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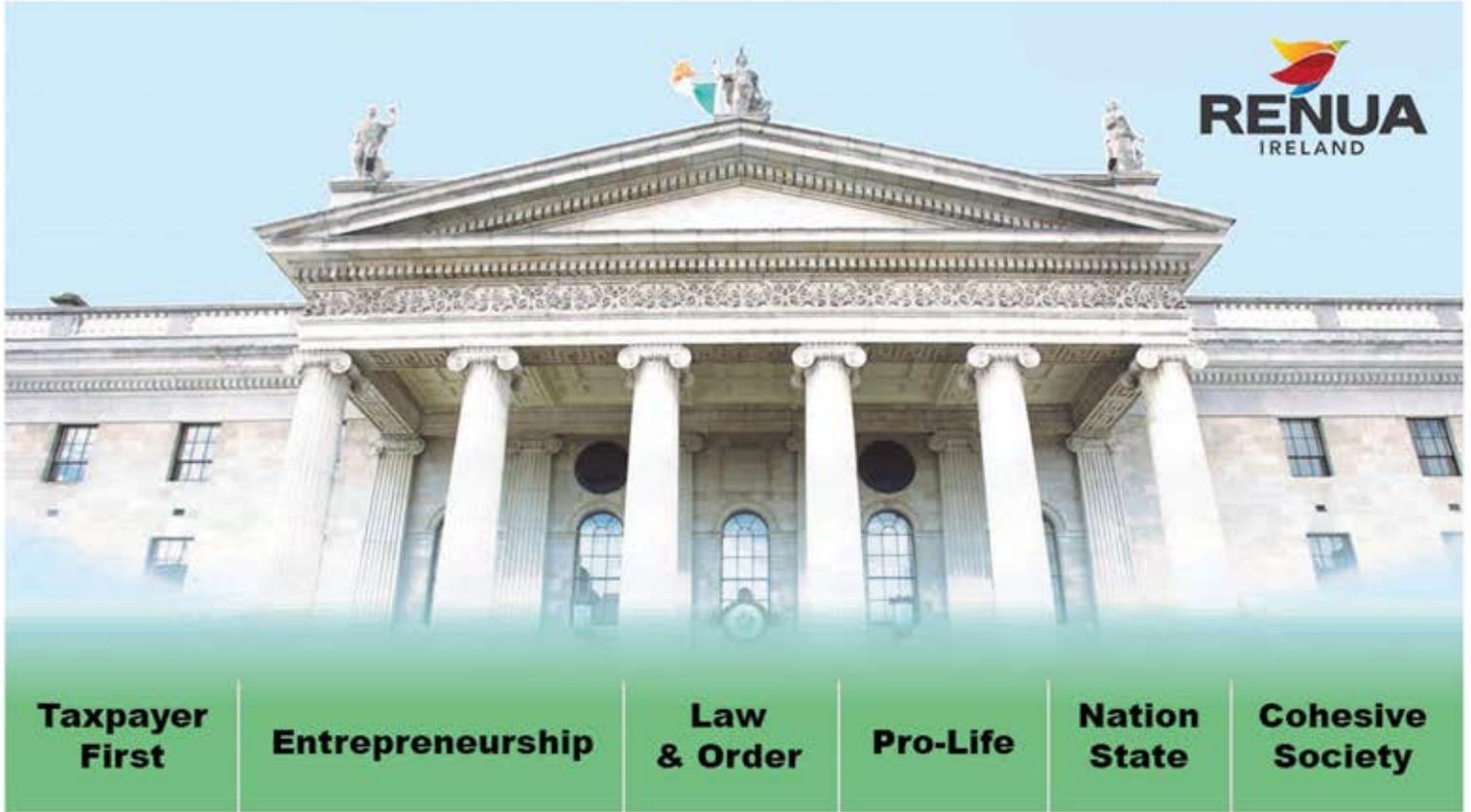
In a world which seems to place the individual above the collective it can be forgotten how powerful communities can when it comes to achieving and maintaining positive change. No Quango or Government Department will ever be able to achieve what empowered and supported local communities will.

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Ireland is one of the most centralised countries in the developed world. 95% of taxes raised in Ireland are raised by central government while 93% of public spending in Ireland is disbursed by central government with just 7% spent by local authorities.

Local Government has also been stripped of many of its previous powers in the delivery of public services such as health, education and infrastructure development.

Renua Ireland believes that decisions which could be made locally should be made locally and not in Dublin. In this section we set out our vision for the transformation of local government in Ireland.



