



TO: CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH ELECTED MEMBER

DATE: 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

RE: REVISION OF POLLING SCHEME

We are required by Section 28 of Electoral Act 1992 to revise our Polling Scheme at least once every ten years. The last time that Kilkenny County Council revised its Polling Scheme was in 2004. A revision of our Statutory Polling Scheme is long overdue.

There have been a number of major changes in the Electoral Areas since the Local Government Reform Act 2014 came into force. Following the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee Report 2013, the Electoral Areas of Kilkenny City and County were revised from 6 to 4. Kilkenny Borough Council (2 wards) were abolished. 4 new Local Electoral Areas for the County were established as follows:

- *Castlecomer Local Electoral Area*
- *Kilkenny City - East Local Electoral Area*
- *Kilkenny City - West Local Electoral Area*
- *Piltown Local Electoral Area*

There was a reduction in members from 26 to 24. Significant amendments were required to the Register of Electors at that time. These were made for the Local Elections in 2014 (see attached report dated 14/10/2013). The Statutory Polling Scheme was not revised to reflect these changes.

In addition, a further Local Area Boundary Commission report was published in 2018, which resulted in further changes to the Local Electoral Areas resulting as follows:

- *Callan - Thomastown Local Electoral Area*
- *Castlecomer Local Electoral Area*
- *Kilkenny Local Electoral Area*
- *Piltown Local Electoral Area*

This also required a number of changes in the Electoral Areas, re-allocations of townlands and changes of Polling Stations for a number of Registered Voters. For the Local Elections in 2019 all changes were made before the 15th February 2019 when the live Register of Electors was published (see attached reports dated 13th February, 2019).



It is incumbent on us to prepare a revised statutory Polling Scheme to incorporate the significant changes which have occurred since the last Polling Scheme was made by the Elected Members in 2004 and also to comply with the statutory requirement to revise the Polling Scheme at least once every ten years.

A revised Polling Scheme has now been drafted in accordance with the Electoral (Polling Schemes) Regulations 2005.

There is a requirement to:

- *publish the draft Polling Scheme,*
- *deposit the draft Polling Scheme for inspection for a period of 5 weeks in all our offices and on Consult.ie*
- *send draft Polling Scheme to the Returning Officer and each TD for consideration.*

After 5 weeks the local authority shall consider any proposals for alteration to the draft Polling Scheme. A report will be prepared for the Elected Members to make the Polling Scheme. This is a **Reserved Function**. Once the Polling Scheme is made by the Elected Members it comes into operation. It must be published and available for inspection thereafter. The Polling Scheme made by the Elected Members will then be sent to the Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

I recommend that we now proceed with the making of a revised Polling Scheme. Before the draft Polling Scheme is published, the Elected Members will have an opportunity to consider the draft Polling Scheme. It is intended to publish the draft Polling Scheme before the end of September. The making of the new Statutory Polling Scheme will be brought back to Members at the November monthly meeting.



Mr Tim Butler

Director of Services, Corporate.



TO: An Cathaoirleach & Each Member of Kilkenny County Council.

DATE: 14th October, 2013.

RE: FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS
REVISED ELECTORAL AREAS - KILKENNY CITY & COUNTY

Introduction

I refer to the Local Electoral Boundary Committee Report 2013, and recommendations which issued and which have been accepted by the Minister.

Kilkenny Borough Council, at present, comprises one Electoral Area which is defined by the Local Government Boundaries (Town Election) Regulations 1994 and accompanying map. Kilkenny County Council, at present, comprises of five Electoral Areas as follows:

- Kilkenny Electoral Area
- Ballyragget Electoral Area
- Callan Electoral Area
- Thomastown Electoral Area
- Piltown Electoral Area

The new Electoral Areas, arising from the Boundary Committee Report, are as follows:

- Castlecomer Electoral Area
- Kilkenny City East Electoral Area
- Kilkenny City West Electoral Area
- Piltown Electoral Area

Matters Arising

The revisions of the Electoral Areas has given rise to a number of matters for consideration and decisions which are required to be made prior to the publication of the Draft Register of Electors on 1st November, 2013. The Council has been advised by the Department and that the Register of Electors to be published on the 1st February, 2014 is to be based on the revised Electoral Areas. The appropriate Ministerial Orders will be signed to give effect to the boundary changes.

The establishment of Polling Stations and the assigning of electors to Polling Stations is a matter for the local Returning Officer. I have met the Assistant Local Returning Officer, Marie Garahy, to discuss the issues arising and she has made a number of decisions which I have outlined in the attached Schedule.

