



Local Government Funding Sub Committee Members and Terms of Reference

Background

The Finance Strategic Policy Committee work programme (2019-2024) includes the item:
This committee will develop and support a campaign for sustainable local government funding, involving stakeholders across the local government sector and business.

This supports objectives 4 and 5 of the Finance SPC, being to promote social and economic prosperity and to achieve sustainable local government funding. A review of Local Government Funding as impacts Dublin City Council was recently commissioned with Grant Thornton. The report was presented to and debated by the Finance SPC at the March 2022 meeting. The decision, to establish a Local Government Funding Subcommittee at the May meeting of this SPC, was been approved by the members of the Corporate Policy Group at their meeting of 15th July.

Members

The members, by way of voluntary or party nomination are as follows:

Cllr. Séamas McGrattan (SF) will hold the position of Chairperson of the Sub-Committee

- Cllr. Daryl Barron - FF
- Cllr. Terence Flanagan - FG
- Cllr. Tara Deacy- SD
- Cllr. Noeleen Reilly - Ind.
- Cllr. Hazel de Nortuin - PBP
- Cllr. Dermot Lacey - Labour
- Cllr. Donna Cooney – Green Party
- Cllr. Anthony Connaghan – SF
- Aidan Sweeney - IBEC
- Philip O'Callaghan _ PPN

A quorum of 4 members will be required at each meeting.

The Deputy Chief Executive and other senior staff will report to the subcommittee and attend all meetings.

Terms of Reference

The subcommittee will focus on Local Government Funding and

- Convene a seminar to debate local government funding and the issues raised in the Grant Thornton report.
- Carry out a public consultation process

- Carry out a communications campaign
- Encourage public debate and discussion on the matter of local government funding
- Engage with all parties interested in local government funding
- Create a basis for and influence a change to greater local financial autonomy, including decision making
- Engage with Dail Deputies representing the Dublin City area
- Develop good working relationships with Councillors and the Executive of other local authorities in particular the other three Dublin Local Authorities and Cork City Council
- Engage with the Public Participation Network (PPN)
- Engage with the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government
- Presentation of outcome of seminar and consultation
- Make policy recommendations to the City Council relating to changes sought in government policy
- 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
- Carry out other initiatives that support the achievement of sustainable local government funding

Interested parties

The subcommittee will seek to engage with as many interested parties as possible including IBEC, ICTU, CCMA, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Business Forum, DoHP&LG, Universities, International Dimension, Cork City Council and Other Dublin Local Authorities.

Timeframe

It is proposed that the meetings will be held over a period of nine months.

Meeting schedule, format and reporting

- Meetings will be held on a six weekly basis and will report to each Finance SPC meeting occurring within the life of the subcommittee.
- The first meeting will be held on Thursday, 22nd September at 1pm. (via Teams)
- Meetings will be held in-camera unless otherwise determined by the subcommittee.
- Meetings will have a formal agenda, minutes will be taken and both the agenda and minutes will be published, adhering to the requirements of the Transparency Code.

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