



Meeting to consider the LPT Local Adjustment Factor in respect of the financial year 2022

Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021

The Minister for Housing has proposed the Finance (Local Property Tax) (Amendment) Bill 2021, which follows an LPT review. The Bill provides for changes to valuation bands, the ending of exemptions, a four year property valuation cycle, changes relating to LPT deferral, changes to the LPT local adjustment factor notification date to the Revenue Commissioners and other matters.

2.0 The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations (Amendment) 2021

Changes to Consultation Process

The Local Property Tax (Local Adjustment Factor) Regulations (Amendment) 2021 came into effect on 10th June, providing for a reduced LPT Public Consultation period from a minimum of 30 days to a minimum of 14 days. These revised regulations are aimed at supporting local authorities in considering the LPT decision process within the month of July. ***The public consultation process will run from Friday 25th June to Friday 9th July.***

Other Changes

The regulations also remove the statutory requirement to consider the impact of the LPT decision on a liable person. This adjustment does not prevent Elected Members discussing this issue but removes a requirement to consider the change in valuation bands etc.

Revised Timeframe

It is proposed that there will be a LPT related valuation process every four years. In a revaluation year, local authorities are required to make a decision relating to the local adjustment factor of the LPT and advise that decision to the Revenue Commissioners by 31st August. Under previous arrangements, local authorities were obliged to report their LPT local adjustment factor decision to the Revenue Commissioners by 30th September. From 2022, when not a revaluation year, the reporting deadline to the Revenue Commissioners will change to 15th October. Table 1 below summarises.

Table 1: LPT Reporting Obligations

	<i>Required Reporting to the Revenue Commissioners</i>
Previous Arrangements	Report LPT decision by 30 th September
From 2021, in a revaluation year	Report LPT decision by 31 st August
From 2021, not a revaluation year	Report LPT decision by 15 th October

Bringing the reporting date forward by a month in revaluation year is considered necessary to support the revaluation process and in particular the Revenue Commissioners obligations in this regard. Changes made for non-revaluation years bring the reporting timeframe closer to the local authority budgetary process.

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It is proposed to hold a meeting of the City Council on Monday 19th July 2021 to consider the LPT Local Adjustment Factor for 2022. This date allows for the public consultation process to be held and for the Elected Members to be provided with reports relating to the LPT decision and public consultation process.

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