THE SIX PILLARS OF RENUA

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PUTTING THE TAXPAYER FIRST – MAKING WORK PAY

Renua believes that Government should, in all things, aim to ensure that every euro of taxpayer money is spent in the best possible way, because it's not their money, it's your money, it's the public's money. The Party believes that income taxes are too high, and they punish people who work hard to support themselves and their families.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP – REWARDING JOB CREATORS

Renua believes that it is job creators, of all sizes in the private and social sector, who have held this country together. They provide work in every town and village in Ireland, and we need to do more to highlight and reward the positive contributions they have made to this country.

LAW & ORDER – ENSURING CRIME DOES NOT PAY

Renua believes that it is the victims of crime who are the most important people in any crime, and that a sad story and a promise to change their ways should not be enough to get a hardened, repeat offender a suspended sentence.

PRO-LIFE – PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE MOST VULNERABLE

Renua believes that protecting the rights of the unborn is one of the most pressing human rights issues of the modern age and the Party will fight, at both a local and national level, to restore constitutional protection to the unborn.

THE NATION STATE – PUTTING IRELAND'S INTERESTS FIRST

Renua Ireland believes in the nation state and will defend Ireland's sovereignty. Renua will place Ireland's interests first against all others. We are against further integration of the EU and believe strongly that the EU works best when member countries are recognised fully as sovereign nations coming together voluntarily to promote economic cooperation rather than a stepping stone to a federal Europe.

COHESIVE SOCIETY – A STRONGER, FAIRER SOCIETY

Renua believes that it is not enough for Ireland to be rich, or to be respected. We must have a shared sense of identity, and we must ensure that our actions are driven by a desire to create a better future for all Irish people.



Foreword by our Party Leader **Cllr. John Leahy**

Too often in politics we obsess over national issues at the expense of the local community. RENUA Ireland, by contrast are proud to be a party that puts community first.

We uniquely amongst Irish parties prioritize communities and families above the rush to be the same as every-one else.

The driving themes of our message to the people are: family, community and country.

We put families first because the family is under attack as never before.

The lives of parents are being sacrificed to the diktats of long commutes, the absence of housing for working people, the non-existent child-care facilities for working people, the harassment of working people by excessive taxation and on-going discrimination of stay-at-home parents in our taxation system.

Our manifesto is community centred because strong families and fulfilled communities create a successful state.

That is why RENUA Ireland's core value is to build strong families and communities.

We believe in transferring power from a small cohort in Government Buildings back to the people and their communities.

The state has served elites for too long. It is now time it looked after our elderly who built it, Mums and Dads, those early risers who continue to build it, our children's futures, their present needs and the needs of the communities they live in.

RENUA Ireland are in that regard the party of new ideas. Now we seek a mandate from the people to help build a better Republic. Starting from the foundation of family and community.

Our journey begins in 2019.

Join us.

To really change the way we do things in Ireland.

Cllr. John Leahy
Party Leader



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Local Property Tax

The Local Property Tax will yield an estimated €486.9m in 2019. Irish householders already pay the 2nd most expensive mortgages in the Eurozone with average mortgage rates here at 3.03% compared to an average of 1.77% across the Eurozone. This results in Irish households paying €150 more per month than mortgage holders in the rest of the Eurozone.

Renua Ireland believes that young families should be given a break and will campaign for Local Authorities to be given the power to reduce the Local Property Tax based on the number of children under 18 years of age in a household.

In the mean-time Renua will oppose any increase in the taxation on homes in Local Authorities where we have a presence.

Co-Operative Childcare & After-School Care

The average cost of childcare in Ireland is now €700 per month – the highest in the world. A new approach is required to provide high quality childcare at a lower price for those families who require those services.

Renua Ireland supports the co-operative model of childcare. With this model parents become shareholders in the childcare facility, volunteer to work up to 5 hours per month in the facility (thus reducing staff costs) and receive a share of profits in the form of a reduction in fees.

Renua Ireland will ensure that Local Authorities become the main source of information and support for the development of the co-operative model by providing support to communities seeking funding from relevant state agencies and by ensuring co-operative childcare facilities are exempted from commercial rates.

Local Authorities can and **should do more** to support families

Family Services & Insurance

Across Ireland voluntarily run community playgrounds are at risk of closure due to rapidly rising and unsustainable insurance costs. There is an urgent need for Government to reform the insurance industry and personal injuries regulations. However, Local Authorities should not wait for central government. Vital community services such as playgrounds should not be put at risk of closure while government drags its feet on reform.

Renua Ireland will require Local Authorities to help cover the insurance costs on vital community services. Under this plan the voluntary body running the service will be required to implement and maintain any recommendations arising from a risk assessment carried out by a Local Authority and, in return, the Local Authority will provide funding to help cover the cost of insurance.

