COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LAOISE LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

December 13th 2013

TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH & EACH MEMBER OF LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

Tionólfar cruinniú de Comhairle Chontae Laoise i Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise Déardaoin –19iú Nollaig 2013 ar 2.00 p.m. chun an gnó seo leanas a chur i grich.

Tá orm a iarraigh ort bheith i láthair.

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Council, to be held in Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise on <u>Thursday, December 19th 2013 at 2.00 p.m.</u> to consider the matters referred to on the agenda hereunder.

Mise le meas,

Anna Marie Delaney Director of Services Corporate Affairs Department

*Please also note that the Budget Meeting, IN COMMITTEE, will commence directly after the business of the special meeting

**Please ensure that you bring the December Monthly Meeting agenda papers

<u>CLÁR GNÓ</u> <u>AGENDA</u>

- (1) Confirmation of the Minutes of the November Meeting of Laois County Council held on the 25th of November 2013 (documentation enclosed)
- (2) Filling of Casual Vacancy on Laois County Council

- (3) Nomination of Member of Laois County Council to the following Committees:
 - (i) Housing & Social Strategic Policy Committee
 - (ii) Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
 - (iii) Portarlington Joint Burial Board
 - (iv) Portlaoise Leisure Centre
 - (v) County Laois & Offaly Education Training Board
- (4) Part VIII of the Local Government Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 in respect of Portarlington Water Supply Improvement Scheme – La Bergerie Water Treatment Facility (documentation enclosed)
- (5) Taking in Charge of Barrowvale & The Vale, Graiguecullen, Co. Laois (documentation enclosed)
- (6) Correspondence

(7) Notice of Motions Notice of Motion No: 42/2013 – Councillor Padraig Fleming

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Furthermore, in the context of both enhancing the lives of our Deaf and Hard of hearing citizens and adhering to the spirit and ethos of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that Laois County Council calls on the Government to give official recognition status to Irish Sign Language (ISL) especially to Article 21 that states 'recognising and promoting the use of Sign Language most likely requiring implementing legislation'. Also Article 24 – 3b – 'facilitating the learning of sign language and the promotion of the linguistic identity of the Deaf Community'

Notice of Motion No: 43/2013 - Councillor Paul Mitchell, Councillor Mary Sweeney, Councillor Michael Ialor, Councillor John King, Councillor Martin Phelan, Councillor John Bonham, Councillor James Deegan, Councillor Tom Mulhall, Councillor James Daly, Councillor John Moran, Councillor William Aird, Councillor Kathleen O' Brien & Councillor David Goodwin

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