



Comhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge
Waterford City & County Council

5 May 2022

Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T. D.,
Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage
Custom House
Dublin 1

Dear Minister O'Brien,

At the April meeting of Waterford City and County Council it was agreed that I should write to you to request that you review the procedures for the designation of Rent Pressure Zones and the impact of short-term letting on the availability of properties for private rental.

The Council are concerned that the rents being paid for residential properties being rented on short-term letting platforms such as Airbnb are not being taken into account in the calculation of the RTB Rent Index and therefore are preventing certain areas from being designated as Rent Pressure Zones. The Council also highlighted a number of coastal and seaside towns where there is a serious shortage of properties available for private rent due to the volume of properties being made available for short-term and holiday letting.

Yours sincerely

Ivan Grimes
Director of Services



Angela O'Shea

Subject: FW: HPLG-MOBO-01112-2022 FAO Ivan Grimes

From: Housing Minister <MINISTER@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday 16 May 2022 09:44
To: Contact User <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: RE: HPLG-MOBO-01112-2022 FAO Ivan Grimes

16 May 2022

Mr. Ivan Grimes

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RE: HPLG-MOBO-01112-2022

Dear Mr. Grimes,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 05 May 2022, informing Mr. Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of a recent motion passed by Waterford County Council requesting to review the procedures for the designation of rent pressure zones.

I have been asked to respond to you on behalf of Minister O'Brien.

Section 24A of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, as amended, provides that the Housing Agency, in consultation with housing authorities, may make a proposal to the Minister that an area should be considered for designation as a Rent Pressure Zone. Following receipt of such a proposal, the Minister requests the Director of the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) to conduct an assessment of the area to establish whether or not it meets the criteria for designation and to report to the Minister on whether the area should be designated as a Rent Pressure Zone. For the purpose of the Act, 'area' is defined as either the administrative area of a housing authority or a local electoral area within the meaning of section 2 of the Local Government Act 2001.

On 30 May 2019, the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 (Commencement) Order 2019 was signed into law, which appointed 31 May 2019 and 4 June 2019 as the dates on which specified provisions of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Act 2019 came into effect, including provisions in respect of the average rent qualifying criterion for RPZ designation.

Using RTB data,

- (i) the rent of a dwelling in the Greater Dublin Area (Kildare, Wicklow and Meath) will now be compared to the average rent across the country, excluding Dublin rents; and
- (ii) (ii) the rent of a dwelling outside of the Greater Dublin Area will be compared to the average rent across the country (€1,058 - Q4 2021), excluding the Greater Dublin Area rents.

The RTB Rent Index Report includes a summary of the data used to establish whether each Local Electoral Area fulfils the criteria for designation as a Rent Pressure Zone. This ensures transparency in relation to the position of individual areas in terms of average rent levels and increases.

Further information on Rent Pressure Zones and designations is available on my Department's website at <https://www.housing.gov.ie/PUBLICATIONS> , by searching 'rent pressure zones - information'.

The data from the Rent Index Report for Q4 2021 relating to the local electoral areas of County Waterford is detailed in the table below:

| Local Electoral Area (Waterford) | Quarters > 7% | Average 2021 Q4 (€) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Dungarvan | * | * |
| Portlaw - Kilmacthomas | * | * |
| Lismore | * | * |
| Tramore – Waterford City West | 4 | 957.28 |
| Waterford City South | 4 | 1,075.10 |
| Waterford City East | 2 | 1,106.59 |

Note: * indicates that rents in areas with less than 30 observations are not published for statistical reasons

I hope this information is useful to you.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

From: Housing Minister
Sent: Monday 9 May 2022 15:17
To: 'contact@waterfordcouncil.ie' <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: HPLG-MOBO-01112-2022 FAO Ivan Grimes

9 May 2022

Mr. Ivan Grimes
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THE POWER & ENERGY CONFERENCE

The Power & Energy Conference & Exhibition
June 15th 2022, Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork, Ireland

8.55 INTRODUCTIONS

David Keniry, Keniry Advisory Services

9.00 OPENING REMARKS

Brian Ó Gallachóir, MaREI / UCC

9.05 FIRESIDE CHAT

Brian Leddin, TD for Limerick City, Chair of Oireachtas Joint Committee on Environment and Climate Action with Brian Ó Gallachóir, MaREI / UCC

9.30 THE FUTURE OF POWER AND ENERGY IN EUROPE

Catherine Sheridan, EIH2
Garrett Monaghan, Pinsent Masons
John Fitzgerald, Supernode
Patrick Calnan, Ørsted
Val Cummins, Simply Blue Group

10.10 FIRESIDE CHAT

Donal Murphy, Ireland Strategic Investment Fund with Garrett Monaghan, Pinsent Masons

10.30 HOW WILL THE ENERGY REVOLUTION BE FINANCED?

Eoin Hartigan, Bank of Ireland
Muireann Hernon, Mason Hayes & Curran
Robert Costello, PwC
Seamus Crilly, Equitix
Thomas Briggs, European Investment Bank

11.10 MID-MORNING REMARKS

Conor O'Connell, Construction Industry Federation

11.20 FIRESIDE CHAT

PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group Innovation and Digital Adoption Subgroup at Department of Public Expenditure & Reform; Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board; and Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency, with Conor O'Connell, Construction Industry Federation

