



Association of Irish Local Government

Aontas Rialtas Áitiúil na hÉireann

# AILG ELECTS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT



## CLLR. MARY HOADE ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT (AILG) – THE NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY REPRESENTING LOCAL COUNCILLORS

**29th October 2020**

Galway County Councillor, Cllr. Mary Hoade has been elected President of the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) which is the national representative organisation representing the elected members of Ireland's thirty-one County and City Councils. Joining Cllr. Mary Hoade at the helm is Cllr. John Joe Fennelly from Laois County Council who was elected as Vice President at the annual AGM which was held online on the 28th October.

The Association was formed in July 2014, following the merger of the then two existing local authority representative bodies and Mary becomes the first female member to hold the office of President of this new body.

Speaking following her election, Cllr. Mary said it was a huge privilege to assume the role of President for the Association for the year (2020-21) "I am proud to be given this opportunity and as President I will continue to progress towards fulfilling our vision of a thriving local government system in Ireland with the Elected Members at its centre, serving and delivering for the public. Our mission statement as an Association is to "represent and support the role of our elected councillors. We are a strong voice for local communities through effective local government."