



19th February, 2018

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

I am directed to write to you on behalf of Kerry County Council to make the following submission to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee for County Kerry.

Kerry County Council has considered at length the current Local Electoral Area Boundaries, the Terms of Reference of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee, a full Briefing Report prepared by Council Management for the assistance of the Elected Members and the various individual views and considerations of Elected Members. The matter was considered at a recent Briefing Meeting of the Council and again today at today's Council Meeting and have agreed that the following submission would be made.

Submission

The following general points, principles and observations were agreed:-

- **General**

There were mixed views on the need for a review at this time. Many Members felt that the current LEA and MD Boundaries have only been in place since the Local Elections of 2014 and a longer period was required to assess their effectiveness. Others felt that it was to be welcomed and as part of a continuous review of the structures and formations of Local Government it was timely.

- **Census Towns**

It was noted that, as defined for the purpose of Census 2016, both Tralee and Killarney met the Terms of Reference criteria for Census Towns with populations over 15,000. It was further noted that in respect of Killarney that this was very marginal and the rounding factor was the primary reason for this. In particular, it was noted and specific reference was made to the number of visitors to the Town and the likely impact of these figures on Census results.



In addition, in respect of Killarney, the boundary of the Census Town as set out on Census methodology was noted but all Members were agreed that the Census boundary does not in any way reflect the current Town or more importantly excludes areas and environs of the Town which from local and community identities and linkages as well as natural boundaries and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of the Elected Members should be included. Members were strongly of the view that the LEAs based on the 2 larger Towns should be broader and include a broader rural area to reflect the local influence of the Towns, local identity, geography and the many unique attributes in each of the respective areas.

It was noted that a key intent of the review was to refocus Council representation to specifically acknowledge the larger Towns and while many Members welcomed this principle there was full agreement that the Census Town approach was not the manner in which to give effect to it.

Specifically, in relation to the Options set out and considered in the attached documentation – Options 1 and 2 which are a more rigid interpretation of the Census Town or tighter Town LEA approach did not have the support of any member of Kerry County Council and I have been directed to point out that there was unanimous opposition to a strict interpretation of the Terms of Reference and the Census Town approach.

Members feel that the level of representation is a primary consideration. That average representation across the LEAs in Kerry should be within the variance of +/- 10 %. Members felt that the representation levels and population averages should take precedence where this may conflict with Census Town approaches.

- **Specific Areas of the County**

The majority of Members felt that Castleisland Town and hinterland should be retained together and should form a broader LEA in its own right.

Listowel LEA/MD should retain its existing Membership and noting its current population additional DEDs should be included – Kilflynn and Kilshenane.

Kilflynn and surrounding areas should not be split as they are currently.

Derrymore (and its broader environs), Banna and Tubrid DEDs should continue to be aligned with Tralee Town.

- **Specific Options Considered**

By way of indicating the level of consideration the Members have asked that the attached briefing documentation be forwarded to you. The Members have individually expressed a preference/s for the Options set out on the attached documentation and have asked that I specifically outline the following:

The eight options in the attached are considered a significant reflection of potential options.

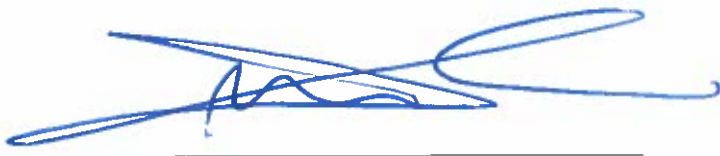
Many Elected Members have individually made or intend to make submissions and did not make an indication of preference.

The Members have specifically asked that their rejection of Options 1 & 2 be noted.

In respect of an indication of preference the following is the breakdown:-

OPTION	COMMENT
Options 1 & 2	Unanimously rejected as options.
Option 3	2 Members indicated support
Option 4	17 Members indicated support
Option 5	14 Members indicated support
Option 6	11 Members indicated support
Option 7	8 Members indicated support
Option 8	3 Members indicated support
No preference	8 Members either did not express a preference, indicating they would make their own submissions.

