

CORRESPONDENCE
JANUARY 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

- Letter received from Donegal County Council, written on 4th December, 2018.
- Letter received from Kerry County Council, written on 18th December, 2018.
- Letter received from Roscommon County Council, written on 31st December, 2018.
- Letter received from Sligo County Council, written on 15th January, 2019.
- Letter received from Leitrim County Council, written on 22nd January, 2019.
- Public consultation on proposals to reform electoral registration process



4th December, 2018

TO: All Local Authorities

A Chara,

I write to inform you that the members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:-

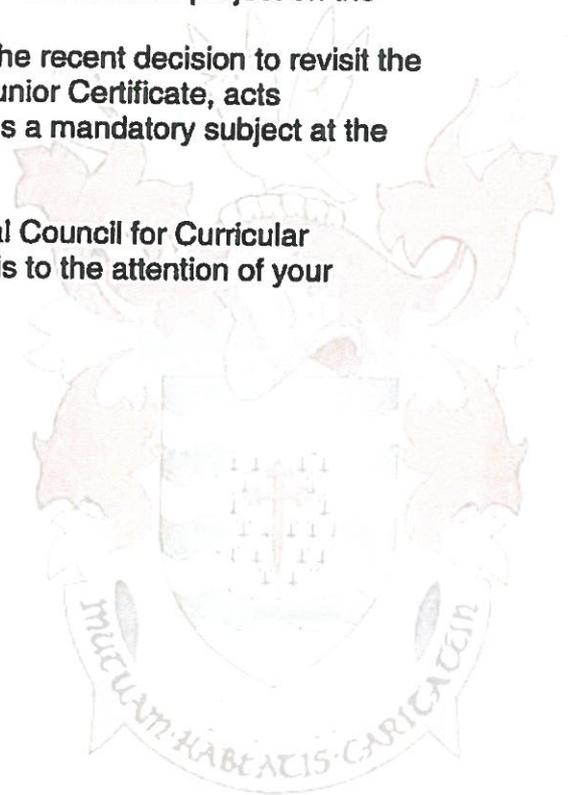
"The First Dáil Éireann assembly constituted and mandated by the electorate in the 1918 General Election. Mindful and supportive of national intentions to mark this historical occasion, that Donegal County Council now,

- 1) Initiate and organise a comprehensive programme of celebration and commemoration of the First Dáil within the county in 2019,
- 2) Invite nearest next of kin of family member of the first TDs representing the Donegal Constituencies to an event in the Plenary Council Headquarters Lifford
- 3) Promote and sponsor a first and second level historical schools project on the First Dáil within all schools in the County.
- 4) That the Minister for Education & Skills in light of the recent decision to revisit the proposal to make history an optional subject in the Junior Certificate, acts immediately to ensure that the subject is reinstated as a mandatory subject at the Junior Certificate level."

It was agreed to further circulate same to the National Council for Curricular Assessment. I would be obliged if you would bring this to the attention of your Elected Members for their consideration.

Yours faithfully,

P.P. · Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator



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18th December 2018

To All Local Authorities

REF 6 Item 6 South & West Kerry MD Nov 2018 Nom 7.

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of the members of the South & West Kerry Municipal District, the following resolution was adopted by the members.

That this Municipal District write to the Taoiseach and all Cathaoirligh / Mayors of every county in Ireland to try and put a serious unified effort to Donald Trump to help the undocumented in America becoming citizens. I think there has to be more of an effort made then has been done in recent years.

Please let me have your response at your earliest convenience and forward your reply to bconway@kerrycoco.ie.

Mise le meas,


Ms. B. Conway,
Meetings Administrator





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Ros Comáin
Roscommon
County Council



Minister Simon Harris, T.D.,
Department of Health,
Block 1 Miesian Plaza,
50-58 Lower Baggot Street,
Dublin.
D02XW14

Ref: 160.18

Date: Monday, 31st December, 2018

Re: Notice of Motion

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that the members of Roscommon County Council at their Meeting held recently passed the following resolution which was proposed by Councillor Ward: -

On the **PROPOSAL** of Cllr. Ward
SECONDED by Cllr. Kilduff

It was **AGREED** that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health, Mr. Simon Harris to bring forward legislation in the Dáil, to make it a Statutory entitlement that persons who qualify for Home Help Hours and Home Care Packages must be immediately provided for by the Health Services Executive.