Social Housing Allocation

There are currently 71,858 people on social housing waiting lists in Ireland. Each Local Authority is responsible for drawing up its own rules for deciding the order of priority on the social housing list. We believe that it is vital that social houses are allocated fairly and, in a way that communities can support.

Renua Ireland believes that Local Authorities should include a 'local families first' criteria as part of the social housing allocation process. Here, priority will be given to applicants who have parents or grandparents living locally or who have demonstrated a clear record of participation in community development activities.

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Affordable Housing

It is estimated that Local Authorities in Ireland own enough zoned land to provide 48,724 dwellings. Combined with NAMA and other public bodies there is enough zoned land owned by the state to provide over 114,000 homes. Ireland's housing and homelessness crisis has been on-going for 10 years. In that time the Government has produced many reports, spent lots of money and set up numerous QUANGOs. But they have failed to do what is required – build affordable homes.

Hundreds of thousands of Irish people are stuck in expensive rental properties – unable to save enough to pay for a deposit on their own home and to start their families. Renua Ireland believes that a new and radical approach is required to provide quality, affordable housing.

Reducing the cost of Affordable housing

The current cost of constructing a 3-bed semi-detached home in Ireland is c€330,493.

Public housing can be made more affordable by removing the site-purchase cost (€57,500 – 17%) and Local Authority levies (€11.750 – 4%).

Rent will be set at 20% of household income – reviewable every 3 years.



Funding Options for Affordable Public Housing

Ireland is not a poor country. Over €166 billion Euros is on deposit from businesses and citizens in banks and credit unions whilst estimates from the OECD placed the total value of Irish Pension Funds at €101.7bn at year-end 2017.

We will design and issue 'Sustainable Neighbourhood Bonds' for individuals and corporations.

These bonds should be modelled on the New York Housing Development Corporation's (NYHDC) 'Sustainable Neighbourhood Bond' which raised \$590m in its first issue in 2015.

We will allow Credit Unions to expand the range of housing schemes they can lend to.

We will require the Pension's Authority to review its current regulations to support the use of pension assets to fund important national infrastructure.

Repair & Leasing Scheme

CSO figures from Census 2016 suggested that there were 245,460 vacant homes in Ireland. While there are suggestions that that figure is somewhat inflated there is no doubt that there are a significant number of vacant homes in Ireland that could be used to help alleviate our housing crisis.

We support the Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS) but believe it is hampered by bureaucracy and a lack of ambition. We will lead a campaign to reform the RLS. Specifically, we want to introduce higher loan amounts for longer rental periods as follows: -

€40,000 for 5-years

€80,000 for 10-years and

€120,000 for 15-years.



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The €1 Home

It is scandalous in a housing crisis that there are 3,600 vacant council-owned homes in Ireland for 2-years or more. Renua Ireland will support a 'use it or lose it' approach to dealing with vacant social housing units. While Local Authorities may claim that they do not have the funding required to repair these homes we believe that it is simply intolerable, in the middle of a housing crisis, to leave these potential homes vacant.

Under our plan social houses lying vacant for 2-years or more and in need of repair should be sold for €1 to buyers who will agree to repair the home and maintain it as their principle private residence for a minimum of 10-years. If the home is sold within that 10-year period, the relevant Local Authority would be entitled to claw-back a portion of the capital gain on the sale of the home.

HAP Reform

Under the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme Local Authorities pay rent directly to landlords while tenants may be required to pay a small contribution to the Local Authority. When tenants fail to pay their contribution, Local Authorities suspend payment to the landlord. This practice hurts landlords whom the state is using to help alleviate our housing crisis.

Given the wide-ranging protections afforded to tenants it can take a long time to evict them. Private landlords, many of whom are themselves struggling to repay mortgages, find themselves out of pocket for months while their tenants live in their homes rent free.

