



Cllr. Bobby O'Connell,
General Secretary, LAMA,
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*Re: Councillors Pay and Allowances
& PRSI Class*

Dear Member of LAMA,

Re: PRSI

Following discussions between our General Secretary Cllr Bobby O'Connell and Minister Leo Varadkar the following options have emerged for consideration.

- 1. That councillors representational payments will be excluded from the PRSI system and PRSI will no longer be deducted.*
- 2. That councillors representational payments will be removed from 'K' Class PRSI and be subject to standard PRSI classes A or S.*

Over the next few weeks we will outline the consequences of each option, and we will be asking all members to vote for their preferred option. Minister Varadkar outlined his intention to include this amendment in his budget submission this autumn.

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A strong delegation from LAMA comprised of our Chairwoman, Cllr. Mags Murray, Cllrs Sean McGowan, Tom McSharry, John Sheahan, Bobby O'Connell, Tony Ward, Terry Shanahan, Noel Bourke, Sean Conlon & Michael Anglim met recently with Minister Simon Coveney to discuss our pay & allowances. It was a full, frank meeting where we outlined the increased size of many of the Municipal Districts, the additional meetings, and the poor rate of pay. Minister Coveney listened and took on board all our concerns, he has agreed to be the guest speaker at our Autumn Training Seminar in Bantry on the 30th Sept & 01 Oct 2016 and we expect he will be in a position to outline his proposals in respect of this matter before that date.

As several councils have already had their July meeting and have no scheduled meeting for August we would be obliged if you could raise these matters with your council colleagues so that they are informed when the time to make a final decision arrives.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,

Bobby O'Connell