



Local Government Funding Sub Committee
Meeting held on 22nd September, 2022, at 1pm
Via Zoom

Attendees: Cllr. Terence Flanagan, Cllr. Anthony Connaghan, Cllr. Séamas McGrattan, Cllr. Donna Cooney, Cllr. Dermot Lacy, Aidan Sweeney, Philip O'Callaghan

Also present from Finance Department: Kathy Quinn, Fintan Moran and Enda Currid

Apologies: Cllr. Daryl Barron, Cllr. Tara Deacy, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Cllr. Hazel de Nortúin

Issues discussed:

1. Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR, as set out in Report No 14 (15.9.22 Finance SPC, circulated with agenda), was discussed. The key piece for the Sub Committee is to create a basis for and influence a change to greater local financial autonomy, including decision making. There was agreement that there is a low level of understanding in society of how local government and services are funded and measures to increase awareness will be beneficial. The following changes/points of emphasis were agreed:

- a) Include ..through discussion, communications, engagements, establish the rationale for the benefits of greater local financial autonomy for Dublin City Council, with decision making made by locally elected representatives on local issues to support local services.
- b) Correction of text: Dublin Business Forum, not Dublin Docklands Forum
- c) Include ...Dail Deputies from Dublin as an interested party to the Sub Committee and include an action to meet with Dail Deputies for Dublin on this issue.
- d) Meeting schedule set at every six weeks, as per schedule of dates circulated, not at every four weeks and
- e) Include ..carry out a communications campaign.

2. Work Programme

The Grant Thornton Report – Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council (circulated with agenda) was referenced. The work programme will follow the ToR, focusing on key actions. Progression will be assessed at each meeting. The work programme and actions following this meeting includes:

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Owner – Kathy

Programme of work – Engage with stakeholders

Action 2 – Write to Department of Housing asking that the Sub Committee meets with them to discuss forthcoming review of baseline funding with regarding the LPT.

Owner – Séamas/Kathy

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Action 4 – Write to the Cathaoirligh of the other Dublin Local Authorities and Cork City Council, Chief Executives copied with a view to collaborating on the matter of funding of local government services.

Owner – Séamas/Kathy

Programme of work – Building the rationale for greater local autonomy

Action 5 – Gather data on the value of the Dublin economy to the national economy

Owner – Kathy/Aidan

Programme of work – Hold a seminar to discuss local government funding

Action 6 – Review format and purpose of seminar this at next meeting

Owner – Seamas /Kathy

Programme of work – Carry out a communications campaign to increase understanding and awareness of how Dublin City Council services are funded

Action 7 – Review data sets held by the Dublin Economic Monitor

Owner – Kathy

Programme of work – Engage with stakeholders

Action 8 – Write to the PPN with a view to collaborating on the matter of funding of local government services.

Owner – Séamas/Kathy

3. **Engagement with stakeholders.**

Fintan advised the Sub Committee of forthcoming plans by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage to review the baseline funding threshold applied as part of the LPT process.

4. **AOB & Meeting schedule (attached)**

The meeting schedule as circulated was accepted and meeting invitations will issue to all.

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5. Next meeting date: **10th November, 2022 at 1pm via Zoom**

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