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With regard to the forthcoming Boundary review, I would like to make the following observations:

No community should be divided as a result of this review and where at all possible communities should be united and kept together. This was not the case after the last boundary review where some communities were split up. In the Cobh Municipal District, there are a few examples of this, most notably :

**Watergrasshill Village:** This was divided in half, one in the Fermoy district and the other in Cobh. This resulted in an unfair disbursement of funding as neither district took responsibility for the area.

**Carrigtwohill:** Carrigtwohill community lost Ballintubber east and west in the last boundary review. These were included in the Middleton DED. This made no sense as Ballintubber and its inhabitants form an integral part of the Carrigtwohill Community. This decision was made with no prior consultation with the residents of the area. Indeed, it would be expected that Ballyvodock area should also be included in the Carrigtwohill DED as representatives from this area are very involved in the Carrigtwohill Community Council.

**Blackpool DED:** This comprises of Rathduff in the parish of Grenagh which is in the Cobh Municipal District whereas Grenagh is in the Blarney/Macroom Municipal. This again is a glaring example of communities being divided and organisations that deliver front line services to their respective communities suffering.

I would hope that some, if not all of the above anomalies would be rectified in the upcoming boundary review as the Municipal District model has been largely successful since its inception in 2014.

Kinds Regards,

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