11.40 WHAT IS REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE VESSELS THAT HOLD ENERGY SECURITY?

Jerry Hallissey, Shannon Foynes Port Company
John Butler, Global Maritime
Joseph Barry, Munster Technological University
Kieran Ivers, Green Rebel
Pat Brennan, Doyle Shipping Group

12.20 WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVE FUELS STRATEGY?

Aodhán McAleer, ESB
Michael Galvin, Simply Blue Group
Nguyen Dinh, OWC
Paul Deane, Bechtel
Sarah Cullen, 18for0

13.00 LUNCH

14.00 AFTERNOON KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Seán Kelly, Member of the European Parliament for Ireland South

14.10 FIRESIDE CHAT

Andrea Ahern, Gas Networks Ireland, with Catherine Sheridan, EIH2

14.30 WHAT DO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPERS NEED NOW?

Donal O'Sullivan, Statkraft
Ivan Harnett, Acteon Group
John Reilly, Bord na Móna
Peter Cunningham, Temporis Capital
Sara Armstrong, DP Energy

15.10 AFTERNOON REMARKS

Harry O'Farrell, ActionZero and Energy Cork

15.20 HOW WILL THE GRID BE BUILT OUT URGENTLY AND INTEGRATED INTO A SUPERGRID? WHAT IS THE ROLE THAT GAS GRIDS PLAY IN THE EUROPEAN ENERGY LANDSCAPE?

Donal Kissane, Gas Networks Ireland
Harry O'Farrell, ActionZero and Energy Cork
Colin D'Arcy, Greenlink Interconnector Limited
Marcos Byrne, Supernode
Siobhan McHugh, Demand Response Association of Ireland

16.00 THE INTERCONNECTION OF DATA AND POWER

Chris Collins, Schneider Electric
Georgina Foley, Exceedence
John Wallace, Green Rebel
Cian Desmond, Gavin & Doherty Geosolutions
Shirley Gallagher, Irish Manufacturing Research / Syspro

16.40 DRINKS RECEPTION

17.00 CLOSING REMARKS

David Keniry, Keniry Advisory Services

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Mr. Stephen Donnelly T.D,
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9th May, 2022

Our Ref: FC/May1.22/NOM16

Dear Minister Donnelly,

At a recent meeting of Cork County Council, the Members resolved as follows:-

“That this Council write to the Minister of Health to provide state funding on an annual basis to support the operation and continued development of the Irish Community Air Ambulance service, which is based in Rathcoole, Mallow, Co. Cork and that a copy of this resolution would be circulated to the other Munster Local Authorities”.

I would be obliged if you would consider the above matter and let me have your response in due course.

Yours sincerely,

MAIREAD LUCEY
SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER



COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

18th May, 2022.

Our Ref: May 22-24

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the May meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

“That this Council calls on the Government and Minister of Social Protection to find a solution which would allow artists with disabilities to be in receipt of the Basic Income for Artists payment without it affecting their disability supports.”

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.

An Roinn Seirbhísí Corparáideach
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COMHAIRLE | CLARE
CONTAE AN CHLÁIR | COUNTY COUNCIL

18th May, 2022.

Our Ref: May 22-27

Dear Meetings Administrator,

At the May meeting of Clare County Council the members passed the following resolution:

“We ask Clare County Council to immediately make contact with the Department of Transport with a view to insisting that Dublin Airport Authority diverts spare capacity traffic to the likes of Shannon Airport particularly as Dublin has clearly been unable to cater for what it has while Shannon needs more passengers.”

It was agreed that this resolution would be circulated to other local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Reynolds,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Services Department,
Finance and Support Services Directorate.



Comhairle Contae an Chabháin
Cavan County Council

17th May 2022

**Mr. Eamon Ryan, T.D.,
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Dear Minister,

At a recent meeting of Cavan County Council the elected members passed a resolution asking that I write to you as Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications to state that Cavan County Council oppose the ban on the cutting and sale of turf. The members noted that ending the cutting of turf is ending a tradition in rural Ireland. The members stated that currently there is serious concerns about the ability to heat homes and in the context of the current climate, in particular wholesale oil and gas prices, if people must refrain from burning turf it is likely that many will be unable to obtain an economically viable heat source for their homes.

I await your reply in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Elaine McGinn,
Senior Staff Officer,
Corporate.**



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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Galway County Council

CC1-1a-0025 – May 22

JB/cw

27th May 2022

All Local Authorities

RE: Resolution of Galway County Council – Public Recognition Marker (PRM) for the LGBTQI+ Community

A chara,

At the May Plenary meeting of Galway County Council, the following resolution was passed:

'that Galway County Council writes to our colleagues in all other Local Authorities and informs them of the recent decision by Galway City and County Councils to support and endorse the rollout of the Public Recognition Marker (PRM) for the LGBTQI+ Community. In doing so, I call upon all local authorities to work with their respective LGBTQI+ Community Leaders in advocating for the same.'

I would be obliged if you could consider and revert to me with your views on the above Motion so that I can advise the Elected Members. Please arrange to reply directly to Ms. Jean Brann, County Secretary at secretar@GalwayCoCo.ie.

Mise, le meas,

Ms. J. Brann
County Secretary