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**Adjustments to elected members' representational payment in connection with the
Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017**

Dear Chief Executive,

I am directed by the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to convey the following instructions to local authorities with regard to the application of adjustments to the Representational Payment of elected members of local authorities in accordance with the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (FEMPI) Acts and the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017 as well as Regulation 6(3) of the Local Government (Representational Payment for Members) Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 552 of 2001).

The amount of the Representational Payment will be increased to **€16,891** per annum with effect from 1 January 2018. This is as a result of the following adjustments:

- 1) From 1 Jan 2018, the outstanding 50% of a pay cut applied under the FEMPI Acts, with effect from 1 July 2013, will be reversed. This will increase the amount of the Representational Payment by €79 to €16,724 per annum (i.e. the same amount that the Representational Payment stood at prior to 1 July 2013).
- 2) From 1 Jan 2018, the restored Representational Payment amount, referred to in point 1 above, will then be increased by a further 1% under the Public Service Stability Agreement. This will increase the Representational Payment by a further €167 to €16,891 per annum.

Local Authorities are reminded that for the purposes of calculating gratuity entitlements, the reduction previously applied under the FEMPI Acts from 1 July 2013 was disregarded for persons who ceased to be elected members of local authorities after 1 July 2013 up to the application of the adjustment referred to in point 1 above being applied as of 1 January 2018.



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Department of Housing, Planning
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A copy of this circular should be given to each elected member.

Any enquiries from local authorities about the application of this Circular should be addressed to Grant Couper at grant.couper@housing.gov.ie, or by phone at 01-8882826.

Yours sincerely,

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To: each local authority Chief Executive Officer

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