

# BLAIR FEENEY

Local Area Representative



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Secretary,  
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees 2017,  
Room 1.67, Custom House,  
Dublin 1,

12-02-18

## Re: County Sligo

Dear Secretary,

Currently County Sligo is divided into two Local Electoral Areas- 10 seat Sligo and 8 seat Ballymote/Tubbercurry. Retaining the existing structure is not consistent with your Terms of Reference and I therefore respectfully ask you to consider the following recommendation.

4 Local Electoral Areas as follows-

1. 6 seat Sligo/Strandhill
2. 3 seat North Sligo
3. 5 seat Ballymote
4. 4 seat Tobercurry/West Sligo

According to Census 2016 the population of County Sligo is noted to be 65,535. As per previous revision there are to be 18 members assigned to Sligo County Council. Based on the number of members, the population per member in Sligo is 3,641. The Commissions terms of reference provides that the variance of representation of each local electoral area from the average for the county, to be +/- 10%. For Sligo, this represents a range of 3,277 to 4,005.

A summary of recommendations is contained in the table below:

Local Electoral Area	No.of Members	Population 2016	Population per member	% Variance
Sligo/Strandhill	6	23,290	3,880	+6.6%
North Sligo	3	10,109	3,369	-7.5%
Ballymote	5	18,204	3,640	0%
Tobercurry/West Sligo	4	13,932	3,483	-4.4%

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Sligo/Strandhill- Sligo East, Sligo West, Sligo North, Kilmacowen and Knockaree.

North Sligo- Calry, Carney, Cliffony South, Cliffony North, Drumcliff East, Drumcliff West, Glencar, Lissadill East, Lissadill North, Lissadill West, Rossinver East and Rossinver West,

Ballymote- Ballintogher East, Ballintogher West, Ballysadare East, Ballysadare West, Collooney, Aghanagh, Annagh, Ballymote, Ballynakill, Ballynashee, Bricklieve, Carrickbanagher, Cloonoghill, Coolaney, Coolavin, Cuilmore, Drumcolumb, Drumfin, Drumrat, Kilfree, Killadoon, Killaraght, Kilmactranny, Kilshalvy, Kilturra, Lakeview, Lisconny, Owenmore, Riverstown, Shancough, Temple, Templevanny and Toomour.

Tobercurry/West Sligo- Achonry East, Achonry West, Aclare, Aughris, Banada, Branchfield, Breencorragh, Buncrowey, , Carrownaskeagh, Cartron, Castleconor East, Castleconor West, Cloonacool, Dromard East, Dromard West, Dromore, Easky East, Easky West, Glendarragh, Kilglass, Kilmacteige, , Leitrim, Loughil, Mullagheruse, Rathmacurkey, , Skreen, Streamstown, Templeboy North, Templeboy South, Tobercurry, Toberpatrick East and Toberpatrick West.

My recommendations are based on the following additional considerations

- Retaining the integrity of Sligo Town boundary in one electoral area. In doing so requires the creation of a 3 seat North Sligo.
- In so far as is possible, avoiding the division of parishes in rural Sligo, requires the creation of 2 LEA's Ballymote & Tobercurry/West Sligo



Yours sincerely

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