Please find attached copy of the documentation considered by Kerry County Council and forming part of the Councils Submission.



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Local Electoral Areas Review 2018

I attach copy of report with a number of Options for possible configuration of Local Electoral Areas.

Included in the Report and Maps are the original 5 options (1-5). An additional Option 6 has been included to incorporate some of the views expressed by the Elected Members.

In addition, as agreed Option 7 has been added as submitted by Sinn Féin and Option 8 added as submitted by Councillor N Kelliher.

In preparing the final submission, it is proposed that the following themes will be included in the submission as indicative of broadly agreed Council positions:-

- Members feel that the level of representation is a primary consideration. That average representation across the LEAs in Kerry should be within the variance of +/- 10 %;
- While noting the intent to establish LEAs based on the Census Town concept, Members were strongly of the view that the LEAs based on the 2 larger towns should be broader and include a broader rural area to reflect the local influence of the Towns, local identity, geography and the many unique attributes in each of the respective areas;
- Members felt that the representation levels and average should take precedence where this may conflict with Census Town approaches.
- Castleisland Town and hinterland should be retained together and should form a broader Tralee LEA (exclusive of the Town Area) within the greater Tralee Municipal District.



- Listowel LEA/MD should retain its existing Membership and noting its current population, additional LEAs should be included;
- Kilflynn and surrounding areas should not be split as they are currently;
- Derrymore and the broader area should continue to be aligned with Tralee;

In addition, any additional indications on the preferred options of Members will be included in the final submission.

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Local Electoral Areas Review 2018

(1) Introduction

The Government has indicated their intention of revising the current local electoral areas. The Minister for Local Government and Electoral Reform has established two committees to review local electoral areas and to prepare a report to him within six months.

The review of the local electoral areas is being undertaken in advance of the Local Elections to be held in 2019. The review is being undertaken with the stated Government Policy objectives of reducing the size of territorially large local electoral areas and of designating urban focused local electoral areas around larger towns. The report of the committee will be considered by the Minister as the basis for the revision of the local electoral areas and municipal districts under his statutory powers.

The review is being conducted having regard to the results of Census 2016.

The Committee has engaged in a public consultation process and submissions **must** be made to the committee not later than **19th February at 5.00pm**.

The Terms of Reference for the committee are attached at Appendix 1.

In accordance with established practice this briefing note is being provided to Members to assist with their consideration of making a submission as part of the public consultation process.

All submissions will be publically available.

(2) Background

The local electoral areas were last revised following the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report of 2013. This revision was part of the then comprehensive reform of Local Government which saw the abolition of Town Councils and their amalgamation within the newly established Municipal Districts.



That revision established a new total Membership of Kerry County Council of 33 Members and the current configuration of 4 Municipal Districts. Each Municipal District corresponded with a local electoral area for the purpose of Local Elections 2014.

In consideration of this matter on previous occasions, normally Management would present a document to Members outlining the factual information relevant and also suggesting a number of possible options having regard to the terms of reference. On previous occasions submissions were framed on the broad view of the Members with a number of different options being submitted as part of the Council submission. Generally full agreement was not sought on options – Members were given the option of expressing a preference and the breakdown of preference by option was forwarded to the Committee as part of the overall submission. In addition some Members choose not to indicate a preference choosing instead to make an individual submission. A similar approach is envisaged on this occasion.

Management will not be making a separate submission. Management are of the view however that broadly speaking the MD Structures are working and an approach with 4 MDs is preferred given our current service delivery models and structures. Management would also favour a model which reflects as close as possible a limited population variance in the population to Elected Members averages.