There are a number of maps which will be made available to illustrate the changes that have been made.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Delahunty

Michael Delahunty,
Senior Executive Officer

SCHEDULE

While the legislation provides that a Polling Place may be assigned inside/outside of a Polling District or Electoral Area it is desirable that electors are assigned, where practical, to a polling place within their Electoral Area.

Kilmanagh Polling District

Kilmanagh Polling District comprises of the Electoral Divisions of Kilmanagh, Scotsborough and Tullaghanbrogue [part of]. The Polling Place is Kilmanagh [Kilmanagh N.S.].

Under the revised Electoral Areas the Polling District of Kilmanagh is split-Kilmanagh is located in the Castlecomer Electoral Area and both Scotsborough and Tullaghanbrogue [part of] Electoral Divisions are located in the Kilkenny City West Electoral Area.

- Kilmanagh comprises of 406 electors.
- Scotsborough comprises of 106 electors.
- Tullaghanbrogue [part of] comprises of 153 electors.

Following consideration of the issues arising the following decisions have been made:

- That Scotsborough [106 electors] be transferred to Callan National School Booth No. 1.
- Tullaghanbrogue part of [153 electors] be transferred to Cuffesgrange National School.
- That a second Polling Booth be set up in Cuffesgrange National School as follows:
Polling Place - Cuffesgrange [National School]

<u>Booth No. 1</u>	<u>532</u>	[part of existing electorate of 733]
Total:	532	

<u>Booth No. 2</u>	201	[existing electorate from Aughtanny, Ballybur Lower & Upper, Baunlusk & Brownstown]
	+ <u>325</u>	Tullaghanbrogue
Total:	526	

- Kilmanagh Polling Station [406 electors] to remain.

Ballycallan Polling District

Ballycallan Polling District comprises of the Electoral Divisions of Ballycallan, Ballinamara [part of] and Tullaghanbrogue [part of]. The Polling Place is Ballycallan [Community Hall].

Under the revised Electoral Areas Ballycallan Electoral Division and Ballinamara [part of] Electoral Divisions are located in the Castlecomer Electoral Area and Tullaghanbrogue [part of] is located in the Kilkenny City West Electoral Area.

- Tullaghanbrogue [part of] Electoral Division comprises of 172 electors
- Ballinamara Electoral Division comprises of 42 electors.
- Ballycallan Electoral Division comprises of 360 electors

Following consideration of the issues arising the following decisions have been made:

- Tullaghanbrogue part of [172 electors] to transfer to Cuffesgrange National School Booth No. 2 as above.
- Ballycallan Polling Station [402 electors] to remain.

Windgap Polling District

Windgap Polling District comprises of Coolaghmore Electoral Division, Killamery Electoral Divisions and Kilmoganny No. 1 [Electoral Division]. The Polling Place is Windgap [National School].

Under the revised Electoral Area Coolaghmore is located in the Kilkenny City West Electoral Area and Killamery and Kilmoganny No. 1 Electoral Divisions are located in the Piltown Electoral Area.

- Coolaghmore Electoral Division comprises of 296 electors.
- Killamery Electoral Division comprises of 165 electors.
- Kilmoganny NO. 1 Electoral Division comprises of 123 electors.

Following consideration of the issues arising the following decisions have been made:

- Coolaghmore [296 electors] to transfer to Callan Parish Hall.
- Callan Parish Hall will be as follows:

<u>Polling Place</u>	<u>Callan</u>	<u>[Callan Parish Hall]</u>
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<u>Booth No. 1</u>	788	[as per existing]
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<u>Total</u>	788	
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<u>Booth No. 2</u>	559	[as per existing]
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	<u>+ 296</u>	[Coolaghmore]
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<u>Total</u>	855	
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- Windgap [288 electors] to remain.

Goresbridge Polling District

Goresbridge Polling District comprises of the Goresbridge Electoral Division and Bramblestown Electoral Division [part of]. The Polling Place is Goresbridge [National School].

Under the revised Electoral Area Goresbridge Electoral Division is located in the Castlecomer Electoral Area and Bramblestown Electoral Division (Part of) is located in the Kilkenny City East Electoral Area.

- Bramblestown Electoral Division [part of] comprises of 47 electors.
- Goresbridge Electoral Division comprises of 466 electors.

Following consideration of the issues arising the following decision has been made:

- Bramblestown part of [47 electors] to transfer to Dungarvan Parish Hall Polling Booth.

