



Local Government Funding Sub Committee
Minutes
Meeting held on 24th February 2023, at 1pm
Via Zoom

Attendees: Cllr. Séamas McGrattan (Chairperson), Cllr, Terence Flanagan, Cllr. Donna Cooney, Aidan Sweeney, Philip O'Callaghan

Apologies: Cllr. Tara Deacy, Cllr Hazel de Nortuin, Cllr. Noeleen Reilly, Cllr Dermot Lacey, Cllr Daryl Barron, Cllr Anthony Connaghton

Also present from Finance Department: Kathy Quinn, Fintan Moran, Enda Currid, Mary Curran, Sophie Kelly, Christian Kavanagh

1. Draft Minutes of meeting held on 12th January

The draft minutes were agreed.

- An update on the recent meetings with TD's and Senators was requested.
 - 4 TD's and 2 Senators attended the meeting of 21st February
 - Attendees were aware of the Council's funding argument and were sympathetic.
 - Deputy Neasa Hourigan agreed to circulate the ERSI Report and write to the Department of Finance seeking a comment on the findings of the report in the context of DCC's funding.
 - Meeting of 22nd February did not go ahead due to an unscheduled Dáil vote at the time
 - It was agreed that the meetings were worth holding and that allies were made with those who attended.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Correspondence

Noted

4. Baseline Funding Review

Kathy advised that the review was a concise summary of the recent Grant Thornton Report with relevant updates made by Fintan Moran and Enda Currid of the Management Accounting Unit.

The report was shared by Enda who highlighted:

- The current funding model for Local Government
- