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District Credit Union
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Dear Member,

Important Change to Life Savings Insurance Cover from 1 January 2027

Drumshanbo Credit Union is proud to provide Life Savings and Loan Protection Insurance at no direct cost to eligible members. These insurance benefits are designed to provide additional financial protection for members and their families.

In the event of an eligible member's death, a Life Savings benefit may be payable, subject to the applicable policy terms and conditions.

For many years Drumshanbo Credit Union has maintained a maximum Life Savings benefit of €12,700. However, the cost of providing Life Savings and Loan Protection Insurance has increased significantly and is currently costing more than €7,300 per month for the Credit Union.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the prudent management of the Credit Union and to ensure that the services and benefits provided to members remain financially sustainable and in the interests of the membership as a whole.

In reviewing this benefit, the Board considered both the increasing cost of providing insurance and the level of cover currently offered across the credit union sector. While some credit unions continue to offer higher levels of cover, many now operate maximum Life Savings benefits in the region of €1,000 - €5,000 as they respond to rising insurance costs and the need to maintain long-term financial sustainability.

Following careful consideration, the Board has decided to reduce the maximum Life Savings benefit from €12,700 to a sustainable level of €7,700 with effect from 1 January 2027.

This means that from 1 January 2027, the maximum Life Savings benefit that may be payable in respect of an eligible member will be €7,700, subject to the applicable policy terms and conditions. The actual benefit payable may be lower, depending on factors including the member's age and qualifying savings balance.

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This revised limit remains significantly above the level operated by many credit unions while generating an estimated annual saving of approximately €10,000 for the Credit Union. This saving will help ensure that valuable member benefits can continue to be provided on a sustainable basis while supporting the ongoing financial strength of the Credit Union.

This change relates to the maximum Life Savings benefit only. Eligible members will continue to receive this free benefit of Life Savings and Loan Protection Insurance at no direct cost, subject to the applicable policy terms and conditions.

We appreciate that Life Savings Insurance is a valued benefit of membership. This decision has been made to allow the Credit Union to continue providing this important benefit while managing the increasing cost of insurance in a prudent and sustainable manner.

We understand that members may have questions about this change. We want to reassure you that this does not affect the amount of savings you hold with the Credit Union. The change relates only to the maximum level of eligible savings used for Life Savings insurance purposes from 1 January 2027.

We thank you for your understanding and for your continued membership and support of Drumshanbo Credit Union.

If you have any questions about this change or how it may affect you, please contact the office at 0719641727.

Yours sincerely,

Board of Directors
Drumshanbo Credit Union