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Dear Constituent,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as a new councillor in Cork South Central, having been co-opted by City Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cllr Con O'Connell. The seat came to me as the candidate in the South Central ward who received the next highest vote, after the five existing councillors, in the 2004 elections.

The death of Con O'Connell will be felt as a sad loss by many people in Cork South Central who he represented so well over the years. I wish to extend my condolences to his family and many friends.

It is my ambition to continue to provide that strong representation for people in the South City and to ensure they have a voice from outside the political establishment.

As a young woman, I believe I can bring a new and vibrant perspective to City Hall.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and months. If there is an issue with which I can be of assistance, I would be glad to hear from you.

Is mise,

*Fiona Kerins*

Cllr. Fiona Kerins

Cork South Central Sinn Féin will launch its new website

**[www.corksinnfein.org](http://www.corksinnfein.org)**

on 23rd July. The website will make available regular updates on campaigns, issues, events and the party's work on Cork City Council

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## Clinic

Sinn Féin's regular constituency clinic takes place at Ballyphehane Community Centre from 8-9pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month



## Background

Fiona Kerins is a native of Ballyphehane. She attended Presentation Secondary School before completing a Diploma in Legal and business Studies at Colaiste Stiofán Naofa. She now works in administration in the Radiotherapy Unit at Cork University Hospital.

A member of Sinn Féin since 2002, Fiona stood for the party in the Cork South Central ward in the 2004 local elections, missing out on a seat by only 34 votes. In 2005 and 2006, she served as secretary of Sinn Féin in Munster, as well as being an active member in her local cumann.

At the last meeting of Cork City Council, she was co-opted to fill the vacancy arising from the death of Cllr Con O'Connell, as the candidate polling the highest vote in the 2004 election after the existing councillors.

## My Political Priorities

**Housing:** We need more affordable housing for young people. We also need to make the system of housing allocation more transparent. I want to see a points system introduced so people will know exactly where they are on the housing list and on what basis decisions about housing allocation are made.

**Recreation Facilities:** I will be campaigning for more investment in youth facilities in the South City and increased financial support for local sports clubs and community groups.

**Refuse Charges:** A priority for Sinn Féin on the council will be to defend the public refuse collection service and the waiver system against the policy of creeping privatisation.

**Extension of City Boundary:** I will be pressing for the city boundary to be extended to provide more land for housing and increase the revenues of the City Council.



The Joe Murphy Cumann is the local Sinn Féin branch for Ballyphehane, Turners' Cross, and Greenmount. It is called after Ballyphehane native Joe Murphy, who died on hunger-strike in 1920.

The cumann is extremely active, publishing a regular newssheet, organising functions and social events, and campaigning on a variety of local and national issues. It holds an annual Joe Murphy/Terence McSwiney Commemoration each October.

The cumann has a strong membership drawn from all age groups. It meets every Tuesday at 8pm in the Sinn Féin office on 136 Barracks Street. New members are always welcome.

**If you are interested in joining or helping Sinn Féin, or want more information on membership, email [cuiagemumhan@hotmail.com](mailto:cuiagemumhan@hotmail.com) or phone 085-7305916.**

**In last May's general election, Sinn Fein received 3,020 first preference votes in Cork South Central, an increase of almost a thousand votes since 2002.**

**I would like to sincerely thank everybody who voted for me in the election, as well as the people who supported me in so many ways during the campaign.**

**A lot of issues came up on the doorsteps during the campaign, which I intend to pursue over the coming months. With my colleague Fiona Kerins joining Cork City Council, the ability of Sinn Féin to represent people on Cork's southside will be significantly increased.**

*Henry Cremin, Sinn Fein candidate in 2007 General Election.*

