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The abolition of Town councils has I believe had a detrimental effect on towns like our own town of Carlow.

The decision of the previous commission to then include Carlow Town as part of a 10 seat district further damaged our town.

I welcome the recommendation that municipal districts will be made up of no less than 5 and no more than 7 representatives.

In line with the guidelines I would see County Carlow having three municipal districts of seven, six & five seats. This would give Carlow & environs a seven seat district of its own. While I welcome this my preference would be the reinstatement of our Town Council.

While I welcome a seven seat Municipal District I would strongly oppose any attempt of a further dilution of the seven seats into smaller areas e.g. a three & four seat areas. The seven seat Municipal must be just one election for the seven seats. The same should be done for all municipal districts.

Any attempt to divide a municipal would be very anti democratic and would favour the larger political parties at the expense of smaller parties & independents.

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