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Minister Eoghan Murphy TD,  
Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government  
Custom House  
Dublin 1  
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**Re: Measures to support social housing rent collection**

Dear Minister,

We refer to the matter of the collection of social housing rents from Dublin City Council tenants.

You will recall that in 2010 the Local Government Efficiency Review Group made a recommendation that "Social Housing Rents due to Local Authorities should be deducted directly from Social Welfare Payments". The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014, Section 53 provides for local authorities to be authorised to collect both rent and rent arrears via such deductions.

It is acknowledged that the application of direct deductions from source of income allows households to more effectively manage bill payments and reduces the incidences of debt build up and associated anxiety and stress.

The members of both Dublin City Council's Finance and Housing Strategic Policy Committees urge you to enact Section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 as a priority.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Séamas McGrattan  
Chairperson  
Finance Strategic Policy Committee

Cllr Alison Gilliland  
Chairperson  
Housing Strategic Policy Committee