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**Finance Strategic Policy Committee  
Breviate of Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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**1. Minutes – November 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Agreed

**2. Correspondence:**

- a) RAS and HAP grant funding – letter to Minister E. Murphy – Noted
- b) RAS and HAP grant funding – response from Minister E. Murphy - Noted

K. Quinn confirmed that the County and City Managers Association are continuing to lobby for further funding for these issues.

- c) Letter from Minister E. Murphy regarding Serviced Site Funds in response to the motion from Cllr. T. Brabazon which was agreed at the Finance Strategic Policy Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**Agreed:** Correspondence to be circulated to members.

**3. An Overview of Commercial Rates in Local Authorities – Report from the Value for Money Unit of the Local Government Audit Service**

K. Quinn gave an overview of this report. It covered the following areas:

- Rates arrears figure for 2017
- National collection levels
- Arrears Management
- Role of the Valuation Office

It is anticipated that the Valuation Office will attend the March 2019 Finance Strategic Policy Committee meeting to discuss the next revaluation process for Dublin city.

The Rates Debtor report for Dublin City Council for 2018 will be presented to the March meeting and will provide a comprehensive breakdown of the rates arrears year end position.

**4. Motor Tax Business Survey – Report 2-2019**

Gareth Rowan, SEO Motor Tax Office, made a presentation on the Motor Tax Business Survey that was carried out on a face to face basis in the Motor Tax Office over the period 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 to analyse the purpose of customers visits to the office, their experience of the online service and to ascertain why they were not availing of the online option.

**5. Audit Committee – Agreed Minutes – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Minutes noted.

**Agreed:** that the reports on public procurement of legal services and housing voids would be presented to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee following their presentation to the Audit Committee.

**6. Local Property Tax – update**

K. Quinn gave an overview of the review process to date and acknowledged the submissions that the Committee made to both reviews. To date, no further update or report has been published by government.

**Agreed:** Information on the value of Dublin City Council's LPT liability for their social housing units would be circulated to members.

**7. Schedule of Meetings for 2019 – Amended**

Noted

**Signed:** Councillor Ruairi McGinley  
Chairperson

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Members**

Councillor Ruairi McGinley (Chairperson)  
Councillor Paddy Bourke  
Councillor Tom Brabazon  
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha  
Councillor Dermot Lacey  
Councillor Paddy McCartan  
Commerce  
Councillor Séamas McGrattan  
Councillor Noeleen Reilly  
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC  
Jack Daly, Docklands Business Forum

**Apologies**

An tArdmhéara Nial Ring  
Councillor Larry O'Toole  
Cllr Brendan Carr  
Eric Fleming, ICTU  
Councillor Ray McAdam  
Aebhric McGibney, Dublin Chamber of  
Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU  
Joanna Piechota, Irish Polish Society

**Officials**

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance  
Gareth Rowan, A/SEO, Motor Tax Office  
Fiona Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat  
Mary Curran-Murray, PA to Head of Finance  
Sophie Kelly, Asst. Staff Officer