



**AILG Elected Members Module 2 Training March 2019 –
“The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy & Met Eireann, Forecasting
Services and Local Authorities – A briefing for Elected Members”**

21 st March 2019	Southern Region	Park Hotel, Dungarvan
23 rd March 2019 (Sat)	Midland & Eastern Region	Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow
28 th March 2019	Border & Western Region	Radisson Hotel, Sligo

Training Day Programme

9.30am	Registration and Tea/Coffee
10.00am	Introductions & Opening
10.15am – 11.15am	<p>“Met Eireann Forecasting Services and Local Authorities”</p> <p>Evelyn Cusack is a well-known forecaster appearing on RTE weather bulletins up to last year. She is now Head of Met Eireann's Forecasting Division and she will give an overview of the weather services provided by Met Eireann for Irish local authorities.</p> <p>Speaker: Evelyn Cusack, Head of Forecasting, Met Eireann</p>
11.15am – 11.30am	Tea/Coffee Break
11.30am – 12.30pm	<p>“The Marine Spatial Planning Strategy”</p> <p>The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government are drafting Ireland's first Marine Spatial Strategy. This is of key relevance to local authorities whether coastal or inland as Ireland, being an island nation, depends so much on the sea for the export/import of goods and produce and for many other resources. This is an opportunity for local government to play a role in Ireland's newest spatial plan currently in development.</p> <p>Speaker: Mr Padraig Dempsey, Assistant Principal, Marine Spatial Strategy Unit, DHPLG</p>
12.15pm – 1.00pm	Questions & Answers
1.00pm	Lunch

