

## Angela O'Shea

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**From:** Contact User  
**Sent:** Friday 15 July 2022 14:19  
**To:** Honor Dunphy  
**Cc:** Angela O'Shea  
**Subject:** FW: Deputy Mayor Cllr James Tobin RIP

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**From:** Ger Walsh <ger.walsh@wexfordcoco.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 15 July 2022 12:55  
**To:** Contact User <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>  
**Subject:** Deputy Mayor Cllr James Tobin RIP

Good afternoon

At a meeting of New Ross Municipal District on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Michael Sheehan and Members of New Ross Municipal District expressed their sympathies on the untimely death of Cllr Tobin.

They wish to extend condolences to Councillor Tobin's family and to the Cathaoirleach and Members of Waterford City and County Council.

Regards

Ger Walsh  
Staff Officer  
New Ross Municipal District  
The Tholsel  
New Ross  
Co Wexford  
Y34 CF64

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*My working day may not match your working day so please do not feel obliged to reply to this email outside of your normal working hours.*

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Tá an t-eolas sa ríomhphost seo agus in aon chomhad a ghabhann leis rúnda agus ceaptha le haghaidh úsáide an té nó an aonáin ar seoladh chuige iad agus na húsáide sin amháin. Is tuairimí nó dearcthaí an údair amháin aon tuairimí nó dearcthaí ann, agus ní gá gurb ionann iad agus tuairimí nó dearcthaí Comhairle Contae Loch Garman. Má bhfuair tú an ríomhphost seo trí earráid, ar mhiste leat é sin a chur in iúl don seoltóir nó le [customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:customerservice@wexfordcoco.ie). Scanann Comhairle Contae Loch Garman ríomhphoist agus ceangaltáin le haghaidh víreas, ach ní ráthaíonn sé go bhfuil ceachtar díobh saor ó víreas agus ní glacann dliteanas ar bith as aon damáiste de dhroim víreas.



Oifig an Runaí Aire

Office of the Minister of State

26 July 2022

Ms. Honor Dunphy  
Waterford City & County Council  
[hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie)

**Ref: HPLG-MoSB-00533-2022**

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I refer to your correspondence in connection with the meeting of Waterford City and County Council, which was forwarded by Minister Darragh O'Brien.

I note from your letter that Waterford City and County Council insist that Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is carried out for all future solar farm applications as part of the planning process, and that my Department introduces specific national planning guidelines for solar farms developments.

It is important to advise that the EIA process is carried out in accordance with Directive 2011/92/EU (the EIA Directive) (as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU), which lists in Annex I project types that require mandatory EIA, and in Annex II, project types that Member States must screen in order to determine if EIA is needed or not. Solar farm developments are not listed as a project that requires mandatory EIA or screening for EIA in accordance with Annex I and II respectively. On that basis, compliance with the EIA Directive is not explicitly necessary for solar farm developments.

In this regard, I wish to draw your attention to two separate High Court judgments delivered in 2020, which confirmed that the EIA Directive does not apply to solar farm developments. Details for the two judicial review cases referenced above are set out below:

1. Sweetman v An Bord Pleanála & Ors [2020] IEHC 39 Judgment delivered by Mr Justice McDonald on 21 January 2020;
2. Kavanagh v An Bord Pleanála & Ors [2020] IEHC 259 Judgment delivered by Mr Justice O'Moore on 29 May 2020



The implications of the two judgments are of significance in that they affirm the understanding that solar farm developments of the nature of those the subject matter of these judicial review cases do not fall within the classes of projects in either Part 1 or Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended ("the 2001" Regulations") (which transpose Annex I and II of the EIA Directive).

Planning authorities are asked to note the interpretation of the High Court with respect to EIA requirements and proposals for development of a similar nature to those the subject of these judgments. It should also be noted that it is not necessarily the case that solar farm projects could never require EIA. Circumstances may arise in which a solar farm project may be subject to a requirement for EIA if, for example, one or more aspects of the project potentially comes within the scope of any of the project classes listed in Annex I or Annex II of the Directive and consequently, Part 1 and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the 2001 Regulations.

