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Dear Minister Donohoe,

At the meeting of Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee on 21st September 2017 a comprehensive report on Revenue Grant Funding of Local Authorities for the period 2016-2017 was presented to the Committee. This report arose as an agreed work programme item of the committee during their term.

In discussions on this report, the following issues were noted by members:

- The unfair urban allocation of revenue grants which did not properly reflect urban funding needs;
- The Local Property Tax raised in the Dublin city administrative area has not allowed the provision of additional services by Dublin City Council;
- There is no allocation for the cost of running the Capital city in these grant allocations;
- There is no account made for the significant increase in population into the city from people commuting from outside the administrative area;
- Fundamental reform of the grant allocation process is needed;
- There is a funding bias which runs contrary to achieving the economic potential of the Capital and indeed the State along with the observations of the Committee.

It was agreed that a copy of this report would be sent on to you for attention. A copy has also issued to the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Ruairí McGinley
Chairperson
Finance Strategic Policy Committee