



Comhshaol, Pobal agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Community and Local Government



LG 15/2014

3 June 2014

**Amendment of Section 151 (chief executive acting by signed order, etc.) of
the Local Government Act 2001**

Dear Chief Executive

I am directed by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to refer to the commencement of section 55 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which amends section 151 of the Local Government Act 2001 which provides for the judicial recognition of copies of documents certified by the Chief Executive, by extending such recognition to employees to whom specific functions are delegated under section 154 of the 2001 Act.

Up to this point only documents signed by County or City Managers have had judicial recognition as true copies and consequently where a Manager certified a document to be a true copy of a Manager's Order that e.g. is the subject of a court case, he or she did not have to make himself or herself available to the court in person. On the other hand a delegated officer, such as a Director of Service, who certified a document to be a true copy, had to actually be available to the court.

The aforementioned amendment has extended such judicial recognition to include delegated employees and allows, in respect of every Chief Executive's Order, whether signed by the Chief Executive personally or by a delegated employee, to be certified as a true copy and receive judicial recognition without the personal attendance in court of the person who signed the Order.

Any queries in relation to matters covered by this circular letter should be directed to Sean O'Suilleabhain (Tel. 01 888 2800 or email to sean.osuilleabhain@environ.ie). Local Government Policy Section, Custom House, Dublin 1.

Yours sincerely

Donal Enright
Principal
Local Government Policy /Motor Tax Section
01 8883960

To Chief Executive of each County, County and City, and City

Copy for information to: AILG