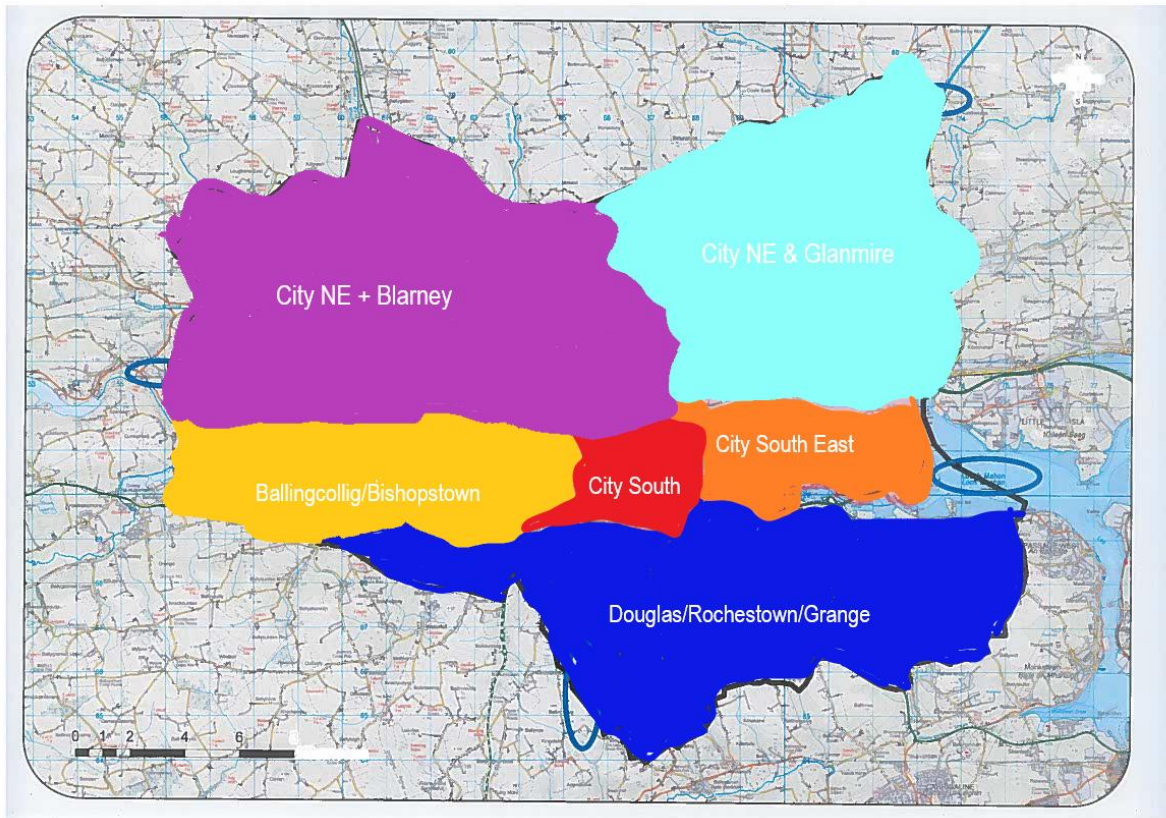
The number of councilors in the new City Council should be increased from 31 to 37. This will be equivalent to 1 councillor for each 5,619 residents which is lower than the existing ratio of population to councilors today in Cork County, is significantly higher than the national average of 5,018 residents per councillor and aligns with similar sized authorities such as Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, which has an average of 5,450 residents per councillor.

We propose that the City continue to be split into six constituencies.

	Seats	Population	Residents per seat
Rochestown/Douglas/Grange	7	38,696	5,528
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	6	33,762	5,627
City South Central	5	28,924	5,785
City NE + Glanmire	7	39,817	5,688
City North + Blarney	7	39,031	5,576
City South East	5	27,700	5,540
Total		207,930	

This split aligns with the goal to have constituency sizes of between five and seven seats whilst aligning existing communities together the same council ward. Natural boundaries such as the River Lee have also been respected within this lay whilst using the natural boundaries of the city such as the River Lee in defining the boundaries.

Proposed Map



A detailed breakdown of the Electoral districts assigned to these new wards can be found in the appendix.

