19th June, 2019

To: The Cathaoirleach & Elected Members of the Council

Re: Agreement with Roscommon County Council re provision of fire brigade services (under section 10 of the Fire Services Act 1981 and section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001)

A Cathaoirígh agus a Comhairleoirí,

A longstanding agreement under which Athlone Fire Brigade provided fire brigade services for Roscommon County Council in an adjoining portion of that county was extended by way of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001 from 1st Jan 2015 until December 2017.

The arrangement has worked well from the perspective of both parties. It has been subject to periodic review, the most recent of which was conducted over recent months. Under the agreement, Westmeath County Council will continue to make its Fire Brigade, fire fighting equipment and staff available for fire fighting and emergency operations in a defined area of south County Roscommon, to be provided by Athlone Fire Brigade.

The new agreement, to be made under section 10 of the Fire Services Act 1981 and section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001, is for a six year period ending 31st December, 2024, subject to review in the final 9 months with a view to reaching a new agreement. The agreement is considered reasonable and fair to both parties.

It is recommended to the elected members that the agreement be made, under the provisions of section 10 of the Fire Services Act 1981 and section 85 of the Local Government Act 2001.

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Pat Gallagher
Chief Executive