(3) Current Terms of Reference

In summary the principal considerations of the terms of the current review are;

Term of Reference Point number	Requirement/ constraint	Implication or Potential implication for Kerry
2	Population in Census 2016	147,707
	No change in total Membership of Local Authorities	33 Members
	Individual average local authority representation within the range of +/- 10% (as far as practicable)	Kerry County Council average representation is 4475.97. +/- 10% Range is 4028.37 to 4923.57
3	Number of Members in each local electoral area must be not be less than 5 and not more than 7	Current local electoral areas of Tralee, Killarney and South and West Kerry must be sub-divided as they exceed this
	A 3 or 4 seat local electoral area may be recommended where geographic size of the area would be disproportionally large	Potentially a mechanism for sub dividing South and West Kerry local electoral areas
4	Census Town concept (see below)	This is a census concept – no clearly defined boundary and it is not clear how this can work for electoral purposes (DEDs basis of electoral configuration)
	All towns with a population rounded to the nearest 1,000 which are greater than or equal to 15,000 to have a	Tralee and Killarney meet this definition (see notes on terms of reference below) Killarney Census Town Population

	distinct urban focused local electoral area based on the area of the census town (as far as practicable)	~ 14504 (rounded 15000) Tralee Census Town Population - 23691
	Number of Members in each local electoral area should be not less than 5 (as far as practicable)	Local electoral areas geographically located around Tralee and Killarney should consist of 5 members as far as practicable
5	County Towns less than 15,000 pop	Does not apply in Kerry
6	Broad design description for other local electoral areas – urban centres, identities, natural boundaries, effective representation, smaller unit and shorter distances etc	Applies generally to Kerry and potentially provides a basis for considering a broader range of options
7 (i)	Former boroughs	Does not apply in Kerry
7 (ii)	Should be no change in the configuration of MDs generally (except in limited circumstances considered necessary by the committee)	Could have potential significant constraints in Kerry but does allow committee to recommend circumstances where they feel it is necessary
7 (iii)	MDs may be divided into 2 or more local electoral areas	Applies generally to Kerry
7 (iv)	Minimum number of members per MDs	7 (ii) probably excludes this in Kerry case
8	General saver on Government policy, ministerial direction etc	Applies generally to Kerry

Notes from terms of references

(i) Average population

On this occasion the terms of reference do not specify a specific number/ head of population per member – the overall membership of the Council is fixed at 33 members so the average representation is fixed as set out at Table 1 below.

The terms of reference require as far as practicable that in respect of individual representation figures, variance remain within +/- 10%

(ii) Urban focus

The current terms of reference require a specific focus on urban centres in shaping any revision.

(iii) Definition of census town

In Census 2016 the concept of a 'census town' was introduced/ expanded. The terms of reference outline a requirement that specific urban based local electoral areas would be aligned as far as possible with these census towns where the population of the census town was greater than or equal to 15,000 (following the rounding formula in the terms of reference).

For electoral purposes, the electoral boundaries/ LEA Boundaries and MD Boundaries are currently defined on the basis of the existing District Electoral Divisions. The legal former Town Boundaries have at this point been abolished. When they were in existence they had a statutory basis and they enabled the Register of Electors to be constructed to allow for electoral purposes in the towns. However the census town approach is different – Town Council Elections were in addition to County Council election whereas any change now affects the basis of the location where a person casts their County Council vote. The exact boundaries or the extent of the urban areas included as part of ‘census towns’ for this purpose in Census 2016 remain part of the census methodology and are not available for the purpose of consideration of options at this point.

Taking the current Urban and Rural DEDs together does not align with the Census Town areas, nor does it align with the former Town Council Boundaries and those DEDs would not align with any reasonable description of the current towns.

The following is the commentary on the census 2016 notes for the information of Members.

