



Report to the Protocol Committee for noting and referral to the City Council

Councillor Name	Declan Flanagan
Conference/Seminar Name	A Briefing on the Electoral Reform Act
Conference/Seminar Topic	Discussion around the whole area of reform of the current Electoral Act
Venue/Location	Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick
Date (s) of Conference	25 th February

Brief Summary

Excellent Speakers from the civil service were in attendance. An overall presentation giving an overview of the overall programme of electoral reform as provided for under the Electoral Reform Act 2022 was delivered.

We were also advised that a new Electoral Commission has been established and some of its functions were explained to us. One of the components of this, the Electoral Registration project was discussed in great detail also.

This presentation focused on the provisions of Part 3 of the Reform Electoral Act 2022 which we were advised underpins a major reform of the registration process. We were also advised that an awareness campaign will be undertaken in 2023 as well as changes to the systems and the new electoral registration forms.

I requested a copy of the various comprehensive presentations and have included them with my report.

Recommendations

A briefing on the Electoral reform Act such as this one could be delivered to all new public representatives so that they have clear understanding of the Electoral Reform Act.

Declaration

I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.

Signed by	Date
Declan Flanagan	28/2/23