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Register now to vote before it's too late – Kennedy

DUBLIN NORTH Deputy Michael Kennedy (FF) has called on all residents in Dublin North to check that they are registered to vote and if they are not, to do so immediately.

Deputy Kennedy said: “We are now entering the time of year that Fingal County Council begins the arduous project of updating and amending the voting register. It is the duty of all residents in North Dublin to check that they are on the register and if not, to contact Fingal County Council and do so.”

“It is especially important to check the register if you have recently moved home or are turning 18 in the coming three months. A high quality Register of Electors is essential for the successful operation of the electoral system and of the democratic process itself. ”

“The Dublin North register is held at Fingal County Council and can be viewed there and at other locations across the county from yesterday (November 02, 2007) including; local Garda stations, courthouses and libraries. Registration forms are also available from the council.”

“Dublin North is a massive county and thousands of people either move within the county or to and from it every year. This is one of the reasons that Fingal updates the voting register on an annual basis.”

“Another reason is that thousands of teenagers who turn 18 by February 15th and are then entitled to vote. Every year, these are added onto the register and from then on, entitled to vote in any election or referendum in the 12 months after. Once registered their names should remain in the register permanently, until the council is instructed otherwise.”

“Checking the register is especially important this year as we are approaching two very important referenda; one on the EU constitution and another on the rights of children.”

The accuracy and comprehensiveness of the Register of Electors depend to a large extent on the co-operation and engagement of the public in providing the necessary information to Fingal County Council,” concluded Deputy Kennedy