In relation to the second part of the request from the Council, which relates to my Department introducing specific guidance for the planning system on solar farm developments, I can advise as follows:

As is the case with the large majority of development types, there are currently no specific planning guidelines in place in respect of solar farms. Proposals for individual solar farm developments are subject to the statutory requirements of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, in the same manner as other proposed developments, with planning applications made to the relevant local planning authority and with a right of appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

Within the wider national and local planning context, planning authorities must make their decisions based on the specific merits or otherwise of individual planning applications. In making decisions on a planning application, a planning authority, or the Board as appropriate, must consider the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, having regard to the provisions of the development plan including any zoning objectives, any submissions or observations received from the public and the statutory consultees, and any relevant Ministerial or Government policies, including any guidelines issued by my Department.

While the Department is satisfied that the planning code is sufficiently robust to facilitate the assessment of individual planning applications for solar farm developments, the matter is being kept under review. Where the need for specific planning guidance for solar farms is identified, my Department will develop such guidance as appropriate.





I hope this response is of some assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Burke". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Peter Burke T.D.  
Minister for Planning and Local Government

Please note: I am a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015



**From:** Housing Minister <[MINISTER@housing.gov.ie](mailto:MINISTER@housing.gov.ie)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday 26 July 2022 20:15  
**To:** Honor Dunphy <[hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie)>  
**Subject:** RE: HPLG-MOBO-01668-2022

26 July 2022

Ms. Honor Dunphy

[hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie)

RE: HPLG-MOBO-01668-2022

Dear Ms Dunphy,

I have been asked by Mr. Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to thank you for your letter dated 27 June 2022, regarding funding for local authority housing and the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability scheme, in respect of private house.

Funding is provided on an annual basis under the Disabled Persons Grants (DPGs) scheme to local authorities for adaptations and extensions to the existing social housing stock to meet the needs of local authority tenants. The scheme applies to works that are necessary to address the needs of people with mobility or disability needs. This may involve minor adaptations such as stair-lifts, ramps, grabs rails, showers, wet-rooms etc. It also provides funding for major adaptations such as extensions to relieve overcrowding or accommodate the needs of an older person or a person with a disability e.g. a downstairs bedroom, bedroom ensuite or bathroom.

The Department provides 90% funding towards the cost of the eligible works per property with the remaining 10% being provided by the local authorities.

In order to remove any impediment to the undertaking of works, all local authorities are informed at the start of each year that they can undertake works up to a maximum value of 65% of their previous year's allocation pending notification of their approved allocation.

The Department is very supportive of work in this area and has provided funding which has been increasing year on year to help meet the needs of local authority tenants. Funding under the Disabled Persons Grant scheme has increased from a level of €15.075m in 2019 to €23.6m in 2022. In 2021, local authorities were allocated funding for all works that could be completed that year. Again in 2022, local authorities were allocated funding equal to their funding requirement contained in their work programme or no less than the funding allocated to them in 2021. They were also advised to contact the Department if additional funding is required during 2022 for any unforeseen works.

Local authorities have delegated sanction to incur expenditure from Internal Capital Receipts (ICRs) for improvement works to the local authority housing stock. This delegated sanction is subject to annual approval by the Department of a programme of such work.

The Department also provides funding to local authorities for the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Scheme. These schemes assist eligible applicants living in privately

owned homes to make their accommodation more suitable for their needs. Funding of €81.25 million is available nationally in 2022 which is an increase of €6.25 million on the 2021 provision of €75 million, continuing the year on year increases since 2014.

Housing for All commits to undertaking a review of the range of housing grants available to assist with meeting specific housing needs both for our ageing population and people with a disability. An initial element of this review has begun and is currently focused on the existing grant limits and income thresholds applicable to the grant schemes. The wider scope of the review, to be completed this year, is also under consideration and is being informed by ongoing engagement with external stakeholders including the Department of Health, the HSE, the Irish Wheelchair Association and the Disability Federation of Ireland.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

**Niamh Redmond**  
**Private Secretary**

**From:** Ciaran Murphy (Housing)  
**Sent:** Thursday 30 June 2022 12:21  
**To:** 'hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie' <[hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie](mailto:hdunphy@waterfordcouncil.ie)>  
**Subject:** HPLG-MOBO-01668-2022

30 June 2022

Mr Honor Dunphy

RE: HPLG-MOBO-01668-2022

Dear Mr Dunphy,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your Housing adaptation grant query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

**Niamh Redmond**  
**Private Secretary**



## Learning Objective

This conference is directed at presenting Councillors with a practical guide to Budget 2023. We will analyse this year's budget announcements and the implications of these proposed changes. The main Budget changes which may affect most people such as changes in the areas of taxation, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas will be examined in detail, familiarising participants of this seminar with the Budget changes. This will be an overview and not a complete statement of the measures announced in Budget 2023.

Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2023. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the Finance Bill is published – this is expected in early 2023. We also cover in some detail how Budgets are altered before the Finance Bill is implemented.

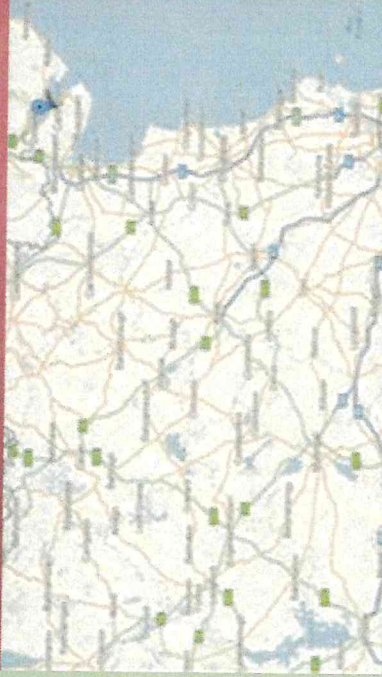
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€100**



**CELTIC  
CONFERENCES**

## VENUE

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL  
CARLINGFORD,  
CO. LOUTH



Professional Event Organisers  
Present a Conference on

# A Practical Guide to Budget 2023

The conference organisers reserve the right to change any of the details of this programme to facilitate the safe and efficient running of this event in line with Government Covid-19 guidelines.

**30<sup>th</sup> of September & the  
1<sup>st</sup> & 02<sup>nd</sup> of October 22**

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

**Saturday 01<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

**Budget 2023 Review**

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

**The Effects of Budget 2023**

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

**Budget 2023 Costings**

**Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

**Close Conference**

## Celtic Conferences

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We help organisations achieve quality learning outcomes by motivating, energising and inspiring learners to help discover their passion and potential and develop skills, knowledge and behaviours that are readily and immediately transferable to the workplace.

## SPEAKER

**Peter Hayes**

**Peter Hayes** works as a Tax Consultant and as an Accountant for his own firm, specialising in advising his clients on Income Tax Planning.

Prior to this, he previously worked as a manager in Ernst and Young. He has over 20 years' experience working as a Tax Consultant. He holds an honours degree in Accounting and Finance from CIT and he is a qualified Tax Advisor.



## Learning Objective

- Occupational Pension (Superannuation)**
- Defined Benefit Scheme – Public Service
  - Defined Contribution Scheme
  - Hybrid

**Calculating a Pension**

- Vesting Period.
- Pensionable Remuneration.
- Service Reckonable for Pension?
- Member of which Scheme and what category of member.
- PRSI Class.
- Accrual Rate.
- Minimum Pension Age.
- Maximum Retirement Age.

**Schemes for Established Civil Servants`**

- Established Civil Servants recruited before 6 April 1995
- Established Civil Servants recruited on or after 6 April 1995
- Established Civil Servants “New Entrants” from 1 April 2004

**Schemes for Un-Established Civil Servants**

- Un-established State employees recruited before 1 April 2004
- Un-established State employees “new entrants” from 1 April 2004

**Single Scheme**

- All recruited from 1 January 2013 Single Scheme

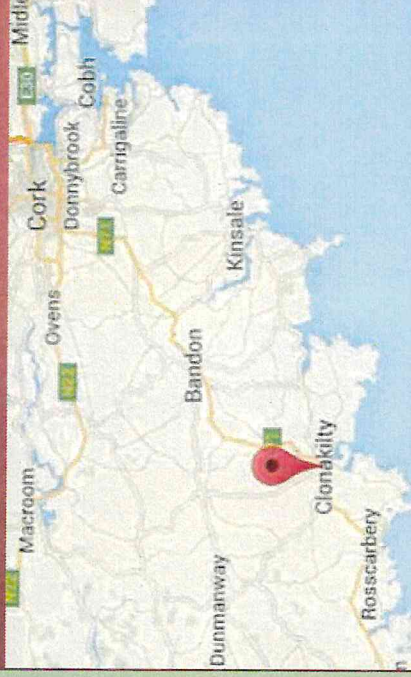
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**CELTIC  
CONFERENCE**