The Rower Polling District

Under the revised Electoral Areas the Polling District of The Rower is located in the Kilkenny City East Electoral Area.

Currently part of the Rower Electoral Division is located in the Polling District of Listerlinn and the remaining part is located in the Polling District of The Rower.

There are 666 electors in the Electoral Division of The Rower .

The current Polling Places are as follows:

- 647 assigned to The Rower Hall and
- 19 assigned to Listerlin National School.

were assigned to Listerlin National School Polling Station.

Under the revised Electoral Area Listerlin remains located in the Piltown Electoral Area and the towns lands of Ballyfoile Upper and Ballyfoile Lower are in the Rower Electoral District which is located in the Kilkenny City East Electoral Area.

Following consideration of the issues arising particularly the travelling distances involved, the following decisions have been made:

- That part of the Rower Polling District comprising Ballyfoile Lower and Upper [19 electors] to continue to vote in Listerlin National School [which is outside of their Electoral Area]. Appropriate arrangements to be made.

Kilkenny City

Kilkenny City and its Environs has been divided as follows:

- The River Nore is the dividing boundary between Kilkenny City West Electoral Area & Kilkenny City East Electoral Area for the Environs of Kilkenny City and those parts of Kilkenny City outside of the Number 1 & Number 2 Urban District Areas.
- For Kilkenny City Urban areas the dividing boundary is the boundary between the No. 1 and No. 2 Urban District Areas.
- The boundary follows a line from the River Nore at Riverside Drive to the Freshford Road along the Freshford Road [Greenfields, Banim Terrace to Troysgate], Irishtown, Vicar Street, Parliament Street, Kieran Street, Rose Inn Street, Patrick Street Lower & Upper, Waterford Road, Nuncio Road, Garden Villas to the River Nore.

Kilkenny City West

There is a definite 736 electors residing west of the River Nore but within the Kilkenny City East Electoral Area together with another 302 electors for which an on the ground survey is being undertaken so as to identify their appropriate Electoral Area.

The electorate of 1,039 under current arrangements are assigned to 7 Polling Stations, 6 of which are in the Kilkenny City West Electoral Area.

Current Polling Booth

Approximate Number of Electors

St. John of God National School [No. 2 Booth]	381
St. John of God National School [No. 1 Booth]	212
St. Canices Primary School [No. 3 Booth]	275
St. Canices Primary School [No. 2 Booth]	47
Abbey Business Centre	111
CBS Stephens Street [No. 2 Booth]	12
Lake School, Michael Street [No. 2 Booth]	6
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Having regard to the current dispersal of voters to the different Polling Stations it was decided that 2 No. Stations should suffice and that they be located where greatest numbers of electors are already assigned i.e. St. Canices's Primary School, Granges Road and St. John of God National School, New Street.

The reassignment of electors to the new Stations together with the assignment of electors to the remaining Polling Stations will be examined further with a view to determining the appropriate sizes of the Polling Booths. This may entail the relocation within the Kilkenny City/Environs, of some Booths and the addition of others in the Kilkenny City West Electoral Area.

There are 2 Polling Stations east of the River (more as follows):

- the Lake School, Michael Street which is the nearest Polling Station and which has 2,746 voters assigned to 5 Polling Booths.
- St. John's School, Ballybought Street which has 3,894 electors assigned to 6 Polling Booths.

An examination of the sizes of each of the Polling booths located at these two Polling Stations is also being undertaken which may result in additional Booths in both Stations.

Signed:

Michael Delahunty
Michael Delahunty,
Senior Executive Officer



13th February, 2019.

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

RE: AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL ELECTORAL AREAS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019.

Dear Councillor,

The report for the Local Electoral Boundary Committee [*Committee No. 1*] was published in June 2018. The Committee was appointed in December 2017 to review and make recommendations on the division of Local Authority areas outside Dublin, with the exceptions of Cork County, Cork City, Galway County and Galway City. This involved reviewing the division, into Local Electoral Areas of 23 remaining Local Authority areas which were currently divided into 89 Local Electoral Areas and represented by 623 Councillors.

The current make up for County Kilkenny is 4 Local Electoral Areas with total membership of 24 Members.

Following the review, the Boundary Committee recommended the following changes for County Kilkenny:

Local Electoral Area	Number of Members
Callan - Thomastown	6
Castlecomer	6
Kilkenny	7
Piltown	5
Total	24

Minister for State, John Paul Phelan has signed the Statutory Instrument [SI No. 621 of 2018] bringing these changes into effect on the 19th December, 2018.

