Waterford/Kilkenny Boundary Review

Presentation
Rhu Glen
30th Nov. 2015

We, the Elected Representatives for County Kilkenny, support the development of County Kilkenny, Waterford City and the South East Region. The successful development of the South East Region is facilitated by effective working relationships, co-ordination and partnership. Changes to County Boundaries are divisive and are not required to ensure that the South East Region develops to its full potential. Accordingly we, the TDs and Elected Members for County Kilkenny, will not support any proposal to alter the County Boundary between Kilkenny and Waterford.

Signed by: Bobby Aylward TD, John McGuinness TD, Senator Pat O' Neill, Ann Phelan TD, John Paul Phelan TD Cllr. Pat Dunphy Cllr. Eamon Aylward Cllr. Melissa O' Neill, Cllr. Mary Hilda Cavanagh, Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick, Cllr. Pat Millea, Cllr. John Brennan, Cllr. Michael McCarthy Cllr. Kathleen Funchion, Cllr. Andrew McGuinness, Cllr. Ger Frisby Cllr. Peter Cleere Cllr. Michael Doyle Cllr. Patrick O' Neill Cllr. Breda Gardner Cllr. Fidelis Doherty Cllr. Tomas Breathnach Cllr. David Kennedy Cllr. Matt Doran Cllr. Joe Malone Cllr. Malcolm Noonan Cllr. Patrick McKee Cllr. David Fitzgerald Cllr. Maurice Shortall

- Waterford Boundary Committee established 19th June
- By Minister Alan Kelly
- Under section 28 of the Local Government Act 1991.

- What is it?

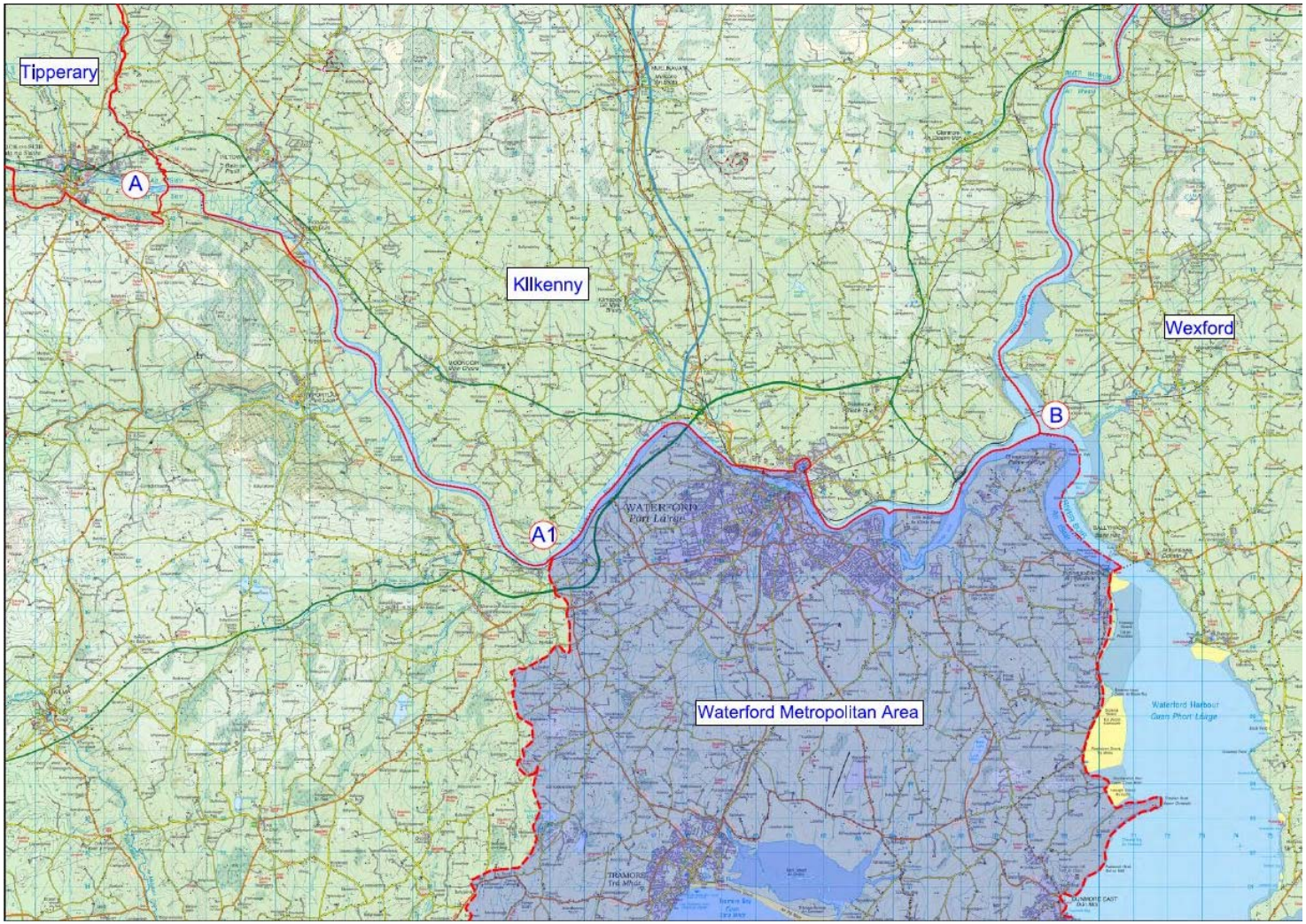
- Three man committee
  - Mr. David O'Connor
    - former Fingal County Manager (Chair)
  - Mr Ollie Killeen
    - former Head of Finance, Limerick County Council)
  - Mr. John Martin
    - former Principal Planning Adviser in the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government)