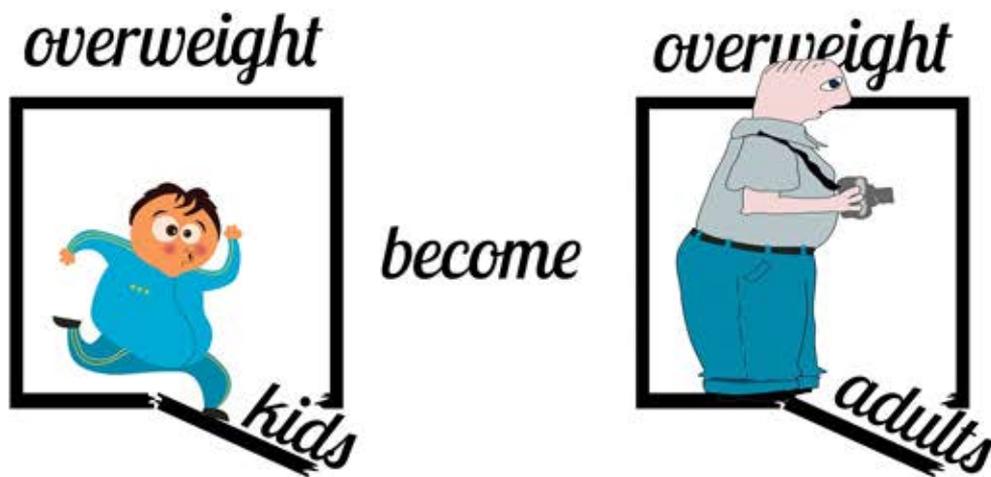
Renua will require Local Authorities to keep paying rent to private landlords while they work with tenants for monies owed. We will also campaign to rebalance tenancy laws to make them fairer to landlords.

Tackling Food Poverty & Obesity

According to a Department of Social Protection report from May 2017 11.5% of households experience food poverty in Ireland. Separately, the % of Irish children who are over-weight or obese jumped from 1% in 1975 to 25% in 2018.

Renua Ireland believes that a new approach is required to tackle these issues at a local level and Local Authorities should have a key role here.

Renua Ireland proposes a '7 meals plan' to help low-income families learn to cook 7 nutritious, low budget meals. Under this plan, local restaurants will be asked to teach qualifying families the skills necessary to cook these meals and local supermarkets will be asked to donate edible food that may otherwise end up as waste. Restaurants will receive a rebate on commercial rates for participating in the programme.



Education & Training

While Ireland is approaching full employment the rate of youth unemployment stands at 12.2% (January 2019) – 50% above the level during the height of the 'Celtic Tiger'.

More needs to be done to tackle the scourge of youth unemployment. Renua will implement the following measures at Local Authority level: -

- Increase Local Authority participation in the national apprenticeship scheme. Local Authorities should recruit and train young people in skills such as plumbing, carpentry and electrical work.
- Include a 'apprenticeship criteria' when putting out contracts to tender. Under this policy priority will be given to companies which participate in the national apprenticeship scheme.
- Local Authorities should help fund an 'Apprenticeship Week' where apprenticeships are promoted to students and their families as a suitable alternative to 3rd level education.
- Local Authorities should offer bursaries to 3rd level students who provide free grinds to low-income primary or secondary students.

Protecting The Elderly

Fraud committed against the elderly is a growing problem in Ireland. A particular problem concerns vulnerable, elderly people who are ripped off by individuals calling to their door and offering to do odd-jobs for them.

We will also ensure that Local Authorities offer vulnerable, elderly residents a free assessment of their homes every 5-years to ensure they do not fall prey to people offering renovation services that they do not require.

Protecting Family Time

Renua Ireland will tackle the growing phenomenon of unsolicited door-to-door sales carried out on behalf of companies or professional fundraisers who receive a % of funds raised as remuneration. Hard-working families should not have to put up with regular knocks on the door from companies selling services or charities trying to guilt them into donating. We will introduce a bye-law which will ban unsolicited door-to-door selling. Local voluntary groups whose own members carry out the fundraising will be exempted from this bye-law.

Rural Broadband

According to Census 2016 20 out of 31 Local Authority Areas in Ireland have fewer people present during the daytime compared to the evening. Hundreds of thousands of people leave their counties every day for work or study. The data confirms that 1 in 3 people are in Dublin every day for work or study.

Renua Ireland does not accept that Dublin is a city-state and balanced regional development is urgently required to both alleviate pressure on Dublin and support regional and rural Ireland.

A vital component of that is the development and roll-out of reliable, high-speed broadband in rural Ireland. Reliable broadband would support working families who decide to work from home rather than leave their communities. Renua Ireland does not only support the roll out of broadband for economic reasons. We believe that the roll-out of broadband will have a significant and positive impact on the quality of family life.