## VENUE

O'DONOVAN'S HOTEL  
CLONAKILTY,  
CO. CORK



Professional Event Organisers  
Present a Conference on

# Irish State Retirements Pensions & Benefits

**7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
October 2022**

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

**Pensions – An Overview**

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

**Pension Management**

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

**Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS)**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

**Close Conference**

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## SPEAKER

**Tony Power** works in the Payroll Services Divisions of the National Shared Services Office (NSSO).

Tony has over 20 year's experience in the public sector with the last 5 years managing the day to day operational activities of payroll teams delivering accurate and timely transactions to over 150k payees in the civil service, public service and pensioners.



## Learning Objective

This conference is directed at providing Councillors with an informative and educational presentation on the technologically advanced systems designed to harvest energy from renewable sources. The continued depletion of fossil fuels is universally acknowledged as unsustainable and without future. This conference presents some of the modern alternatives to fossil fuels that now appear in regulations governing the building of new houses. It is important for Councillors to have an understanding of these advances in renewable methods.

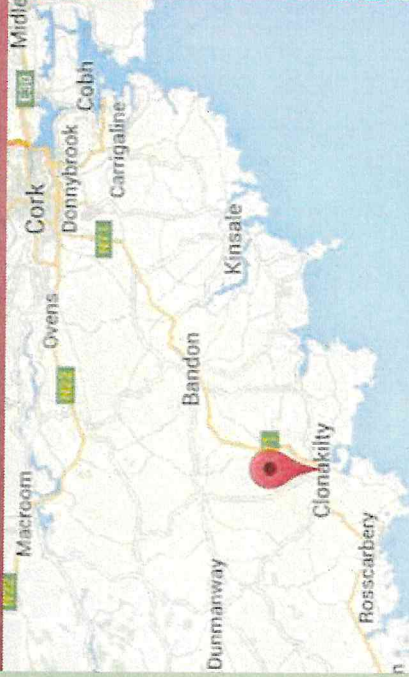
Particular emphasis will be placed on presenting the information in a practical and logical format for the attendees. The presentations will be provided by an expert professional with many years of experience in renewable energy.

**Conference Fee  
€100**



## VENUE

O'DONOVAN'S HOTEL  
CLONAKILITY,  
CO. CORK



Professional Event Organisers  
Present a Conference on

# Innovation in Solar Energy Technology

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**28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
October 2022**

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

## **Understanding solar energy?**

11am - Comfort break followed at 11.30am with

## **What is a PV system in energy?**

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

## **Harnessing the Technology**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

**Close Conference**

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## **SPEAKER**

### **Paddy Rose**

Paddy Rose is a renewable energy manager with Advanced Heating and Energy systems Ltd. based in Clonakilty, West Cork. He regularly holds public seminars on solar thermal and solar PV systems. For nearly 15 years he has been providing expert advice to state, semi-state and private bodies including the Defence Forces, Universities and IT institutions. He specialises in the most advanced systems for converting solar energy to domestic and commercial use.



## Learning Objective

As people continue to live longer and healthier lives, the desire to grow old in your own home and among your own community are emerging as the most significant challenges for local authorities in Ireland today.

This conference will look at the emerging trends among an ever increasing older demographic and how local authorities can play an important role in addressing these challenges. The development of a statutory home care scheme which guarantees everyone the right to care in their home is nearing completion. This coupled with the progress made within the National Housing Options for Older Persons policy places the local authorities at the centre of care for the elderly building upon their successes to date within the Age Friendly programme.

This conference will assist elected members in understanding the important role they can play in transforming care of the elderly within their communities.

