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# Press Release

**DATE.**  
**18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Local Government Reform –Equality for Gorey Demanded.**

**Supports Required For Existing Jobs.**

Gorey Chamber has issued its election manifesto to all candidates in the upcoming General Election. With a promise to circulate all the responses received from the candidates to the business community prior to election day, 25<sup>th</sup> of February, Gorey Chamber has given all prospective TD's the opportunity to support its views.

Speaking from his office Chamber Executive Dick White commented “ This is by all accounts an important time for Ireland and for Wexford. We feel that two national issues of reforming Local Government and supports to retain existing jobs are vital and will have an impact locally.” Continuing White added “Local Government reform has to see Gorey treated as an equal with the other three major towns in the county. It is the second biggest trading town in the county and has seen the population increase by 26% in the district, Gorey needs Urban Status to bring it on a par with Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford”

Local Government reform will have to look at financing the local authorities, representation levels at both town and county levels, the devolvement of powers to local people, the redesign of commercial rates making them fair and equitable, the linkage of payments to local authorities to the provision of a quality service, and road management amongst others.

Turning to the issue of job retention, White added “Government priority should be to retain existing jobs, we have thousands of people in employment in North Wexford , in Tourism, Retail, Industry, Farming and Services, every effort should be made to retain these.”

The retention of the 12.5% Corporation Tax Rate is vital to the business sector and has to be protected, in addition an enhanced Business Support system has to be developed incorporating Enterprise Ireland and the County Enterprise Board. Concluding, White



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noted “Business has to have access to finance, this is vital to retaining jobs, cash is the oil that will keep the economic engine running, access to this is the biggest support that can be made to retain exist jobs.”

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