At the request of the Council, I now forward you this resolution and would be obliged to have your reply at your earliest convenience.

Is mise, le meas,

Patricia Bohan,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services,
Roscommon County Council.
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c.c. To be circulated to Oireachtas Representatives of Roscommon / Galway & all Local Authorities



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15th January, 2019

To/ **Each Local Authority**

At the January Ordinary Meeting of Sligo County Council held yesterday, 14th January, the following resolution was unanimously agreed:

“Recognising that the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (I.N.M.O.), which representing 40,000 nursing professionals, have overwhelmingly balloted to strike in light of rejecting pay proposals brought forward by the Government in Budget 2019; and that the Government has failed to address matters such as pay equality and the over reliance of hiring of agency nurses;

That this Council clearly affirms its support of nurses and midwives and that we support them in their demand for a better health service which treats them as essential skilled workers with dignity and value.”

The Members further agreed that a copy would be circulated to each local authority.



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Hawkins House,
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22nd January 2019

Re: Speech Therapy in Primary & Post Primary Schools

Dear Minister Harris,

I wish to inform you that at the January meeting of the Manorhamilton Municipal District, the Members unanimously passed the following resolution:

"I will ask the elected members for support in calling on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D. and the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D. to work together in providing Speech Therapy in our Primary and Post Primary Schools for children with special needs."

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Brett
Meetings Administrator

cc: Minister Joe McHugh T.D., Minister for Education and Skills

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cc: Minister Joe McHugh T.D., Minister for Education and Skills

Public consultation on proposals to reform electoral registration process

The Government has launched a public consultation on proposals to reform the electoral registration process. Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, John Paul Phelan, T.D., launched the consultation on 17 December and said the proposals are aimed at enabling people to register in simpler and more user-friendly ways. The way people register to vote or amend their details (for example, address) on the Register of Electors has not changed significantly since the foundation of the State.

There are seven main proposals:

1. Simplification of forms and the process
2. A rolling electoral register (continuous registration)
3. Optional online registration (with the option of registering with paper forms continuing) and secure self-service
4. A move to individual registration only
5. Enabling a single national electoral register database with unique identifiers
6. A move to verified identity using one's Personal Public Service Number (PPSN)
7. Data sharing between public bodies and electoral registration authorities (local authorities) to maintain accuracy and comprehensiveness

In addition, the Government is considering:

1. Allowing provisional registration for 16-17 year olds, with registration automatically becoming active on someone's 18th birthday
2. Specific registration provision for people with no fixed address (for example, people experiencing homelessness), to ensure a standard procedure across the country
3. Provision for anonymous registration for people whose safety may be at risk if their details are public on the register (for example, where court-ordered protections exist)
4. Removal of provision for the edited register. Edited registers are used infrequently but may no longer be an appropriate use of data connected with the electoral register.

The Government believes that these proposals, if implemented, would result in:

- Registration in a way that works for everyone – online or on paper
- A clear and simple process – one form, one process, one register – all year round
- A single, secure database to enable cross-local authority checks while protecting data
- Balancing security and ease of access to protect the integrity of our registration process
- Building an electoral register that is secure, comprehensive and accurate
- Data sharing in the future – subject to clear standards, limits and safeguards

Minister Phelan said: *“Reducing the number of different registration forms; allowing people to register online; and introducing a process of continuous or rolling registration would make the registration process much more user-friendly and similar to the way people interact with other State services. These changes reflect changes in how we live today.”*

On the public consultation process the Minister said: *“Public confidence in any reform of the electoral registration process is paramount as the system affects all of us. The outcome of this consultation process will inform the development of detailed proposals for implementation. That is why I encourage everyone to consider these proposals and have their say.”*

People can read the proposals at www.registerreform.gov.ie. They can make a submission by emailing registerreform@housing.gov.ie or by post to:

Electoral Registration Project Consultation

Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Custom House

Dublin 1

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They can also request print copies of the proposals by emailing the address above.

The deadline for sending in a submission is 15 March 2018.

All submissions (including names) will be published on the website of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (www.housing.gov.ie). All submissions are also subject to Freedom of Information requests.