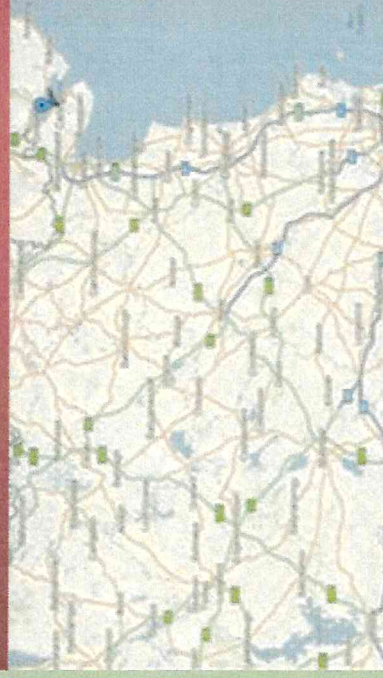
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## VENUE

THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL  
CARLINGFORD,  
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Professional Event Organisers  
Present a Conference on

# The role of Local Authorities in addressing the needs of Older People

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**11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 2022**

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# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

6pm to 7pm- Registration followed by Welcome Address and Official Opening

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

9am to 10am - Registration followed at-10.15am with

## Changing Demographics

11am - Tea / Coffee followed at 11.30am with

## Transforming Care

Lunchbreak at 1pm followed at 2.30pm

## National Housing Options for Older People

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Conference overview and exploration of topics covered in conference followed by a learning experience analysis.

Facilitated by Conference enabler.

**Close Conference**

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## SPEAKER

**Jim Daly**

Jim Daly is a former Minister for Older People who spearheaded the partnership between the Departments of Health & Housing to create real alternatives to the Nursing Home for older people. As a former elected member and Mayor of Cork County Council, Jim understands the role elected members can play in shaping policy regarding care of the elderly. Jim is also Chairman of Home & Community Care Ireland the representative body of all private home care providers in Ireland.



#### 4 Assessment of value of conferences

(1) As up-coming conferences, seminars or other meetings or events come to the attention of a local authority, the authority should carry out an assessment of their relevance and suitability for its councillors. It is suggested that the Corporate Policy Group would have a useful role to play in this regard.

(2) The decision of a local authority to authorise one or more members to represent the authority at a particular conference, seminar etc under section 142(5)(b) should take account of –

- a) the resources available to fund attendance at the event, having regard to needs likely to arise later in the year concerned,
- b) the cost of attendance at the event (including attendance fees and travelling and subsistence expenses payable for attendance),
- c) how the event compares in terms of efficacy and value for money with other similar meetings or events.

(3) In authorising members to attend events, account should be taken of the following factors –

- a) size of delegation - the number of members attending any event should be the minimum necessary to represent the authority at the event consistent with producing the required benefit for the members concerned, the authority and the community,
- b) members attending - the selection of a particular member to attend any event should, where possible, (and in addition to any identified needs) take account of his/ her particular areas of proven interest in relation to the council, their membership of an SPC or other local authority/ Committee, or their participation in community activities of a particular nature or sector, and
- c) any follow-up action that the local authority or its elected members need or propose to take following the event or in the future.

## **5 Requirements on members in relation to attendance at conferences**

(1) Having been authorised to attend an event, each member and his or her local authority is required under sections 142(5)(f) and 142(5)(fa) of the 2001 Act in all circumstances to do the following:

- a) Attend that event and participate in the proceedings to the greatest extent possible.
- b) Submit a written report within 15 days to the Cathaoirleach, who shall submit the report to the next ordinary meeting of the council. The report must indicate the nature of the meeting and contain a summary of the proceedings.
- c) This report shall be made available free of charge on request to any member of the public and for this purpose it may be made available on the local authority's website.

(2) The Minister considers that default arrangements should be for the report from the member and the proceedings to remain available on the local authority's website, with omission only of documentation where clear copyright restrictions so require





# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	Cllr. Tom Cronin
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILE Training July 2022
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Allingham Arms Hotel
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2022 / Bundoran

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)
Cllr. Nicholas Crossan opened the Conference A female cllr. spoke to us she discussed a function of a cllr. on a Audit Committee.
Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative
Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available
A leaflet, enclosed.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Signed: Cllr. Thomas Cronin Date: 12<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2022

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JOHN B. LEARY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	A.I.R.C. TRAINING PROGRAMME
CONFERENCE LOCATION	ADKINGHAM ARMS HOTEL, BUNDORAN
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23/7/22

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

Governance and oversight Role of Elected Members.

