



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government



LG 2/16

10 May 2016

Representational Payment for Councillors

and

Extension of Grace Period from 31 August 2014 to 1 April 2019 in Respect of the Payment of Gratuities to Certain Former Elected Members – Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2013

Dear Chief Executive

1. I am directed by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to refer to the Representational Payment (RP) for Councillors and previous circulars, the last of which was **LG 16/14** of 5 June 2014.
2. The annual rate of Representational Payment for Councillors with effect from **1 July 2013** remains unchanged.

Local Authority	Circular LG 26/09 Rate of Payment 1/01/10 to 30/06/13 (€)	Rate of payment from 1 July 2013 (€)
County Councils, City and County Councils and City Councils	16,724	16,565
The former Borough Councils, and the Town Councils of Athlone, Bray, Dundalk, Ennis and Tralee (see paragraph 4)	8,362	8,283
The former Town Councils of Arklow, Athy, Ballina, Ballinasloe, Birr, Buncrana, Bundoran, Carlow, Carrickmacross, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Castlebar, Castleblayney, Cavan, Clonakilty, Clones, Cobh, Dungarvan, Enniscorthy, Fermoy, Kells, Killarney, Kilrush, Kinsale, Letterkenny, Listowel, Longford, Macroom, Mallow, Middleton, Monaghan, Naas, Navan, Nenagh, New Ross, Skibbereen, Templemore, Thurles, Tipperary, Trim, Tullamore, Westport, Wicklow, Youghal plus Balbriggan, Droichead Nua, Greystones, Leixlip, Mullingar, Portlaoise and Shannon	4,181	4,141
The remaining former Town Councils (see paragraph 4)	2,281	2,253

3. However, following the signing of the [Public Service Pension Rights \(No.2\) Order 2015 \(S.I. No. 547 of 2015\)](#) by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, in line with the provisions of the [Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2013](#), where –
- (a) a person was a member of a local authority on **1 July 2013**, and
 - (b) that person ceases to be a member of a local authority on or before **1 April 2019**, and
 - (c) a gratuity, under the Local Authority Members (Gratuity) Regulations 2002 (as amended), becomes payable (Circular **S. 3/2007** refers),

the revised rates of payment from **1 July 2013** under paragraph 2 should be disregarded for the purpose of calculating the amount of gratuity payable in respect of that person; the rates (from 1 January 2010 to 30 June 2013) outlined in circular **LG 26/09** of 22 December 2009 should be used for this purpose.

4. For the avoidance of doubt the rates of payment from **1 July 2013** in respect of former Borough Councils and former Town Councils no longer apply, with effect from 1 June 2014, in respect of Representational Payments.

5. Where –

- any person ceases to be a member of a local authority from **2 April 2019** onwards, and
- a gratuity, under the Local Authority Members (Gratuity) Regulations 2002 (as amended), becomes payable

the revised rates of payment from **1 July 2013** must be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of gratuity payable in respect of that person.

6. A copy of this circular, which is available on the SharePoint system, should be given to each elected member and to former members.
7. Any queries in relation to matters covered by this circular letter should be directed to Grant Couper (Tel. 01 888 2826 or email to grant.couper@environ.ie), Local Government Oversight and Governance Section, Custom House, Dublin 1.

Yours sincerely



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