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To each Director of Service (Water Services)
To each Rural Water Liaison Officer

**Rural Water Multi-Annual Programme 2016 - 2018
Interim Allocations to Local Authorities for Measures 1 and 2¹**

Thank you for your recent funding request under the Rural Water Multi-Annual Programme.

We are currently reviewing all funding requests submitted by local authorities and we hope to be in a position to advise you about the overall 2016 allocations to local authorities as soon as all of the 5 measures have been considered.

However in order to ensure programme momentum and that water quality issues are addressed as a matter of priority, local authorities should progress works during the first half of this year up to a maximum value of the amounts set out in the enclosed Appendix 1. These amounts are based on the Department's payments made to your authority in 2015 in respect of the equivalent works under Measures 1 and 2 of the new multi-annual programme and, where appropriate generally equate to 50% of those payments (excluding payments for Capital Replacement Costs). Authorities should ensure that only works eligible for funding should be progressed and previous guidance from the Department should be considered in this context, most especially with respect to specific source protection works (Circular L5/13 of 2 September 2013 refers, available on www.environ.ie for ease of reference); and funding for capital replacement should be on a demand-led basis as heretofore.

In addition, specific funding is being earmarked for those schemes which have had TTHM exceedances and which are the subject of a pilot infringement case initiated by the European Commission against Ireland (referred to in the circular on the multi-annual programme earlier this year). And so, the interim allocations outlined in Appendix 1 provide

¹ **Measure 1** - Environmental and Public Health Compliance (Group Water Sector)

Measure 2 - Enhancement of existing schemes (Group Water Sector)

Measure 3 - Rural Development (Group Water Sector)

Measure 4 - Transition of schemes to public water and waste water sector

Measure 5 - Innovation and Research


Measure 6 - Individual wells and on-site waste water treatment systems

additional allocations for the schemes in these 7 local authority areas in order that the works necessary to deal with the TTHM exceedances for these schemes can progress as quickly as possible; the schemes are detailed in Appendix 2 to this circular.

In relation to Measures 3, 4 and 5 of the programme, the Expert Panel (referred to in the guidance on the multi-annual programme) is currently examining proposals from local authorities for funding for projects under these 3 measures and it will make recommendations to the Department for funding in due course.

You will be notified of the full and complete 2016 allocation for Measures 1 to 5, as appropriate following the Department's consideration of the funding requests and the Expert Panel's deliberations on the specific measures in the coming weeks.

Any enquiries on this circular may be addressed to the undersigned.



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Appendix 1
Interim Allocations to Local Authorities for
Measures 1 and 2 of the Rural Water Multi-Annual Programme 2016 - 2018

Local Authority	2015 Payments to LAs ^a €	2016 Interim Allocations for Measures 1 and 2 (excl. TTHMs) ^b €	TTHMs - Measure 1(a) €	Total 2016 Interim Allocations to LAs €
Carlow	150,646	30,000 ^c		30,000
Cavan	501,769	250,884	100,000	350,884
Clare	154,879	77,439	12,000	89,439
Cork	381,492	190,746		190,746
Donegal	76,339	38,169		38,169
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	-	-		-
Fingal	-	-		-
Galway	2,235,487	1,117,743	218,500	1,336,243
Kerry	7,135	30,000 ^c	70,000	100,000
Kildare	113,860	56,930		56,930
Kilkenny	357,727	178,864		178,864
Laois	201,953	100,977		100,977
Leitrim	64,186	32,093		32,093
Limerick	391,072	195,536		195,536
Longford	-	30,000 ^c		30,000
Louth	182,896	91,448		91,448
Mayo	1,211,463	605,731	3,525,500	4,131,231
Meath	206,407	103,203		103,203
Monaghan	737,499	368,750		368,750
Offaly	407,519	203,760		203,760
Roscommon	614,343	307,171	300,000	607,171
Sligo	287,805	26,589 ^d	159,000	185,589
South Dublin	-	-		-
Tipperary	459,147	229,573		229,573
Waterford	55,100	27,550		27,550
Westmeath	22,984	15,000 ^d		15,000
Wexford	305,498	152,749		152,749
Wicklow	33,526	30,000 ^c		30,000
TOTALS	9,160,730	4,490,905	4,385,000	8,875,905

^a These are the (block grant) payments which were made to local authorities under the various headings in 2015 and which relate to works now falling under Measures 1 and 2 of multi-annual programme but excluding capital replacement funding.

^b The amounts in this column are equivalent to 50% of the 2015 payments made to local authorities in respect of works equivalent to Measures 1 and 2 with some exceptions as highlighted by footnote c below.

^c In the case of 4 local authorities, the amount sought in 2016 is either less than 50% of their 2015 funding provided by the Department for these measures, or is far greater than that funding and so in order to provide some momentum for the 2016 programme, an arbitrary initial allocation of €30,000 is being provided to these 4 local authorities.

^d This amount reflects the amount sought by this local authority in 2016 and therefore it does not equate to the 50% funding provided in 2015 to this authority.

Appendix 2

List of Schemes with TTHM Exceedances (these schemes are the subject of a pilot infringement case initiated by the European Commission against Ireland)			
Local Authority	Name of Supply	Population Served	Amount of Funding being provided in 2016 for improvement works
Cavan	Barraghy	2,600	€100,000
	Crossdowney	550	
	Drumkeery	1,350	
	Milltown	1,100	
	Mountain Lodge	1,400	
Clare	Killone	900	€12,000
Galway *	Claren/Knocklehard	250	€218,500
	Cloonluane(Renvyle)	220	
	Lettergesh/Mullaghgloss	281	
	Milltown Co-Op	1,415	
Kerry	Bonane	460	€70,000
Mayo	Brackloon/Spaddagh	500	€3,525,500
	Dromindoo/Fahy	1,800	
	Kilmeena	773	
	Kilmovee/Urlar	1,900	
	Parke	900	
	Robeen	731	
Roscommon	Polecat Springs	975	€300,000
Sligo	Keash	409	€159,000
	Geevagh/Highwood	1,463	
			€4,385,000

*Inismear GWS in Galway was previously on the list but it has since been confirmed as an Irish Water Scheme