

**Aire Stáit do Oidhreacht agus Athchóirithe Toghcháin**  
Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform

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Ms. Hazel Chu

Lord Mayor of Dublin

The Mansion House

Dawson Street

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Dear Lord Mayor,

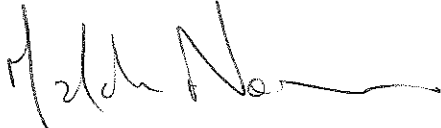
Thank you for your recent correspondence. It was a pleasure to attend the Lord Mayor's Moore Street Forum in what was a highly informative session.

Unfortunately, with regard to the question of appointing an additional Councillor to sit on the reconfigured Moore Street Advisory Group, I am afraid that it is not possible to deviate from the change in membership of constituent bodies that was agreed by the outgoing MSAG - after considerable deliberation - in its report of July 2019. One of the key recommendations in that report was that there needed to be a smaller, more focused Advisory Group to carry the process forward. Appointing an extra representative from Dublin City Council would affect the scale and balance of the Advisory Group as a whole since it would inevitably lead to other representative bodies also seeking extra nomination rights. This would go against the reasoning behind the reconfiguration of the overall

membership which was intended to put in place a more efficient and streamlined structure to oversee the implementation of the recommendations in the *Securing History 2* report in the shortest possible timeframe.

I look forward to working with both yourself and the Moore Street Advisory Group on the urgently needed regeneration of the Moore Street area and to seeing the 1916 national monument, the street market and other new and existing businesses once again resonating the mercantile, social and political heritage that puts this area at the heart of how Dublin is defined.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Noonan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Malcolm Noonan T.D.

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