- *In Census 2016, a new “census town” was defined as having a minimum of 50 occupied dwellings, with a maximum distance between any dwelling and the building closest to it of 100 metres, and where there was evidence of an urban centre (shop, school, etc.). The proximity criteria for extending existing 2006 Census town boundaries was also amended to include all occupied dwellings within 100 metres of an existing building. 26 new census towns were created for the 2016 Census.*
- *80 Legal Town boundaries were abolished under the Local Government Reform Act 2014. The Act also provided for the amalgamation of the city and county councils in Limerick and Waterford as well as North Tipperary and South Tipperary County Councils*

(iv) Summary

Overall the terms of reference appear to be less restrictive than the 2013 ones – however there is a requirement for a specific focus on the urban areas of Tralee and Killarney although the final methodology to give effect to this is unclear. They also do allow, where circumstances justify, the consideration of a broader submission. Taking them in totality it is difficult to see how all the requirements can be met simultaneously – however the potentially less restrictive nature does allow on exceptional/ objective grounds the consideration of a ‘more suitable’ option where it can be justified on local considerations.

(4) Current Position

Following Census 2016 the following is the current position given the latest population statistics.

LEA NAME (& MD NAME)	TOTAL Pop	No Members	Average pop per member	+ 10%	- 10%	Existing variance
Killarney	39,935	8	4991.88			11.53
Listowel	28,418	7	4059.71			-9.30
South and West Kerry	39,607	9	4400.78			-1.68
Tralee	39,747	9	4416.33			-1.33
	147,707	33	4475.97	4923.57	4028.37	

TABLE 1

Current large towns in Kerry County Council

Taking the results of Census 2016 the following are the population results for Killarney and Tralee.

	Pop based on former legal town (Town Council Boundaries)	Pop of 'census town'	Pop of Urban & Rural DEDs combined
Tralee	20,710	23,691	22,779
Killarney	14,205	14,504	17,778

TABLE 2

Taking these figures both Tralee and Killarney would appear to meet the terms of reference specifically clause 4.

(5) Potential Options for Kerry

There are potentially a wide variety of options for possible re-configuration within the terms of reference. In addition around the borders and division between LEAs and indeed MDs there are an endless potential number of options to make minor variations.

The following major potential options have been prepared having regard to the terms of reference but also the unique local considerations which are relevant (and provided for specifically in clause 6 of the terms of reference). The first two are prepared on a more stringent adherence to the terms of reference – but with the qualification around the difficulties with mapping exactly the census town. The others take a broader view of the terms of reference and incorporate a broader view of the make-up of the potential LEAs.

Clearly there are a wide range of more minor adjustments possible but the attached options appear to capture the broadest range of options.

(6) Summary

All Options and related maps are set out on the attached Appendices.

These Options are presented to Members for their consideration and views in shaping a submission to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Commission.

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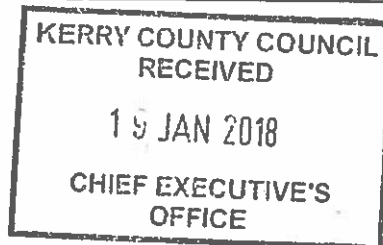
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Director of Corporate Services and Housing

Appendix 1

Terms of Reference

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees
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17 January 2018



Invitation for Submissions

Dear Chief Executive,

The Minister for Local Government and Electoral Reform, Mr John Paul Phelan, T.D., has established two committees to review local electoral areas and to report to him within six months.

The review of local electoral areas is being undertaken in prospect of the local elections to be held in 2019, having regard to the results of Census 2016 and with the policy objectives of reducing the size of territorially large local electoral areas and of designating urban-focused local electoral areas around the larger towns.

~~The Committees are tasked with making recommendations on the division of council areas~~
into local electoral areas and on the number of members of the council to be assigned to each such local electoral area.

Committee No. 1 will report and make recommendations on every county, other than Cork, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Galway and South Dublin and on Limerick City and County and Waterford City and County. For these Councils the number of councillors will be no less than 5 and no more than 7 for each local electoral area, provided that in particular compelling circumstances 3 or 4 seat local electoral areas may be recommended, where otherwise the geographic size of the area would be disproportionately large.

