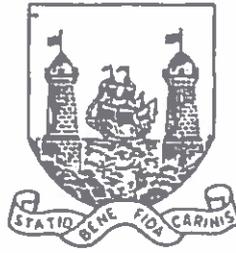


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May 1, 2018

A chairde

I would like to make the following observations with regard to the impending change in Cork's LEA boundaries. I do so as someone who sat at the negotiating table for the MacKinnon deliberations and who witnessed both sides – city and county – making concessions for the future of Cork. The Cork situation must be treated differently to other LEAs given the increased population in the city following the widening of the city boundary and the fact that previous revisions did not yield any improvements in the rep/population ratio.



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I contend that:

1. Cork should have five electoral areas...two on the northside, City Northwest and City Northeast, with seven seats in each; three on the southside, City Southwest, City South Central, City Southeast with seven, six, seven seats respectively. Total Seats: 33.
2. The two extra seats must be introduced as a minimum (I would suggest a total of 35 could be justified) considering the upheaval caused by the boundary extension, the significant increase in population and the merging of rural/urban areas as contained in MacKinnon.
3. It could well be argued that Cork's overall number of seats should not change, 86, but with the population shift to the city, the city council must get an increased share of the overall total.



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Ward
Cork City
South Central

I have amended a map provided to us in City Council with my preferences. The only significant change (in green with black lines) is the extension of the city south central ward westwards with Clashduv Road in Togher the dividing line and eastwards to include a bit of Ballinlough, this is to avoid splitting Grange. Regards.

Mick Finn



Appendix 4: New LEA Option 1

