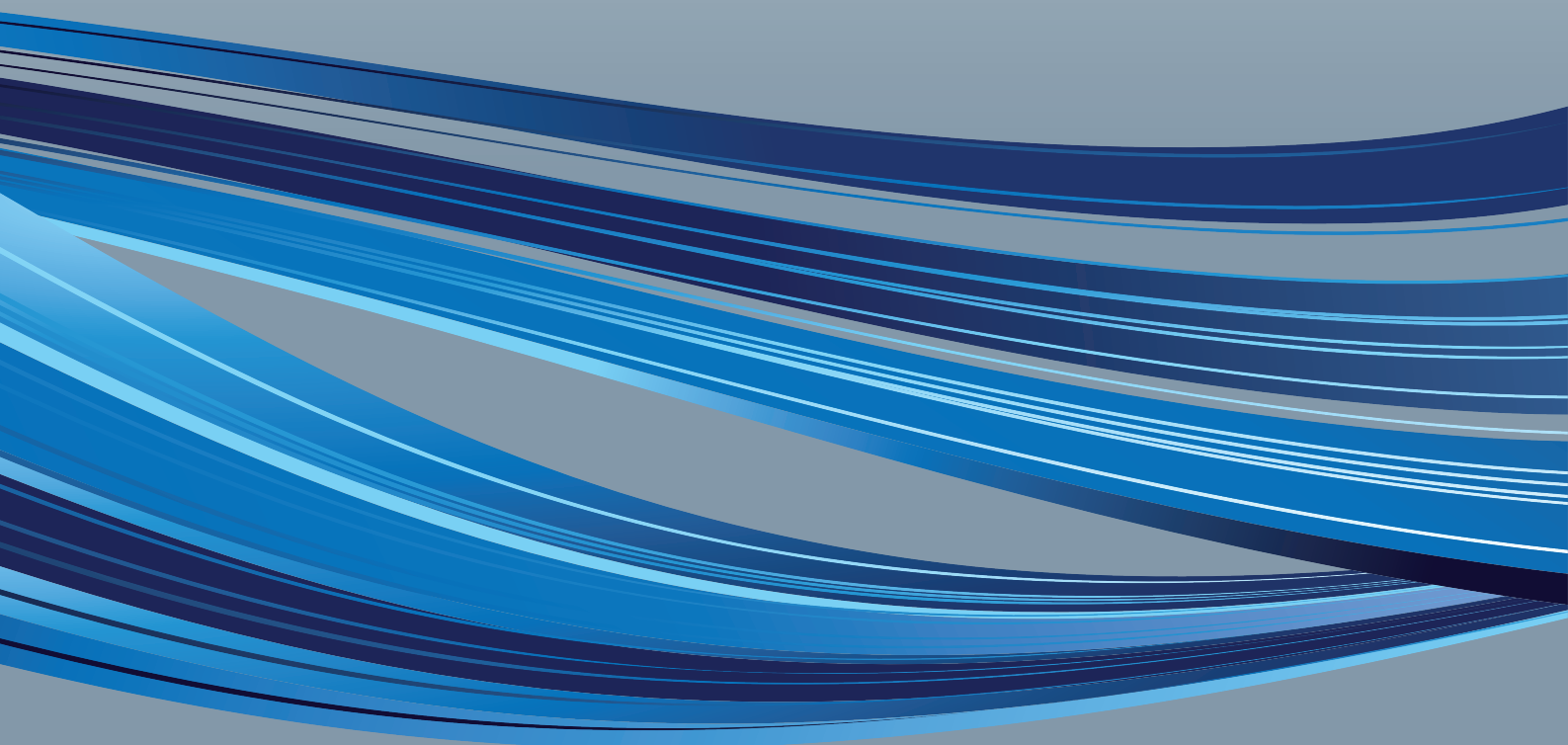


**Local Electoral Area
Boundary Committee Report 2013**

**Tuarascáil an Choiste um Theorainneacha
Toghlímistéar Áitiúil 2013**



County Longford

Overview of present position

The position at present is as follows:

Local Electoral Areas	Number of members	Town Council in Local Electoral Area
Ballymahon	6	
Drumlish	4	
Granard	4	Granard T.C
Longford	7	Longford T.C
Total	21	

Number of members and population variance

Based on the formula at paragraph 9 of the terms of reference of the Committee the new number of elected members to be assigned to Longford County Council is set out in the table below.

2011 Population	39,000
1 member for every 4,830 of the population $39,000 / 4,830 = 8.07$	8
Additional members: 1 per town council, subject to a maximum of 4 (except in merging councils)	2
New number of councillors (subject to a minimum of 18 and maximum of 40)	18

Having regard to the requirement that the number of councillors representing a local electoral area should be not more than 10 or less than 6, the 18 members have to be divided amongst either 2 or 3 local electoral areas.

Based on the new number of councillors, the population per member in Longford is 2,167. The terms of reference provide that "within any city or county the variance in representation of each local electoral area from the average for the city or county should, as far as practicable, be within a range of +/- 10%". For Longford, this represents a range of 1,950 to 2,383.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommending a configuration of three local electoral areas to be named Longford, Granard and Ballymahon, with each having 6 members. The location of the town councils in Longford and Granard and the distribution of population throughout the county informed the Committee's approach in this regard.

The recommended local electoral area for Longford town would include the electoral division of Newtown Forbes as part of its hinterland to the north.

The recommended Granard local electoral area would include the electoral divisions of Cloonee and Corboy which are to the east of Longford Town. Most of the electoral divisions that comprise the current Drumlish local electoral area would be incorporated into the new Granard local electoral area.

The electoral divisions of Meathas Truim and Ballymuigh, encompassing the town of Edgeworthstown, would be included in the Ballymahon local electoral area.

A summary of recommendations is contained in the table below:

Local Electoral Areas	Number of members	Population 2011	Population per member	Percentage variance from county average + / - %
Ballymahon	6	13,284	2,214	+2.2
Granard	6	12,539	2,090	-3.5
Longford	6	13,177	2,196	+1.4
Total	18	39,000		

The following is a detailed description setting out the electoral divisions that comprise each recommended local electoral area:

Ballymahon

Agharra, Ardagh East, Ardagh West, Ballymahon, Ballymuigh, Cashel East, Cashel West, Doory, Forgney, Foxhall, Kilcommock, Kilglass, Killashee, Ledwithstown, Meathas Truim, Mountdavis, Moydow and Rathcline



Granard

Abbeylara, Aghaboy, Ballinalee, Ballinamuck East, Ballinamuck West, Breanrisk, Bunlahy, Cloonee, Columbkille, Coolamber, Corboy, Creevy, Crosagstown, Currygrane, Dalystown, Drumgort, Drumlish, Drummeel, Firry, Gelshagh, Granard Rural, Granard Urban, Killoe, Knockanbaun, Lislea, Milltown, Moatfarrell, Moyne, Mullanalaghta, Newgrove and Sonnagh.

Longford

Caldragh, Cloondara, Longford No. 1 Urban, Longford No. 2 Urban, Longford Rural and Newtown Forbes.

County Longford

Electoral Area	
Electoral Division	
Recommended LEA Name and Number of Members:	
Granard	- 6
Ballymahon	- 6
Longford	- 6
ED Names:	KILGLASS
Town Names:	Granard 