



Kildare County Council

Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (As amended)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A LOCAL ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR 2020

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Section 1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

This report focuses on the submissions and observations received from the public and statutory bodies following the public consultation period from July 9th 2019 to August 9th 2019.

1.2 Legislative Requirements

Under the Finance (Local Property Tax) Act 2012 (As amended), the Chief Executive is required to prepare a report on the submissions received in respect of the consideration of setting a local adjustment factor.

1.3 Public Consultation

Kildare County Council consulted with the public in its administrative area in relation to its consideration of the setting of a local adjustment factor and, for that purpose published on its website and in the Leinster Leader, Kildare Nationalist and Liffey Champion the statutory Notice of Consideration of Setting a Local Adjustment factor providing for at least 30 days during which written submissions were accepted.

In total 27 submissions were received on the setting of a local adjustment factor during the public consultation period. All written submissions are summarised in this report.

1.4 Content of Chief Executive Report

The Chief Executive's report is required to summarise the written submissions received from the public consultation. A list of submissions made is included in Section 2 of this report.

27 submissions were made (an increase from 3 in 2018) in the consultation period.

5 submissions specifically referenced concerns around Newtown Hall estate in Maynooth, and requested that LPT be reduced until these concerns were addressed.

4 submissions recommended increasing LPT by up to 15%, subject to improvements in local government funding for Kildare, to allow for additional investment within the county.

3 submissions recommended increasing LPT, to enable specific investment in Kildare.

3 submissions recommended abolition of LPT as a source of revenue.

3 submissions recommended reduction of 15%.

3 submissions recommended not to increase LPT rates.

5 submissions recommended a reduction, or failing that, maintaining current rates of LPT.

1 submission recommended that the LPT Review be accelerated, with wider discussions around equity in per capita funding, whilst taking cognizance of individuals' ability to pay.

Section 2 Details of Submissions Received

Sub No's	Name	Summary of Issues Raised
1.	Residents Assoc of Newtown Hall Estate, Maynooth	LPT to be reduced until estate (Newtown Hall) TIC as residents also pay service charges
2.	Tracey Kirrane	LPT to be reduced until estate (Newtown Hall) TIC as residents also pay service charges
3.	Caroline Whelan	LPT to be reduced until estate (Newtown Hall) TIC as residents also pay service charges
4.	Seán Ó Broin	LPT to be reduced until estate (Newtown Hall) TIC as residents also pay service charges
5.	Brian Cornelia	LPT to be reduced until estate (Newtown Hall) TIC
6.	Michael Cryan	LPT levels only to be increased if government ceases redistributing KCC LPT to support other counties
7.	Treaasa Keegan	LPT to increase by 15% if KCC funding through Local Government Funding Model improves to allow for investment within the county.
8.	Flora Fleischer	LPT to increase by 15% if KCC funding through Local Government Funding Model improves to allow for investment within the county.
9.	Frankie Shaw	LPT to increase by 15% if KCC funding through Local Government Funding Model improves to allow for investment within the county.
10.	Thomas Redmond	Abolish LPT, or failing that improve public consultation on spending of retained LPT
11.	Christy O'Connor	Abolish LPT
12.	David Heffernan	LPT to be reduced by 15%
13.	Ann Field	LPT to be reduced by 15%
14.	Geraldine Fitzgerald	LPT to be reduced, or failing that, stay the same, based on household income
15.	Colm Leane	LPT to be reduced, or failing that stay the same –no increase.
16.	Joanne Pender	Abolish LPT, or failing that, reduce by 15% as a) self-funding is problematic and b)lack of ‘ability to pay’ clause.
17.	David Monaghan	LPT to be reduced, or failing that stay the same until a revenue stream available from Vacant Site Levy
18.	John Heraty	Continued freeze on LPT as other costs (eg insurance) increasing
19.	Stephen Tuohy	Continued freeze on LPT based on general cost of living
20.	Brenda O'Reilly	LPT to be reduced, or failing that, stay the same based on current baseline rate of LPT
21	Sophia Barnes	LPT to be reduced, or failing that stay the same as Kildare underfunded and receives second per capita lowest allocation
22	Ger Costello	Please do not increase LPT as paid tax on original purchase of the property
23	Eoghan O'Flaherty	LPT to be increased, or at a minimum maintained to enable investment in infrastructure in North Kildare

24	Stephen Fitzpatrick	LPT to be increased to enable refuse collection to be taken back to Council's remit, thereby reducing illegal dumping
25.	Paul Gorry	LPT to be increased, subject to increase being targeted at specified areas (detailed in submission) – However, clause to be included not to increase if 'no deal Brexit' happens
26.	Clr Íde Cussen	LPT to be decreased by 15%
27.	Social Democrats group	Recommend that LPT Review to be accelerated. Wider discussions required to ensure Kildare per capita funding on a par with other LA's, whilst taking cognisance of individuals ability to pay