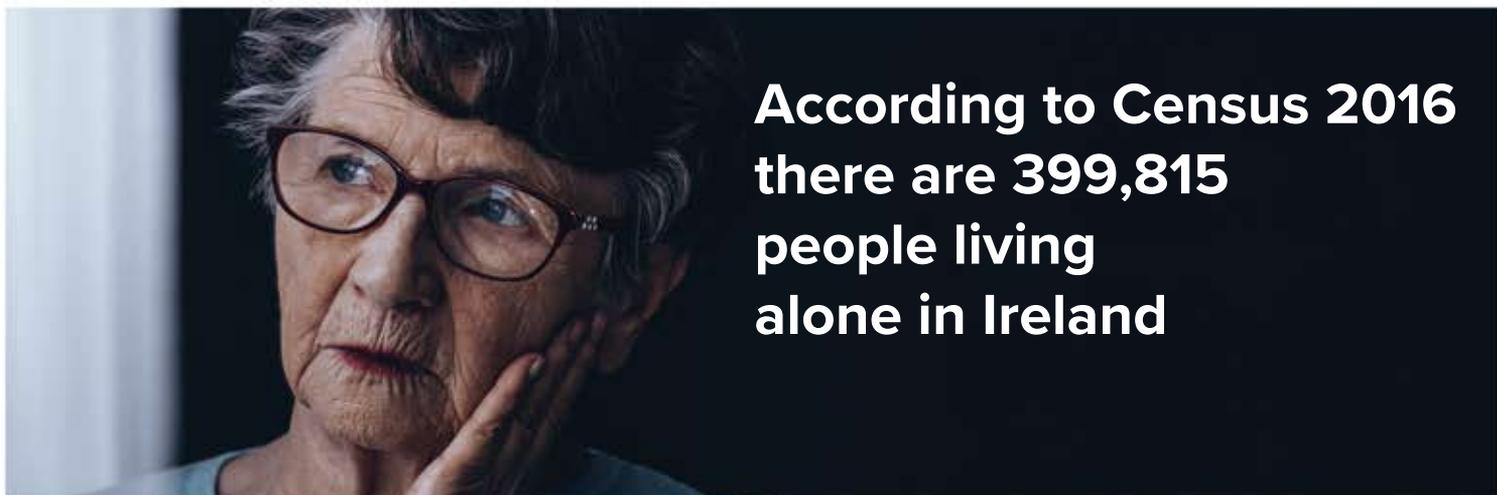
Exclusion Zones

Renua will resolutely oppose the imposition of exclusion zones. All citizens have a right to peaceful protest.

Proposed exclusion zones aimed at pro-life campaigners are an affront to our democracy.



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Tackling Loneliness

According to Census 2016 there are 399,815 people living alone in Ireland. TILDA (The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing) estimates that 37% of people aged 50 and over reported feeling lonely often or some of the time. The figure stood at 36% of those aged 50-64, rising to 45% of 75-year olds and older. Loneliness has a range of negative mental and physical effects including depression and suicide, cardiovascular disease and stroke and increased stress levels.

Local Authorities can and should do more to help tackle loneliness in Ireland. Renua Ireland will implement the following programmes to tackle loneliness in Ireland: -

- Encourage local GPs to ask their patients if they are feeling lonely and to ensure GPs are aware of local clubs that their patients could participate in to help alleviate loneliness.
- Ring-fence funding for community-based weekly lunch clubs where vulnerable elderly people are brought together to socialise.

Rural Transport

Strict drink-driving laws have exacerbated social isolation in rural Ireland where public transport simply does not exist. Renua Ireland believes that a new approach to rural transport is required. We believe that Local Authorities should facilitate the uberisation of rural transport – connecting local people with cars with local people who need a lift.

Under this proposal a Local Authority or neighbouring Local Authorities will provide subsidies for transport within their area.

When implemented this proposal will help tackle social isolation and provide participants with an extra source of income.

We believe that Local Authorities should facilitate the *uberisation of rural transport*

Vacant Premises

At the end of Q4 2018 27,951 commercial buildings were vacant in Ireland. This represented 13.2% of commercial property in Ireland. Vacant properties are an eye-sore in Irish towns. Renua Ireland believes that Local Authorities can do more to tackle the problem of vacant commercial premises in Ireland. Renua Ireland will support the following measures: -

- A 3-year exemption from commercial rates for businesses who set up in commercial premises that have been vacant for a minimum of 3-years
- Make it easier to convert commercial properties to residential units without the need for planning permission.



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Community Life-Saving Equipment

We will campaign for life-saving equipment such as defibrillators to be zero-rated for VAT. Community organisations should be supported in the purchase of life-saving equipment.

Supporting Main Street

Retail is Ireland's largest indigenous industry, employing over 280,000 people and accounting for 23% of the state's tax revenue. Retailers provide employment in every village and town in Ireland.

