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Store Street,  
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Re: Deduction at Source of Local Authority Rents from Social Welfare Payments

Dear Mr. McKeon,

At the meeting of Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 the members of the committee considered the issue of the current level of housing rents arrears. The matter of prudent financial arrangements to support both the tenant and local authority arose.

Structured payment arrangements support tenants in meeting financial obligations, which in this instance are income related and not onerous, thus avoiding the strain and worry of getting into debt. In parallel, a local authority is enabled to give a better overall housing service when having confidence that rents will be paid thereby allowing resources to be diverted from debt management. The SPC members acknowledge the use of An Post Household Budget facility by some tenants. However, the preferred option for both tenant and local authority is that arrangements would be commenced to deduct Dublin City Council's tenants' rent at source from your department's payments and remit those rent payments to Dublin City Council.

I ask that you give this request close consideration. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and I propose that you would provide the committee with an update on your deliberations then.

Yours sincerely,

**Cllr Ruairi McGinley**  
Chairperson  
Finance Strategic Policy Committee