The Register of Electors has been amended to reflect the changes to the Local Electoral Areas. Details are attached in Appendix 1. This will result in a change of Polling Stations for a number of registered voters. Changes have now been made. The live Register is now published. This is the Register that will be in force for the forthcoming Local Elections, European Elections and any Referendum in May 2019.

The total Electorate for the Local Elections is 73,353 broken down as follows per Electoral Area:

Local Electoral Area	Local Government Electors
Callan-Thomastown	19,330
Castlecomer	18,896
Kilkenny	19,111
Piltown	16,016

Signed:

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APPENDIX 1 – CHANGES TO ELECTORAL AREAS

CASTLECOMER LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA

Clara Electoral Division – Polling District TX Clara will move from Kilkenny City East to the Castlecomer Local Electoral Area.

KILKENNY LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA

The existing Electoral Areas Kilkenny City East and West will be renamed as the Kilkenny Local Electoral Area. The following amendments will be made to existing Polling Districts:

Revised Polling District	Current Polling District	AMENDMENTS	
		Current Electoral Area	New Electoral Area
DA Kilkenny Rural Nt. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DB Kilkenny Rural St. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DC Kilkenny City		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DD Kilkenny City	TA Kilkenny City	Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny
DF Kilkenny City	TB Kilkenny City	Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny
DG Kilkenny City East	TC Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny
DH Kilkenny City	TD Kilkenny City	Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny
DJ Kilkenny Rural ST. East	TE Kilkenny Rural St. East	Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny
DK Kilkenny Rural Nt. East	TF Kilkenny Rural Nt. East	Kilkenny City East	Kilkenny
DL Kilkenny City		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DM Kilkenny City		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DN Kilkenny City		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DO Kilkenny Rural Nt. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DP Kilkenny City		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DQ Kilkenny City		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DS Kilkenny Rural Nt. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DT Kilkenny Rural St. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DU Kilkenny Rural St. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DV Kilkenny Rural St. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny
DW Kilkenny Rural St. West		Kilkenny City West	Kilkenny

St. Patrick's National School, Coote's Lane, Kilkenny, will not be used as a polling station. The following Areas will be transferred to St. John of God National School:

Archersgrove; Archerslease; Ballyhendricken; Ballycallan; Birchfield; Burrells Walk; Castlebiunden; Clohogue; Clonmoran; Danville; Donaghmore; Drakelands Middle; Drakelands Nursing Home; Joinersfolly; Kylebeg, Ballycallan Road; Margaretsfield, Callan Road; Outrath Road; Poulgour; Raggettsland; Reviewfields; Reviewfields, St. Patrick's Convent; Seville Grove; Seville Lawns, Margaretsfield; Shellumsrath; St. Catherine's (Wetlands); Warrington; Wetland,

**Townland – Lyrath KK
No. 5**

Polling Station: Lake School, Michael Street, Kilkenny, Booth No. 5

CALLAN/THOMASTOWN LOCAL ELECTORAL AREA

Revised Polling District	Current Polling District	Current Electoral Area	New Electoral Area
TA Callan Town		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TB Callan Rural		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TC Burnchurch		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TD Dunnamaggin		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TE Kells		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TF Stoneyford		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TG Knocktopher		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TH Ballyhale		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TJ Thomastown		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TK Dungarvan		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TL Bennettsbridge		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TM Graiguenamanagh		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TN Skeaghvosteen		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TR Dunbell		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TS Hugginstown	PE Hugginstown	Piltown	Callan/Thomastown
TT Tullahought	PA Tullahought	Piltown	Callan/Thomastown
TU Inistioge		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TV Kilmaganny	PY Kilmaganny	Piltown	Callan/Thomastown
TW Tinnaranny	PW Tinnaranny	Piltown	Callan/Thomastown
TY The Rower		Kilkenny City East	Callan/Thomastown
TZ Windgap	PZ Windgap	Piltown	Callan/Thomastown

Townland

Ballyfoile Upr. & Lwr.
 Brownsford
 Curraghlane Tullogher
 Curraghmore
 Glenballyvally
 Newgrove
 Brownstown (Dysartmoon)
 Ballykeeffe (ED Tullaghanbrogue)

Polling Station

Rosbercon Parish Hall
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 Rosbercon Parish Hall
 Rosbercon Parish Hall
 Rosbercon Parish Hall
 Rosbercon Parish Hall
 Cuffesgrange National School, Booth No. 2.

