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Customs House
Dublin 1

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Re: Local Government Funding

Dear Fiona

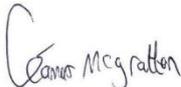
I write to you with regard to the matter of local government funding and in particular to the recent report commissioned by Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), copy attached - "*Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council*" Grant Thornton. The Finance SPC has established a sub-committee to progress the objectives and recommendations of the commissioned review. I attach details of the sub-committee membership and Terms of Reference for your information.

I understand that you intend to commence, or have commenced, an examination of baseline funding in local authorities and in particular the impact of this assessment on local authority LPT allocations. It is important to note that the Finance SPC members and Local Government Funding Sub-Committee members strongly contest the assertion made and applied by your Department that Dublin City Council essentially can do without funds above a baseline threshold applied and determined centrally. There are many services required across Dublin that are either under provided or not provided at all due to heavily constrained resources. The lack of funding for local services and communities across our City is starkly evident. Today, in a context of rapidly rising costs and energy price hikes, the notion that your department has determined that Dublin communities and businesses can forego resources of €54m in 2023 is incomprehensible. There can be no doubt that additional funding would assist in the provision of these valuable services to communities and businesses alike, which in turn would greatly benefit our society.

I propose that you or your nominee meet with the Local Government Funding Sub-Committee to discuss this issue further and in greater depth. The Sub-Committee members will make themselves available to attend a meeting in the Customs House if this is preferable to you.

I propose that a meeting is held within the next fortnight and suggest the afternoon of Thursday 13th or Thursday 20th October. Please advise which date would be most suitable.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Seamas McGrattan
Chairperson
Finance Strategic Policy Committee