Without retailers' Irish towns will become ghost-towns. More needs to be done to protect and promote Irish retail and the Irish town. Renua Ireland will implement the following measures: -

- Impose restrictions on out-of-town developments to ensure Irish towns are not hollowed out.
- Impose a commercial rates surcharge on out-of-town retail parks based on the number of car spaces provided. The money generated will be used to reduce commercial rates on businesses located in town.
- Establish a 'Shop Local' Voucher Scheme where Local Authorities will take on responsibility for administering 'Shop Local' vouchers free of charge. We believe this proposal will help local businesses deal with the growing threat of online shopping.



Supporting Local Business

Billions of euro worth of public contracts are issued in Ireland each year for works, supplies and services. However, small-medium enterprises (SMEs) are often reluctant to tender for these projects due to the amount of red-tape involved. Renua Ireland believes that the public procurement process needs to be reformed in favour of our SMEs.

Currently, tenders of €25,000 or more must be published on eTenders. We believe this is too low and the threshold should be raised to the prevailing EU thresholds. For example, the current EU threshold for supply and service contracts is €221,000. All contracts below these thresholds should be reserved for SMEs registered on eTenders or for bid consortiums of SMEs.

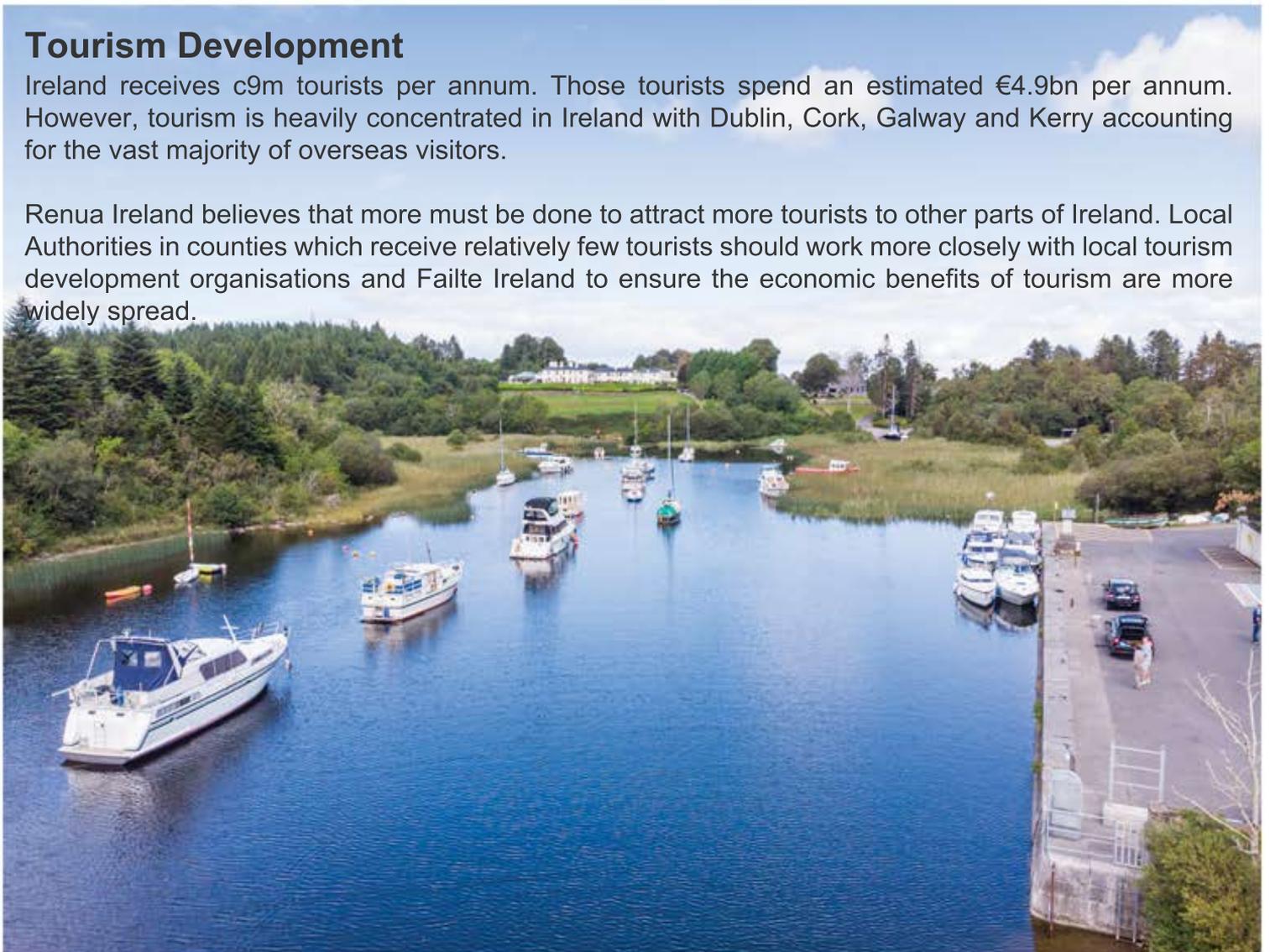
Local Authorities will also be required to consider the impact on the local economy when awarding contracts and give local, qualifying businesses a higher weighting when analysing bids.