Rationale

Population

The Mackinnon report into Local Government arrangements in Cork suggested in section 12.1.5, that there ought to be a ratio of 1 councillor to every 5,500 people across the city and county, this is to “recognises the advantages in having a smaller number of citizens per Councillor in local authorities – it should make Councillors more accessible to their electorate, leading to greater awareness of different views and issues within their community”. This level of representation is key to ensure that there is not a democratic deficit across the city.

Community

Our proposal, continues to keep communities together on both sides of the city. It puts a focus on the distinct community in Douglas and the surrounding areas whilst using major arteries such as the South Link Road and the N20 North Link Road as key dividing lines within the city.

Appendix – Assignment of Electoral Districts to Wards

New Ward	Electoral District	Population
Rochestown/Douglas/Airport	Inishkenny	4,366
Rochestown/Douglas/Airport	Douglas	21,041
Rochestown/Douglas/Airport	Lehenagh	10323
Rochestown/Douglas/Airport	Tramore C	2,966
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Ballincollig	17,243
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Ovens	1412
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Carrigrohane Beg	916
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Bishopstown Rural	364
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Bishopstown C	4,925
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Bishopstown A	2223
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Bishopstown B	1,934
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Bishopstown D	1492
Ballincollig/Bishopstown	Bishopstown E	3,253
City NE + Glanmire	Tivoli B	2756
City NE + Glanmire	Montenotte B	2437
City NE + Glanmire	Tivoli A	1667
City NE + Glanmire	St. Patrick's A	1611
City NE + Glanmire	St. Patrick's B	1162
City NE + Glanmire	Montenotte A	1676
City NE + Glanmire	Mayfield	2,932
City NE + Glanmire	St. Patrick's C	856
City NE + Glanmire	Rathcooney	7,697
City NE + Glanmire	Riverstown	3754
City NE + Glanmire	Caherlag	3490
City NE + Glanmire	The Glen B	3699
City NE + Glanmire	St Marys - East	2213
City NE + Glanmire	Shandon B	1401
City NE + Glanmire	The Glen A	2466
City North + Blarney	Blarney	5,334
City North + Blarney	St Marys	3,325
City North + Blarney	Blackpool B	2185
City North + Blarney	Blackpool A	690
City North + Blarney	Commons	963
City North + Blarney	Farranferris A	2044
City North + Blarney	Gurranebraher C	1053
City North + Blarney	Sundays Well B	892
City North + Blarney	Gurranebraher D	944
City North + Blarney	Gurranebraher A	769
City North + Blarney	Gurranebraher B	588
City North + Blarney	Gurranebraher E	1143
City North + Blarney	Fair Hill A	714
City North + Blarney	Farranferris C	607
City North + Blarney	Fair Hill C	3610

City North + Blarney	Knocknaheeny	4044
City North + Blarney	Shanakiel	3,638
City North + Blarney	Sundays Well A	699
City North + Blarney	Churchfield	1577
City North + Blarney	Fair Hill B	746
City North + Blarney	Farranferris B	928
City North + Blarney	Whitechurch	795
City North + Blarney	Shandon A	1743
City South	South Gate A	2,163
City South	Evergreen	1,407
City South	South Gate B	956
City South	Greenmount	2,066
City South	The Lough	1623
City South	Pouladuff A	723
City South	Pouladuff B	1675
City South	Ballyphehane B	806
City South	Ballyphehane A	662
City South	Togher B	701
City South	Turners Cross D	471
City South	Turners Cross C	773
City South	Turners Cross B	1196
City South	Turners Cross A	817
City South	Gillabbey B	1103
City South	Glasheen B	716
City South	Gillabbey C	2,198
City South	Glasheen A	813
City South	Togher A	2,064
City South	Gillabbey A	2418
City South	Glasheen C	2733
City South	Mardyke	840
City South East	City Hall a	833
City South East	Centre A	868
City South East	Centre B	2117
City South East	Mahon B	4,937
City South East	Mahon a	5,066
City South East	Mahon C	3,272
City South East	Knockrea A	1,476
City South East	Knockrea B	1047
City South East	Ballinlough C	1,474
City South East	Ballinlough B	1,757
City South East	Ballinlough A	786
City South East	Tramore A	793
City South East	Tramore B	1,039
City South East	City Hall B	1,191
City South East	Browningstown	1044
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