



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

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**ON THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023 AT 1.00 PM**

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**THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023**

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**Local Government Funding Sub Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at 1pm**  
**Via Zoom**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr. Tara Deacy, Cllr Hazel de Nortuin, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Daryl Barron, Cllr Anthony Connaghton

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

**1. Draft Minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January**

The draft minutes were agreed.

- An update on the recent meetings with TD's and Senators was requested.
  - 4 TD's and 2 Senators attended the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February
  - Attendees were aware of the Council's funding argument and were sympathetic.
  - Deputy Neasa Hourigan agreed to circulate the ERSI Report and write to the Department of Finance seeking a comment on the findings of the report in the context of DCC's funding.
  - Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February did not go ahead due to an unscheduled Dáil vote at the time
  - It was agreed that the meetings were worth holding and that allies were made with those who attended.

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Correspondence**

Noted

**4. Baseline Funding Review**

Kathy advised that the review was a concise summary of the recent Grant Thornton Report with relevant updates made by Fintan Moran and Enda Currid of the Management Accounting Unit.

The report was shared by Enda who highlighted:

- The current funding model for Local Government
- Challenges facing DCC Income & Expenditure
- Income & Expenditure trends in recent years
- Changes to the LPT funding
- Funding of the Ambulance Service
- Continuing impacts of Covid
- Unique role of Dublin
- Dublin City's future

Members suggested some changes/additions to the report

- Reflect population trends into the future
- Highlight impact of remote working
- Liaise with Dublin Economic Monitor for additional statistics
- Show expenditure has changed over the years

**Agreed to:**

Revise Baseline Funding Review Report as suggested

Confirm with DoH LG&H when the review is commencing & membership of the group

Revised report to be submitted to the March Finance SPC & to full council in April

**5. AOB**

**Finance Infographics**

Enda advised that a meeting had been held with Carr Communications to discuss the content and format of infographics. A further meeting will be held with the social media team to review the DCC content and submit to Carr for finalisation. Aim to be finalised in advance of the next meeting.

**6. Next meeting**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 1 pm via Zoom.



## Local Government Funding Sub-Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### Follow up Actions

Action	Date Action Completed
1. Revise Baseline Funding Review as suggested.	Complete
2. Confirm when review is commencing and membership of Group with DHLGH	Complete
3. Revised report to go the Finance SPC in March and Full Council in April	Report submitted to SPC
4. Work on uploading video clips (on Local Government Funding) to issue on social media when complete (2 to 3 weeks).	Ongoing
5. Issue these video clips to Councillors requesting they submit any questions in relation to same.	Ongoing
6. Work on a one page hard copy note re Local Government Funding to issue to all Councillors.	Ongoing



Fiona Quinn,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Local Government Division,  
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage,  
Newtown Road,  
Wexford.

28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

Dear Fiona

I hope you are keeping well. I refer to your letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in which you invite the Local Government Funding Sub Committee of the Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee to make a submission to the forthcoming Baseline Review.

At its meeting, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the Sub Committee members agreed to request from you certain information about the Baseline Review. It would be appreciated if you could send on the detail at your earliest convenience so as to support the Sub Committee's prompt submission. The Baseline Review details sought are:

- Terms of Reference including scope
- Membership
- Date of commencement and expected conclusion
- Involvement of any third party support

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

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**Cllr Seamas McGrattan**  
**Chairperson of the Finance SPC**  
**Dublin City Council**





## Mary Curran

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**From:** Tim Nuttall (Housing) <Tim.Nuttall@housing.gov.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday 1 March 2023 08:49  
**To:** finoff@dublincity.ie  
**Cc:** Deirdre McCarthy (Housing); Richard G Farrell (Housing)  
**Subject:** Baseline Funding Review

Dear Ms. Curran

I refer to your e mail and the attached letter from Cllr. Seamus McGrattan chair of the Finance SPC regarding the upcoming review of baseline funding.

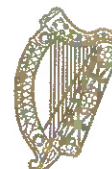
The first meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March and it is planned to have finish the process by the end of April which will allow LAs sufficient time for their budgetary processes for 2024. As the first meeting has not yet been held the Terms of Reference etc have not been finalised but will be relayed to you when they have been.