- What is the committee doing

  Reviewing the boundary between Waterford City & County Council and Kilkenny County Council

- Why is it doing that?
  - The Minister has asked the Committee undertake the review
  - and to make recommendations with respect to that boundary and any consequential recommendations with respect to the area of the Metropolitan District of Waterford that it considers to be necessary in the interests of effective and convenient local government.
  - Prepare a report about it
- If committee recommends a change then
  - Give supporting information and rationale
  - Identify what Issues might arise and how to deal with them
  - Measures to be taken including financial measures
  - Appropriate timescale for the measures

WATERFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

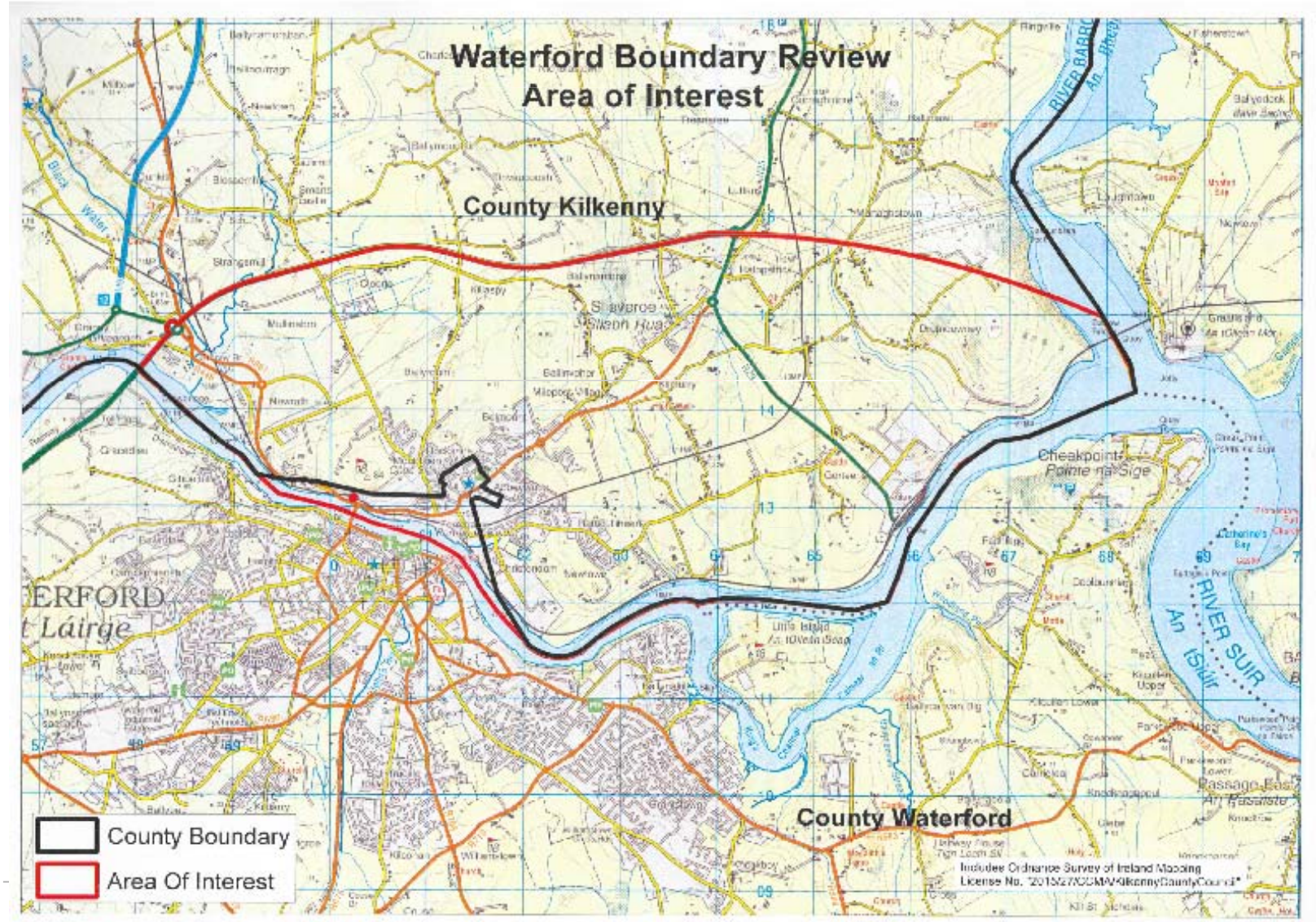


The Committee to address the following matters

- Population
- Socio – economic factors settlement and employment patterns
- The local authorities structure, services, finances and operations
- Government policy on local government in Putting People First
- The need to maximise efficiency and value for money
- The need that any recommendations are cost neutral to Government
- Staffing, organisational, representational, financial, service delivery and other relevant implications or requirements.
- The need to ensure effective local government for Waterford and its hinterland,
- The need to have regard to the identity and cohesion of local communities.
- Any weaknesses in current local authority arrangements
- Any thing else that the Minister may consider.

- All to be completed by no later than 31 March 2016,

Area of Interest



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Area = 2,800 hectares (6920 acres)

Population = 6,900

What is Happening Now

Committee are consulting and gathering info!

They have met Cllrs from Kilkenny 19th Nov

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Public Consultation between 17th Nov and 15th Jan2016

Submissions by 15th Jan 2016

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Facts and Figures for the Area of Interest

Area = 2,800 hectares (6920 acres)