Committee No. 2 will report and make recommendations on Dublin City and the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin. For these Councils the number of councillors will be no less than 5 and no more than 7 for each local electoral area.

Committee No. 2 may also be asked to make recommendations on the division of Cork and Galway into local electoral areas, in due course.

The Committees' reports will be considered by the Minister as the basis for the revision of the local electoral areas and municipal districts under his statutory powers.

The Terms of Reference of the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees are attached.

The Committees are now inviting submissions on the matters referred to above.

Submissions may be sent by e-mail to: boundarycommittee@housing.gov.ie or by post to:

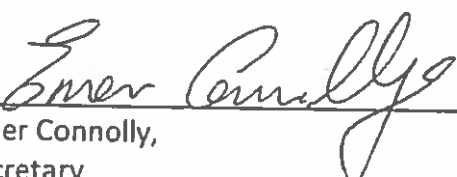
Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees,
Room 1.67,
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Dublin 1.

to arrive no later than Monday 19 February 2018 at 5pm.

Please note that all submissions will be made available on the Committees' website and may also be subject to Freedom of Information requests.

Further information on the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees, is available on www.boundarycommittee.ie or by contacting telephone number 01-888-2769 or 01-888-2031.

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Secretary,
Local Electoral Area Boundary Committees.

To: Each Local Authority Chief Executive

Review of Local Electoral Areas 2018

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 1

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To review and to make recommendations on the division of each county, other than Cork, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Galway and South Dublin, and each city and county, into local electoral areas and the number of members of each county council and each city and county council to be assigned to each such electoral area.
2. For the purpose of the review, the Committee should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016, should assume no change in the total membership of each local authority specified in the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and should endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other requirements of these terms of reference, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%.
3. The number of councillors assigned to a local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7 provided that in particular compelling circumstances 3 or 4 seat local electoral areas may be recommended, where otherwise the geographic size of the area would be disproportionately large.
4. Except in the case of Metropolitan Districts (Limerick and Waterford), a distinct urban-focused local electoral area or areas, as appropriate, shall be designated in respect of each town the population of which within the county as ascertained at Census 2016, when rounded to the nearest 1,000, is equal to or greater than 15,000. The number of members of the county council to be assigned to each such local electoral area shall not be less than 5, as far as practicable. Each such electoral area shall be based, as far as practicable, on the areas of the "census town" as defined for the purposes of Census 2016.
5. A distinct local electoral area shall be designated in respect of each county town which does not come within the scope of article 4. Each such electoral area shall be based, as far as practicable, on the areas of the "census town" as defined for the purposes of Census 2016.
6. Other local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban centres, taking due account of local and community identities and linkages as well as natural boundaries and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected

members, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances.

7. In making recommendations in relation to local electoral areas the Committee should take account of the following proposals in relation to the configuration of Municipal Districts:

- (i) Each town which was formerly a borough or the population of which within the county as ascertained at Census 2016, when rounded to the nearest 1,000, is equal to or greater than 30,000 shall be designated as a distinct Municipal Borough District; the number of members of the county council to be assigned to each such Municipal District shall not be less than five, and such Municipal Districts shall consist of one or more local electoral areas as the committee considers appropriate.
- (ii) Subject to any changes arising from sub-article (i), there should be no change in the configuration of Municipal Districts generally, save in such limited circumstances where the Committee considers it necessary to recommend such a change.
- (iii) Municipal Districts may be divided into 2 or more local electoral areas as the Committee considers appropriate, except where the terms of reference (particularly sub-article (i)) require otherwise, or where the Committee considers that it would not be appropriate.
- (iv) The number of Municipal District Members for each district shall not be less than 6 save in the case of a district to which sub-article (i) applies or where, in exceptional circumstances (for example, related to population), the Committee considers that it is necessary that a district should consist of a single local electoral area, in which case the number of members shall not be less than 5.