Kind regards

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**Tim Nuttall**  
Local Government Finance

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Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

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**Oifig an Runaí Aire**  
Office of the Minister of State

8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Councillor Seamus McGrattan  
[seamas.mcgrattan@dublincity.ie](mailto:seamas.mcgrattan@dublincity.ie)

**Ref: HPLG-MOSOD-00136-2023**

Dear Councillor McGrattan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 9th February last, forwarded to me by Minister Pascal Donohoe, regarding the report commissioned by Dublin City Council concerning the Review of Local Government Funding.

I am pleased to confirm that a review of the baseline funding of local authorities is now underway. My Department is currently in the process of setting up a working group and the County and City Managers Association, the Association of Irish Local Government and the Local Authority Members Association have been invited to nominate members to participate on this group. It is intended that the review will be completed in time for the 2024 LPT allocations.

As referred to in previous correspondence, the timeframe is very challenging to facilitate meeting all 31 local authorities individually. However, there will be extensive and comprehensive consultation with the sector and a written submission from Dublin City Council would be welcomed. The working group will decide on the format of the consultation process and will correspond in this regard in due course.



Finally, I can confirm that any previous reviews and studies of local authority baseline funding, including the recent report commissioned by Dublin City Council, will be assessed and considered in the course of this review.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kieran O'Donnell", is written over a horizontal line.

Kieran O'Donnell T.D.

Minister for Planning and Local Government

Please note: I am a Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act, 2015

## Christian Kavanagh

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**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

**Mary Curran | A. Senior Staff Officer | Finance Secretariat**

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## Mary Curran

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**From:** Ruth Powell <info@dublincityppn.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 3 March 2023 13:02  
**To:** finoff@dublincity.ie  
**Cc:** Gerrypkerr; Ernie Beggs; Catherine; Gavan Woods; 'mick keegan'; Philip O'Callaghan - The Examcraft Goup; Evanne Kilmurray  
**Subject:** Meeting on Wednesday 08 March at 11.00am with the Chairperson of the Finance SPC/local govt. funding sub committee  
**Attachments:** Final Letter to PPN request to meet with LGF Sub-Committee.pdf; Report 03-2022 Review of Local Authority Funding Model - FINAL 150322.pdf

Dear Mary,

Many thanks for the invite to the PPN Representatives and Secretariat on **Wednesday 08 March at 11.00am**, via zoom.

The following people will be able to attend on behalf of our PPN, and are CC-ed on this email above.

Gerry Kerr, Ernie Beggs, Catherine O'Toole, Gavan Woods, Mick Keegan, Philip O'Callaghan, Evanne Kilmurray.

I'm afraid I can't attend, as I'll be in the Civic Offices at an Africa Day planning day, with the PPN Migrant Thematic Group and other interested people.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do, with kind regards,

Ruth

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**Ruth Powell**

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**Meeting of the Local Government Funding Sub-Committee  
with representatives of the PPN**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 11am via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

*PPN:* Gavan Woods, Philip O'Callaghan, Mick Keegan, Catherine O'Toole, Ernest Beggs, Gerry Kerr,

*DCC:* Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Kathy Quinn, Mary Curran, Christian Kavanagh

- Cllr Lacey described how local government funding works and the difficulties facing Dublin City Council due to lack of funding
- Representatives of the PPN advised they would be happy to help in whatever way possible and to engage further with DCC around a plan to secure extra government funding
- Discussion around
  - Bedroom Tax – might make visiting Dublin City less attractive to visitors
  - Congestion Charges – noted that this might cause difficulties for disabled drivers and was not considered acceptable by the PPN representation, would it work in a small city and maybe consider what works in other European cities
- Noted that solutions were harder to identify but issues were agreed and that it was good for the PPN to have an overview of how funding works.
- Agreed that the proper funding of the organisation that looks after the public realm of the City was vital.

**Agreed to:**

Send a report on Local Government Funding to the PPN and arrange for Finance SPC representation at a PPN meeting to continue dialogue.