Waterford/Kilkenny Boundary Review

- Councillors met the committee on 19th November
- What we covered with them:
    - Identity
    - Cooperation
    - Community Development
    - Regional Approach
    - Economic Development
    - Planning
    - Financial Impacts

- Work in progress

- Councillors will meet the committee again after
- 15th Jan 2016.

- We will have sight of all submissions.

- Identity
- 'Who I am and Where I come from.
- My Name, My Parish, My County.
- County Kilkenny recognised before 1216.
- Elements that make up our counties go back into deep into our history.
- Embedded in our families, friendships, sports, recreation, clubs, societies etc.

- Three parishes affected by Area of Interest
    - Kilmacow,
    - Ferrybank
    - Slieverue.
- Townlands- 26 potentially affected.
- A boundary change would transfer Kilkenny (Leinster) people into Waterford (Munster) – thus there would be a change in provincial status also.
- Local Government is by its nature local and people in Kilkenny have the right to expect to be administered by Kilkenny County Council

COOPERATION

- many examples of cooperation for the betterment of all.

- INFRASTRUCTURE
  - Waterford By-Pass
  - M9
  - Belview Port
  - Port road N29
  - Waste Water Treatment Plant
  - Fire Services
  - The Tall Ships (2005 and 2011)
  - Three Sisters Capital of Culture (Kilkenny, Wexford & Waterford – based in Ferrybank)
  - Waterford Regional Airport
  - Technological University of the South East
  - Social Housing Delivery Task Force

- Community Development
- Ferrybank benefits from support and funding by:
- Waterford City & County Council
- Waterford Area Partnership
- Kilkenny County Council
- Kilkenny Leader Partnership
- Hillsfield Centre
- Kilkenny County Council - €585,000
- Land from Waterford City Council
- Now houses Ferryfun (pre-school provision), Tusla and community space and meeting rooms

- Abbey Community College

- Public Participation Network
  - Allows local communities engage in local government
  - Only recently established
  - Would require total reorganisation

  - New Library

  - New Area Office

  - Tidy Towns initiative to commence January '16
  - Ferrybank/Belview & Waterford Economic Plan

REGIONAL APPROACH

- Identity in terms of geographic location
- Carlow, Wexford, Tipperary and Waterford. Have boundaries with Kilkenny
- All of these make up South East Region
- Recognised through National Planning
- National Spatial Strategy and Regional Guidelines.
- South East recognised as a region by Europe

- Three major studies
- Developed jointly by all local authorities
  - 1974
  - 1999
  - 2004
- Waterford Planning and Land Use Plan 2004
  - Adopted by Kilkenny and Waterford Councils
- South East Action Plan for Jobs
- Regional Economic Forum

Piltown Municipal District Council Initiatives

Meetings with New Ross Municipal District
(since 2004)

Meetings with Waterford Metropolitan District
(since July)

Meetings with South Tipperary Municipal District
(to commence on Wednesday next)

Kilkenny County Council Initiative

To set up Regional Forum for the South East

REPRESENTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- KCC has 24 members representing on average 4000 people each

  Reconfiguring of the electoral boundaries in Kilkenny

  Number of Councillors reduced from 24 to 22

  Population disenfranchised from Kilkenny will find themselves in electoral areas to which they will never have common cause or allegiance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Preliminary Estimates of Loss of income
  - Loss of commercial rates income on current properties.

- **€2.1m per annum**
  - Which represents 11% of the total rate demand

- Loss in local property tax - €412k per annum on 80% retention

Loss Development Contributions & other fees

Will undermine Kilkenny's ability to fund services

- Summary
- Boundary Change not needed to advance
- Work together on projects
  - Capital of Culture,
  - Ireland's Ancient East,
  - South East Action Plan for Jobs
- Get Regional Economic Forum up and running
- Set up cooperation & colaboration for PLUTS

This evening is about hearing your views

Your views will inform our submissions.

This is your evening

Remember: Your Views

On line at http://www.waterfordboundaryreview.ie

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Submissions by 15th Jan 2016

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Conclusion

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