



Minister Eoghan Murphy, TD  
Dept of Housing, Planning & Local Government  
Custom House  
Dublin 1

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018

Dear Minister,

I write to you on the matter of grant funding for the housing services of RAS and HAP (including Homeless HAP and HAP admin). Dublin City Council is in the budgetary process for the financial year 2019 and I contact you in my capacity as chairperson of the Budgetary Consultative Group.

There has been a marked change in the funding by your department of the services referred to above. As Dublin City experiences an acute housing crisis, the services of RAS and HAP are of priority in dealing with persons who require services at a difficult life event in an appropriate manner.

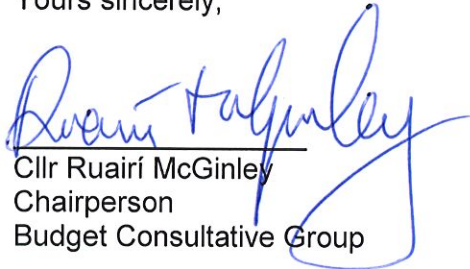
It has come to my attention that grant funding has declined for all three services in 2018 over the budgeted expected values. Provisional indications are that such funding will be reduced in 2019 also. The table below sets out the financial impact on the funding of Dublin City Council's housing services – a substantial amount of €2.3m.

Decline in grant funding for RAS, HAP admin and Homeless HAP

	2019	2018	2018R
<i>Expenditure</i>			
RAS	19,998,945	21,404,653	19,936,267
HAP	16,237,342	12,487,426	16,023,427
Total	36,236,287	33,892,079	35,959,694
<i>Income</i>			
RAS	20,060,099	21,832,500	20,060,099
HAP	15,150,492	12,321,585	15,136,525
Total	35,210,591	34,154,085	35,196,624
Net	<b>1,025,696</b>	<b>-262,006</b>	<b>763,070</b>
Movement	1,287,702		1,025,076
<b>Combined</b>		<b>2,312,778</b>	

The quality and quantum of these services cannot possibly be reduced in line with the value of your department's lower funding. It cannot be a solution simply that rate payers fund this large gap. I therefore ask that you review this matter as a priority and commit to providing funding for these services at the 2018 budgeted level in the financial years 2018 and 2019 and further.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Ruairí McGinley  
Chairperson  
Budget Consultative Group

Designated Public Official under the Regulation of Lobbying Act  
Oifigeach Poiblí Shainithe faoi réir Acht um Brústocaireacht a Rialáil