8. The Committee shall have regard to Government policy in relation to local government, including any further reports, statements or decisions in that regard during the course of the review, and to any further guidance or requirements issued by the Minister.

Review of Local Electoral Areas 2018

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To review and to make recommendations on the division of Dublin City and the counties of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin into local electoral areas and the number of members of each city or county council to be assigned to each such electoral area.
2. For the purpose of the review, the Committee should have regard to the population as ascertained at Census 2016, should assume no change in the total membership of each local authority specified in the Local Government Act 2001 as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and should endeavour, as far as practicable and subject to the other requirements of these terms of reference, to achieve variance from individual average local authority representation within the range of plus or minus 10%.
3. The number of councillors assigned to a local electoral area shall be not less than 5 and not more than 7.
4. Local electoral areas should be designed, as far as possible, around urban ~~villages or have a neighbourhood focal point (or points), taking due account of~~ local and community identities and linkages and the need to facilitate the effectiveness of the governance and representational roles of elected members, including, in particular, the need to avoid designating local electoral areas which are territorially very large or extend over very long distances or over multiple urban villages, or which divide individual urban villages or natural communities.
5. The committee should take account of the desirability, where it may be possible to do so, of aligning local electoral area boundaries with Dáil constituency boundaries.
6. The Committee shall have regard to Government policy in relation to local government, including any further reports, statements or decisions in that regard during the course of the review, and to any further guidance or requirements issued by the Minister.
7. The Committee may also be asked to make recommendations on the division of Cork and Galway into local electoral areas. The Terms of Reference for that purpose will be set out in due course.

Appendix 2

OPTIONS

Option 1

Main features

- No change to MD Boundaries
- Tralee and Killarney tight LEAs based on 'census town' – 5 members
- Division of Tralee, Killarney and South and West Kerry MDs
- LEAs between 5 & 7 Members

Potential difficulties

- Average population representation
- Geographic make up of LEAs in Tralee and Killarney can't be defined
- Boundary of the 'town' LEAs

Option 1

Local Electoral Boundaries

LEA Name	2016 Pop	No. Clrs	Pop/Clr	Variation from Average	% Variation
Tralee Census Town	23,691	5	4,738.20	262.23	5.86
Tralee LEA	16,056	4	4,014.00	-461.97	-10.32
Killarney Census Town	14,504	5	2,900.80	-1,575.17	-35.19
Killarney LEA	25,431	3	8,477.00	4,001.03	89.39
Dingle	14,545	3	4,848.33	372.36	8.32
South & West LEA	25,062	6	4,177.00	-298.97	-6.68
Listowel	28,418	7	4,059.71	-416.26	-9.30
Total	147,707	33	4,475.97	0.00	0
Allowed + or - 10%			447.597		

Option 2

Main features

- No change to MD Boundaries
- Tralee and Killarney tight LEAs based on 'town DEDs' – 5 members
- Division of Tralee, Killarney and South and West Kerry MDs
- LEAs between 5 & 7 Members

Potential difficulties

- Average population representation
- Geographic make up of LEAs in Tralee and Killarney
- Boundary of the 'town DED' LEAs

Option 2

Local Electoral Boundaries

LEA Name	2016 Pop	No. Clrs	Pop/Clr	Variation from Average	% Variation
Tralee Town	22779	5	4,555.80	79.83	1.78
Tralee LEA	16968	4	4,242.00	-233.97	-5.23
Killarney Town	17778	5	3,555.60	-920.37	-20.56
Killarney LEA	22157	3	7,385.67	2,909.70	65.01
Dingle	14545	3	4,848.33	372.36	8.32
South & West LEA	25062	6	4,177.00	-298.97	-6.68
Listowel	28418	7	4,059.71	-416.26	-9.30
Total	147707	33	4,475.97	0.00	0
Allowed + or - 10%			447.597		