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

I found it very informative that the Executive and Elected Members work together to maintain and oversee a process that promotes the efficient use of financial resources to deliver a Quality Service.

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available to the public.

I did not receive any handouts.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Signed: Cllr.

*John O'Leary*

Date:

*26/7/22*

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR

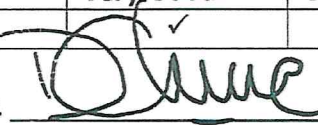
As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	DECLAN CLUNE
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG TPM4
CONFERENCE LOCATION	BUNDORNA, CO. DONEGAL
DATE OF CONFERENCE	JULY 23, 2022

<b>General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Local Authority Audit Committees/Government &amp; Oversight</li><li>NOAC</li><li>Local Government Audit Service</li><li>Freedom of Information Act 2014</li><li>Audit Committee</li><li>Reporting Framework</li></ul>
<b>Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Protected Disclosures</li><li>Code of Ethics</li><li>Review by Audit Committee of financial and budgetary reporting practices by LA</li></ul>
<b>Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available</b>
I did receive handout and both sets of slides will be available on the AILG website.

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
	✓			

Signed: Cllr. 

Date: 25.07.22

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	JASON RUPHY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	AILG Training
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Horse + Jockey
DATE OF CONFERENCE	28/7/22

General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)

oversight and governance

Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative

Role of Cllr in relation to council  
Audit committees and responsibility in  
relation to local government governance

Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available

No

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
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Signed: Cllr. J. Ruphy

Date: 11/8/22

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# Waterford City & County Council

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS AT CONFERENCES/SEMINAR As per Section 142 (5)(F) of Local Government Act, 2001

NAME OF COUNCILLOR	John Pott
CONFERENCE ATTENDED	Local Authority Audit Committee, and the Governance role of Elected Members
CONFERENCE LOCATION	Alingham Arms Hotel Buxdoran
DATE OF CONFERENCE	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2022

**General description of subject matter of the conference (e.g. water pollution, waste management, planning)**

This conference was regarding the importance of auditing + good Corporate Governance + better informed decision making. This also highlights the importance of (1) operating with integrity + high ethical values (2) Being open + transparent (3) Being accountable for the stewardship + control of resources. (4) Using those resources to deliver quality public services.

**Issues raised or discussed which I found particularly interesting/informative**

The Appeal Process regarding the right of the public to access information, the right to appeal to the Ombudsman, through the courts or via judicial review on a point of law.

**Handouts - I received / did not receive 'Handouts' or other conference material which might be of interest to other members and which I can make available**

These will be sent via email

On the whole, I consider that this conference was:

Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
✓				

Signed: Cllr. John Pott

Date: 29/07/2022

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22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**RE: Review of the Rules on Inheritance Tax**

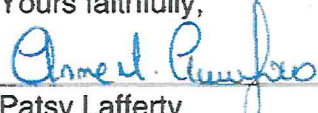
Dear Meetings Administrator,

The members of Donegal County Council at their recent meeting resolved to adopt the following resolution:

***“That this Council calls on the Minister for Finance to review and change the rules on inheritance tax in so far as it relates to those who do not have immediate family members i.e. children. Consideration of equality should include the next blood relative”.***

It was further agreed that a copy be circulated to all Local Authorities for their information and support.

Yours faithfully,

*P.P.*   
Patsy Lafferty  
Meetings Administrator



County Secretary

MD/ZP

26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

Mr. Stephen Donnelly,  
Minister for Health,  
Leinster House,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Minister,

At the July Meeting of Wexford County Council the Members passed the following motion:

*"The Council agrees to write to Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, the Oireachtas Health Committee and the HSE CEO Paul Reid requesting that the provision of Long Covid Clinics is retained and expanded.*

*The Council also agrees to raise it with our regional health board and/or local hospital and at any other suitable juncture.*

*The Council then agrees to circulate this motion to other Councils asking them to consider the same".*

I would appreciate if you could note the view of the Members and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Drea,  
County Secretary & Communications Officer  
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HSE CEO Paul Reid ([ceo.office@hse.ie](mailto:ceo.office@hse.ie))  
All Local Authorities