Population = 6,973

Contains the following Electoral Divisions

- Kilculliheen Slieverue, Rathpatrick, part of Dunkit, part of Aglish

Townlands

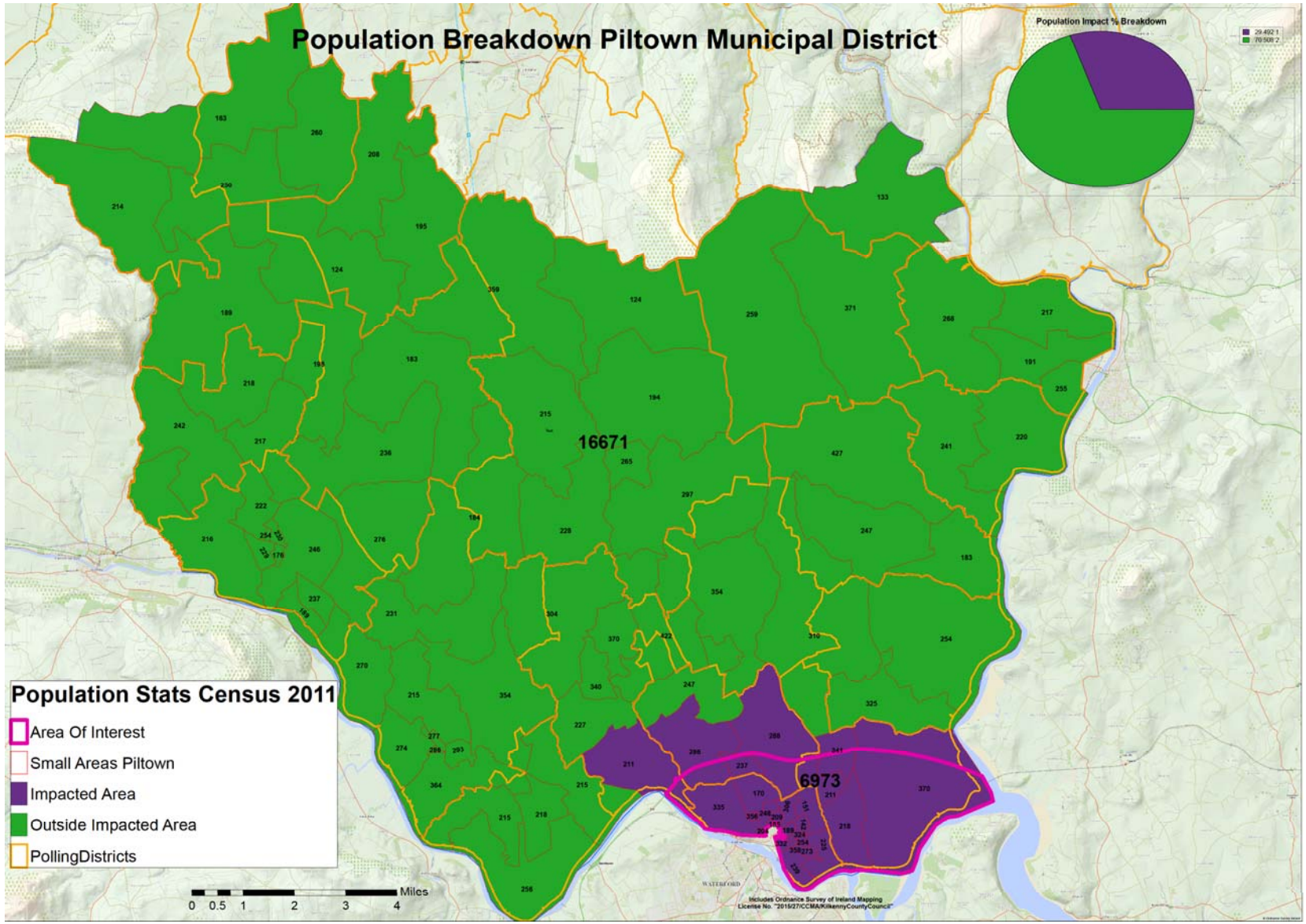
- The area of interest extends from the townland of Granny in the west to Drumdowny Upper in the east.
- It is made up of all or part of 26 townlands as follows:

- Granny* Dunkitt* Mullinabro* Newrath Cloone Ballyrobin Mountsion,Mountmisery, Ballymountain, Killaspy, Rochshire, Ballynmona, Abbeylands, Murtaghstown,*
- Ballinvoher, Belmount, Kilmurry,* Rathculliheen,
- Christendom, Newtown, Luffany,*
- Rathpatrick, Strangsmill, Drumdowney, Lower
- Gorteens, Drumdowney Upper*
  - *part of these townlands in area of interest

Population

- County Kilkenny 95,419
- Piltown Municipal District 23,644
- Area of Interest 6,973
- As a % of County population 7.3%
- As a % of Municipal District 29.5%

- Waterford City & County 114,000
- Waterford Municipal District 67,000


Population Breakdown Piltown Municipal District
Population Impact % Breakdown
29.492:1
70.508:2
16671
6973
Population Stats Census 2011
Area Of Interest
Small Areas Piltown
Impacted Area
Outside Impacted Area
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Some Issues to Consider

- Identity and cohesion of local communities
- Socio – Economic factors
- Finance
- Recommendations are to be cost neutral to the Government
- Planning the City and hinterland
- Co-operation past and present
- Regional Development
- How local authorities function in the future

South East Region Urban Network

No one dominant centre of sufficient size
Waterford city on its own does not have critical mass

- The Future
- Waterford gateway/Economic driver
- For Waterford and the region
- Infrastructure delivered:
  - M9 motorway, N25 bypass, Belview water supply, Outer ring, waste water treatment plant, N29 port access road, airport road realignment, East west and north east Waterford Water Supply, industrial land bank @ Belview port, Viking triangle, Ferrybank library, Ferryfun community building, recreational, cultural and community facilities within Waterford city.

- Infrastructure required to enhance performance
  - University for the SE
  - Modernisation of the Belview port services area
  - Airport extension

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