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Tourism Development

Ireland receives c9m tourists per annum. Those tourists spend an estimated €4.9bn per annum. However, tourism is heavily concentrated in Ireland with Dublin, Cork, Galway and Kerry accounting for the vast majority of overseas visitors.

Renua Ireland believes that more must be done to attract more tourists to other parts of Ireland. Local Authorities in counties which receive relatively few tourists should work more closely with local tourism development organisations and Failte Ireland to ensure the economic benefits of tourism are more widely spread.



Neighbourhood Forums/Community Councils

Renua Ireland supports the active participation of communities in the development of their local areas. We will support the development of neighbourhood forums where participants will be given the right to provide input to local development plans. We also support the ring-fencing of Local Authority funding for neighbourhood forum proposed projects.



Vital Local Assets

Renua Ireland believes that communities should be supported in protecting the local assets that they depend on. Rural Ireland is damaged when local shops, post-offices, libraries, pubs or hotels are shut down.

Under our plan, neighbourhood forums will be asked to draw up a list of vital local assets. We will impose a 6-month delay in the closure or sale of the listed asset during which local people will be given time to prepare a business plan and bid for the asset. Under this proposal the Local Enterprise Office will be required to help the neighbourhood forum prepare the business plan.

Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Renua Ireland fully supports the roll-out of CCTV to help combat crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities. Renua will not allow data protection issues to further delay the installation of CCTV across Ireland.

Furthermore, Renua Ireland will support the development of late-night sports leagues for young people. These leagues will be run at times when anti-social behaviour is most prevalent and have proved to be useful in reducing anti-social behaviour where they have been deployed in the US and UK.

Finally, Renua Ireland will support the development of 'Community Alert' Apps to provide people with real-time updates on crimes committed in their areas and allow them to quickly report suspicious activity to Gardaí.

The Environment

Renua Ireland believes that communities have a vital and positive role to play in reducing Ireland's dependency on imported fossil fuel. We believe that Central Government's focus on increasing carbon charges is nothing more than a short-sighted tax grab aimed at taking more money from hard-pressed taxpayers. A different approach is required.

Renua Ireland supports the development of community-owned renewable energy projects where local people come together to develop a community-owned and run renewable energy project and share in its profits through reduced energy costs.

Furthermore, we will support the greater use of electric vehicles by adapting street lights to provide a charge for electric vehicles.

Renua Ireland will also support the rapid development of anaerobic digestion (AD) systems in rural Ireland. AD uses farm wastes, slurry, food waste and grass to generate renewable gas which can then be used to provide energy for homes or vehicles. We will support the development of AD by simplifying planning permission and supporting the roll out of 'brown bin' collections in rural Ireland.

Finally, Renua Ireland will champion the development of reverse vending in Ireland to support recycling and reducing the amount of rubbish going to landfill. Under our plan a 20c surcharge will be placed on the sale of all tinned products. Empty tins can then be gathered and placed in reverse vending machines which will then provide the recycler with 'shop local' vouchers the value of which will depend on the weight of tins recycled.

Supporting Cycling

Transport accounts for 20% of Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions but cycling accounts for only 2% of Ireland's land transport budget.

Cycling not only helps reduce Ireland's dependence on fossil fuels. It improves health and reduces congestion in our towns and cities.

Renua Ireland will support cycling in the following ways: -

- Ensure that safe cycling is supported in the budget allocation for regional road repair and development.
- Relaxing planning requirements for the development of secure public showering, locker and bike park facilities.



Knowledge Exchange

In an increasingly busy Ireland, the young and old are losing touch with each other. Renua Ireland believes that the intergenerational gap can and must be closed to help build strong, united communities.

The elderly possess skills that are increasingly rare amongst the young – cooking, baking and DIY skills for example. At the same time, young people are adept at harnessing modern technologies that elderly people have little or no knowledge of. Renua Ireland believes that Local Authorities can play a positive role in providing space and funding to bring the young and elderly together to exchange knowledge and skills for the benefit of all.

Disability & Family Friendly Towns

Renua Ireland is committed to making Ireland the most disability-friendly country in the world. It is imperative that every community, village, town and city in Ireland contributes to this goal.

