

Press Release 12th June 2014 – Monaghan County Council

Following the recent local elections the 18 Councillor positions available on Monaghan County Council have now been filled. The six members elected in each of the three electoral areas comprise the membership of the new **Municipal Districts** and are as follows:-

The Municipal District of Ballybay-Clones, Monaghan Street, Clones.

The Municipal District of Carrickmacross-Castleblayney, Civic Offices, Riverside Road, Carrickmacross.

The Municipal District of Monaghan, The Glen, Monaghan.

The first meeting of the new County Council will take place on Monday the 23rd of June, 2014. At this first meeting the Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach will be appointed. Nominations of elected members will also be made to the various statutory and other bodies and committees at this meeting. A list of such bodies has been published this week and can also be inspected on the Council's website www.monaghan.ie.

As per the Local Government Act, 2001 and the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 the first meeting of the **Municipal Districts** must take place no later than Thursday the 3rd of July, 2014 i.e. 10 days following this first meeting of Monaghan County Council. The dates of these **Municipal District** meetings will be fixed at the first meeting of Monaghan County Council.

The **Municipal District** meetings will be held locally in Clones, Carrickmacross and Monaghan respectively. Meetings are expected to be held monthly. While the districts are not themselves legal entities, the County Council being the corporate body, members acting in district formation have certain powers relating to the running of their own meetings and with regard to operations and maintenance works within the district.

In addition to the County Council and **Municipal Districts** a number of other associated structures are required to be put in place in line with the commencement of the new Council term. These structures will involve, in addition to the Council members, representation from the community, voluntary, business and economic sectors as outlined in the *'Putting People First Action Programme for Effective Local Government'*. These include the SPC's, Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and Monaghan Joint Policing Committee. These bodies/committees include four Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs) covering the main functions of the Council including Economic Development and Enterprise.

One of the primary tasks of the incoming Council will be to produce a new Corporate Plan for the organisation. This plan which will set out the vision, objectives and targets to be delivered over the five year term of the new Council will be adapted by Council before the end of the current year.

In supporting incoming members to the new Council in understanding and delivering on their new roles and functions arising from the Reform of the Local Government Act, 2014 a schedule of information programmes for elected members has been arranged for the months of June and July nationally.