



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUB
COMMITTEE**

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ON THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 1.00 PM

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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:

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

Action 1 – Review the video clips previously published on social media with view to republishing

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

Programme of work – Engage with stakeholders

Action 3 – Write to Dublin Dail Deputies asking that the Sub Committee meets with them to discuss the funding of local government services.

Owner – Séamas/Kathy

Programme of work – Engage with stakeholders

Action 4 – Write to the Cathaoirigh 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.

Summary list of actions agreed:

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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.

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

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Local Government Funding Sub Committee
Minutes
Meeting held on 10th November, 2022, at 1pm
Via Zoom

1. Draft Minutes of the Local Government Funding Sub-Committee meeting held on 22nd September 2022.

Minutes agreed.

2. Matters Arising.

All actions addressed including:

- Video clips – an update will be brought to the next meeting
- Data on Dublin economy – this will be an ongoing exercise, adapting to support the focus of the Sub-Committee over the coming months
- Seminar on local government funding – review in light of meetings with interested stakeholders

3. Correspondence.

Noted.

Letters requesting meeting with Local Government Funding Sub-Committee along with Grant Thornton Report and Terms of Reference of the Sub-Committee regarding baseline funding issued to:

- a) Fiona Quinn, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, dated 07/10/2022
- b) Dublin Dáil Deputies, dated 07/10/2022
- c) Lord Mayor, Mayors/Cathorligh of Cork City Council and other Dublin Local Authorities 07/10/2022
- d) Letter to the PPN 07/10/2022

4. Further correspondence.

Noted.

Letter in response from Fiona Quinn, DHLGH, dated 25/10/2022.

It was noted that the Department of Local Government and Heritage has declined to meet the Sub-Committee Members.

Agreed to:

Write to the Department again before year end as a reminder of the importance of this issue for Dublin.

5. Dublin Economic Data Report.

The report circulated was noted. A discussion was held around firming up on the message to be communicated without becoming lost in data. There was consensus that there are many data sets that can support the work of the committee. It was further referenced that quality of life indicators are significant pressure points.

Agreed to:

Provide a summary of the Grant Thornton report to the interested stakeholders at the forthcoming meetings along with other relevant Dublin related data.

6. Update on arrangements for meetings with interested stakeholders

A discussion was held on the forthcoming meetings with TD's and Mayors and specifically the importance of debate on how LG is financed. There was agreement that legislative changes are necessary to ensure key changes are made. Key points raised included:

- the need to acknowledge the funding of Dublin as the nation's capital city,
- the benefits from articulating the needs of urban areas while not detracting from the needs of rural areas,
- the worthwhile and ambitious proposal made by DCC to the government's Recovery and Resilience Programme,
- increasing demand for new services alongside improvements in existing services
- the benefits of a separate briefing on the GT report for TDs in January

Agreed that:

Elected Members of the Sub-Committee would attend the meetings with interested stakeholders as follows:

- Meeting of 15th November with Lord Mayor Deirdre Forde, Cork City Council – Cllr. McGrattan and Cllr. Barron
- Meeting of 16th November with Cahaoirleach Cllr. Mary Hanafin (to be confirmed) – Cllr McGrattan and Cllr. Barron and
- Meetings scheduled with the TD's on 22nd and 23rd November – Cllr. MGrattan, Cllr. Barron and Cllr. Lacey.

7. AOB

- It was agreed that it would be useful to seek a meeting with the new Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in the New Year.
- Regional Data Metrics for 3 regions will be published on line on 29th November which will show the performance of our city areas

Signed: Councillor Séamas McGrattan
Chairperson

Date: 10th November 2022

Members Present

Philip O'Callaghan
Aidan Sweeney
Cllr. Seamas McGrattan
Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr Daryl Barron
Cllr. Terence Flanagan

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting
Enda Currid, Senior Executive Officer, Accountant
Mary Curran, A. Senior Staff Officer

Apologies

Cllr. Tara Deacy
Cllr. Noeleen Reilly
Cllr Hazel de Nortuin
Cllr Donna Cooney
Cllr Anthony Connaghtan

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