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Review of Local Electoral Area Boundary

Submission in relation to County Carlow

In making my submission, I have based my figures on the 2016 Census of population for County Carlow.

I have used the District Electoral Division Map for County Carlow.

The total population for County Carlow is 56,932. This figure divided by 18 gives an average for 3,162 per elected member.

With the commission asked to have areas between five and seven seats and because of the size of the population in Carlow town and environs, it is not possible to divide the County into three six seat areas so it has to be a seven – six – five seat areas.

My submission is based on the creation of areas for the three largest centres of population in the County – Carlow; Tullow; and Muinebheag (Bagenalstown).

I am therefore proposing a seven seat Carlow Town Municipal District. This leaves eleven seats available for the remainder of the County.

The South East of Carlow is compatible to both Tullow and Muinebheag but I have included this area in a new six seat Tullow Area and Muinebheag to be five seats.

For the purpose of my submission, I have kept all electoral divisions intact.

Carlow

Include the DED's of :-

Carlow Urban	Carlow Rural
Graiguecullen	Ballinacarrig

The total population of these areas is 21,536 giving an average of 3,076 per Councillor which is – 2.72% of guidelines. Also this keeps the town and its environs totally intact (see map)

Tullow

Include the DED's of:-

Burton Hall	Killerig	Grangeford	Johnstown
Kellistown	Kineagh	Rahill	Rathvilly
Williamstown	Ticknock	Hacketstown	Haroldstown
Clonmore	Tullow Urban	Tullow Rural	Tankardstown
Tullowbeg	Rathrush	Ballon	Kilbride
Ballintemple	Shangarry	Cranemore	Myshall
Clonegal			

The total population for this area is 19,347 giving an average of 3,224 per six seat member which is + 1.9% of guidelines (see map)

Muinebheag

The balance of population for the Muinebheag area is 16,049. This figure divided by five seats gives an average of 3,209 per seat which is +1.48% of guidelines (see map)

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