Under our plan every business and public building in Ireland will be audited under criteria agreed with disability rights organisations. Businesses and institutions will be awarded ‘gold’, ‘silver’ or ‘bronze’ stars depending on how disability-friendly their buildings and services are. The full results of the annual audits will be published by the Local Authority along with recommendations for improvements required.

We will ensure that Local Authority development plans must fully take account of those with a disability.

Finally, we also believe that our towns can do more to facilitate mothers with young children. We will introduce dedicated parking spaces for mothers and ensure our cities and towns are welcoming of mothers and young children.

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TEANGA NA GAELIGE

Supporting The Irish Language

Census 2016 confirmed that just 6.3% of Gaeilgeoirí speak Irish on a weekly basis while just 39.8% of people claimed to be able to speak Irish.

In an increasingly globalised world, it is important to keep and support what is uniquely 'ours'. In order to survive and thrive the Irish language must become to be a living language.

Local Authorities can and should do more to promote the daily use of Irish. Renua Ireland will support the following measures: -

- Changing road-signs to give Irish text prominence over the English translation.
- Providing households with short guides to Irish translations for every-day use in order to encourage greater use of Irish in the home.
- Offering businesses rebates on commercial rates if they use Irish language signage.
- Subsidising Irish language evening classes for adults who want to learn Irish.
- Promoting the use of modern communications technology such as skype to connect fluent Irish speakers with those who want to learn the language and speak it daily.

Animal Welfare

Local Authorities have an important role in ensuring animals are treated humanely. In the absence of new legislation from central government Renua Ireland will introduce new bye-laws to further promote

animal welfare in our communities. We are specifically committed to ending Ireland's reputation as the 'puppy farm capital of Europe'. We will introduce the following bye-law to help achieve this aim.

- Placing a cap of the number of dogs that an establishment can keep for breeding purposes at 10. This is the cap supported by the Kennel Clubs.



The Right To Be Consulted

Renua Ireland is opposed to the imposition of Direct Provision Centres on communities without consultation. We will campaign for new legislation requiring government to consult with local communities before a Direct Provision Centre is established in their locality.

Fly-Tipping

Ireland has a littering and fly-tipping problem. Local Authorities collectively spend millions of euro every year cleaning up illegal dumps. It is time no name and shame those who engage in environmental vandalism.

Renua will establish an online 'Hall of Shame' where by the names and photographs of those found guilty of littering or fly-tipping will be maintained.



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The Traveller Community – Rights and Responsibilities

Renua Ireland is a party which believes that society works best when there is a balance between rights and responsibilities. We believe justice should be blind and all should be treated equally before the law. However, far too often, members of the traveller community have failed to execute their responsibility to comply with our laws on trespass and littering. We will put an end to this.

Those who trespass on public or private property and refuse to move will be excluded from the Local Authority Social Housing list. Those who litter public lands will have their property seized and sold to pay for the clean-up required.

Closing Quango-Land

The first instinct of central government when confronted with a problem is to create a Quango populated with unelected bureaucrats. We believe a different approach is required. Renua Ireland is calling for the moving of powers and responsibilities away from central government and the QUANGOs they created to reformed local authorities.

More Taxes Raised Locally Should Stay Local

In order for Local Authorities to take on more powers and responsibilities it is necessary for Local Authorities to receive increased funding. Renua Ireland believes that a portion of VAT and Corporation Tax raised locally should be diverted directly to the Local Authority concerned. As Local Authorities take on more responsibility their share of locally raised taxes should increase.

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Directly Elected Mayors

The most powerful person in Local Government in Ireland is not elected but appointed through the public appointments service. The City/County Chief Executive can only be suspended or removed from office if three-quarters of the council vote in favour of that action. If such a vote is passed the Minister for Environment and Local Government may then consider the proposal, reject it or accept it.

Renua Ireland will replace City/County Chief Executives with directly elected Mayors with executive functions.

The Mayor may face a re-call election if over half of the council vote in favour of that action and more than 10% of the local electorate support a petition for a re-call election.

Re-Establishing Town Councils

Renua Ireland believes that the decision to shut down town councils in 2014 was a mistake. The decision removed a vital link between the people and their democratic institutions. Renua Ireland will re-establish town councils. Councillors elected to these bodies will not be paid.

Ensuring Value For Money

Renua Ireland will ensure taxpayers receive value for money from their Local Authorities. Local Authorities should work more closely together to provide shared services.

Direct Petitioning

Renua Ireland believes in harnessing technology to support vibrant democracy. We will support the roll-out of mobile apps that will allow citizens to directly and quickly notify their council of instances of fly-tipping or vandalism for example or to petition their council on development plans or budget allocations.