Option 3

Main features

- Change to MD Boundaries
- Tralee & Killarney tight LEAs based on 'town' – 6 & 5 members respectively
- Division of Tralee, Killarney and South and West Kerry MDs
- LEAs between 5 & 7 Members

Potential difficulties

- Geographic make up of LEAs in Tralee and Killarney
- Boundary of the 'town' LEAs

Option 3

Local Electoral Boundaries

LEA Name	2016 Pop	No. Cls	Pop/Clr	Variation from Average	% Variation
Tralee Town	26,324.00	6	4,387.33	-88.64	-1.98
Tralee LEA	13,988.00	3	4,662.67	186.70	4.17
Killarney Town	23,116.00	5	4,623.20	147.23	3.29
Killarney LEA	13,211.00	3	4,403.67	-72.30	-1.62
Dingle	14556	3	4,852.00	376.03	8.40
South & West LEA	26,051	6	4,341.83	-134.14	-3.00
Listowel	30,461	7	4,351.57	-124.40	-2.78
Total	147,707.00	33	4,475.97	0.00	0
Allowed + or - 10%			447.597		

Option 4

Main features

- Change to MD Boundaries
- Tralee broader LEAs based on 'town influence' – 7 members
- Division of Tralee and South and West Kerry MDs
- New Killarney LEA & MD – 7 Members
- LEAs between 5 & 7 Members

Potential difficulties

- Boundary of the 'town' LEA
- South & West Division – 4 & 5

Option 4

Local Electoral Boundaries

LEA Name	2016 Pop	No. Cls	Pop/Clr	Variation from Average	% Variation
Tralee Town	31,103.00	7	4,443.29	-32.68	-0.73
Tralee LEA	12,377.00	3	4,125.67	-350.30	-7.83
Killarney LEA	33,159.00	7	4,737.00	261.03	5.83
Dingle	16339	4	4,084.75	-391.22	-8.74
South & West LEA	24,268	5	4,853.60	377.63	8.44
Listowel	30,461	7	4,351.57	-124.40	-2.78
Total	147,707.00	33	4,475.97	0.00	0
Allowed + or - 10%			447.597		

Option 5

Main features

- Change to MD Boundaries
- Division of Tralee and South and West Kerry MDs
- New Killarney – 7 Members
- LEAs between 5 & 7 Members

Potential difficulties

- Boundary of the ‘town’ LEA

Option 5

Local Electoral Boundaries

LEA Name	2016 Pop	No. Clrs	Pop/Clr	Variation from Average	% Variation
Tralee Town	31103	7	4,443.29	-32.68	-0.73
Tralee LEA	12377	3	4,125.67	-350.30	-7.83
Killarney LEA	33159	7	4,737.00	261.03	5.83
Dingle	14556	3	4,852.00	376.03	8.40
South & West LEA	26051	6	4,341.83	-134.14	-3.00
Listowel	30461	7	4,351.57	-124.40	-2.78
Total	147707	33	4,475.97	0.00	0
Allowed + or - 10%			447.597		

Option 6

Main features

- Change to some MD Boundaries
- Division of Tralee and South and West Kerry MDs
- New Killarney – 7 Members
- Dingle 3 seater and other LEAs between 5 & 7 Members

Potential difficulties

- Boundary of the 'town' LEAs

Option 6

Local Electoral Boundaries

LEA Name	2016 Pop	No. Clrs	Pop/Clr	Variation from Average	% Variation
Tralee Town	29,216	6	4,869.33	393.36	8.79
Tralee LEA	17,823	4	4,455.75	-20.22	-0.45
Killarney LEA	31,589	7	4,512.71	36.74	0.82
Dingle	14,350	3	4,783.33	307.36	6.87
South & West LEA	24,268	6	4,044.67	-431.30	-9.64
Listowel	30,461	7	4,351.57	-124.40	-2.78
Total	147,707	33	4,475.97	0.00	0
Allowed + or - 10%			447.597		