



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUB
COMMITTEE**

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ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 1.00 PM

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4 Submission to Baseline Review

5 Next meeting is Thursday 6th April at 1pm. Meeting of 18th May deferred to 25th May due to Finance SPC on that day.



Local Government Funding Sub Committee

Minutes

Meeting held on 12th January 2023, at 1pm

Via Zoom

Attendees: Cllr. Séamas McGrattan (Chairperson), Cllr. Terence Flanagan, Cllr. Donna Cooney, Cllr. Dermot Lacy, Cllr. Anthony Connaghan, Aidan Sweeney, Philip O'Callaghan

Apologies: Cllr. Tara Deacy, Cllr Hazel de Nortuin, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly

Also present from Finance Department: Kathy Quinn, Fintan Moran, Enda Currid, Mary Curran and Sophie Kelly

1. Draft Minutes of meeting held on 10th November

The draft minutes were agreed.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

3a Letter to Fiona Quinn, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 21st December 2022.

Noted

4. Update Report

An update report outlining the scheduled meetings with other local authorities and Dail deputies was discussed. There was a consensus that the meetings had been worthwhile although attendance was low. It was acknowledged that in some instances other commitments had ruled out attendance and there was an interest in meeting should other meetings be held. There was agreement on merit in expanding those invited to Dublin Senators along with Dublin TDs.

Cllr Cooney asked that as many councillors as possible be involved in the meetings.

It was agreed to offer a second round of meetings to elected members in Fingal and South Dublin and to those Dublin Dail Deputies that could not attend the November meetings and to Dublin Senators.

Elected members of the subcommittee will be contacted to establish suitable dates and times and availability.

Work on updating the video clips compiled as an initiative of the Finance SPC is

continuing and should be completed in two to three weeks. The development of a one page hard copy note for councillors explaining some of the key fundamentals of local authority funding as spoken of as useful.

It was agreed to issue the video clips on social media when complete and to further issue the clips to all councillors requesting that they submit any questions the clips might prompt for them on local government funding.

5. **AOB**

None

6. ***Next meeting***

Thursday 23rd February at 1 pm via zoom.



Cllr Seamas McGrattan
Chairperson of Finance Strategic Policy Committee
Dublin City Council
Civic Offices
Wood Quay
Dublin 8

12 January 2023

Re: Local Government Funding

Dear Councillor McGrattan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 21st December last, regarding the review of baseline funding.

As you are aware, it is intended to complete the baseline review in time for the 2024 LPT allocations. We can confirm that there will be consultation with the sector and we intend to finalise details of that process shortly.

In the meantime, we would be happy to receive and consider a written submission from your members in this regard.

Many thanks for your input to date.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Quinn
Assistant Secretary
Local Government Division



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Senator Catherine Ardagh
Leinster House
Dublin 2

9th February 2023.

Re: Local Government Funding

Dear Senator Ardagh,

I write to you with regard to the matter of local government funding and in particular to the report commissioned by Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), (copy attached), *Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council*, Grant Thornton.

The Finance SPC has established a Sub-Committee to progress the objectives and recommendations of the commissioned review. I also attach details of the Sub-Committee membership and Terms of Reference for your information.

The funding of local government and the essential services provided to communities and business is key to ensuring that Dublin continues to be an attractive, welcoming place to live, trade, study and visit. The Sub-Committee members consider that this issue is of common priority to Dublin City Councillors, TD's and Senators. On this basis you are invited to meet with the Sub-Committee members to discuss further how this matter might be progressed so as to benefit those that live, work, study and visit our Capital City.

All Dáil Deputies, representing areas within Dublin City and Senators are invited to attend.

Please advise if you are available to attend on any of the dates below-

Tuesday 21 st of February	1pm-2pm
Wednesday 22 nd of February	10am-11am
Thursday 22 nd of February	1pm-2pm

Cllr Séamas McGrattan
Chairperson
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Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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All Dáil Deputies, who were unable to attend the November meetings, representing areas within Dublin City and Senators are invited to attend.

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Mayor Cllr. Howard Mahony,
Fingal County Council,
County Hall,
Main Street,
Swords,
Co. Dublin

14th February, 2023.

RE: Local Government Funding

Dear Mayor,

I write to you with reference to my letter of 2nd October 2022 regarding the matter of local government funding and in particular to the report commissioned by Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), (copy attached), *Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council*, Grant Thornton.

As we are well aware the funding of local government and the essential services provided to communities and business is key to ensuring that our urban areas continue to be attractive, welcoming places to live, trade, study and visit.

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I propose that a collective meeting of Fingal and South Dublin Local Authorities be held at your earliest convenience via Zoom. Please confirm if you or a representative of your local authority are agreeable to meet with members of the Sub-Committee to discuss this urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Seamas McGrattan
Chairperson
Finance Strategic Policy Committee
Dublin City Council

CC AnnMarie Farrelly, Chief Executive



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Mayor Emma Murphy,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

14th February, 2023.

RE: Local Government Funding

Dear Mayor,

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Yours sincerely,

Cllr Seamas McGrattan
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CC Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive



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Ruth Powell
Public Participatory Network (PPN)

15th February, 2023.

Re: Local Government Funding

Dear Ruth,

Following on from my letter of 7th October 2022, regarding the above, I write to you with regard to the matter of local government funding and ask that you, bring this correspondence to the attention of the appointed PPN Facilitator.

I wish to draw attention to the report commissioned by Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), (copy attached), *Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council*, Grant Thornton. The Finance SPC has established a Sub-Committee to progress the objectives and recommendations of the commissioned review

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If you can confirm the willingness of the PPN to join in this collaboration, at your earliest convenience, a Zoom meeting will be arranged at a suitable time for those wishing to attend.

Yours sincerely

Clr Séamas McGrattan
Chairperson
Finance Strategic Policy Committee
Dublin City Council

Christian Kavanagh

From: Ruth Powell <info@dublincityppn.ie>
Sent: 16 February 2023 13:31
To: finoff@dublincity.ie
Cc: Cllr Seamas McGrattan; Kathy Quinn
Subject: Re: Local Government Funding

Dear Mary,

Many thanks for your email and attached correspondence.

Dublin City PPN would very much like to be involved and if you can suggest times or dates for a zoom, I can ask the relevant members of the Secretariat to attend.

As people are volunteers, they are all available at different times and dates; ie some prefer evenings and late afternoons, while others are available in the morning.

Please let me know when you would like to meet and I can ask those who are available to come along.

All the best,

Ruth

Ruth Powell

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On 2023-02-15 15:39, finoff@dublincity.ie wrote:

Good afternoon Ruth,

Please see attached correspondence from Cllr. Séamas McGrattan, Chairperson of the Finance SPC and Local Government Funding Sub Committee for the attention of the PPN Facilitator.

Best regards,

Mary

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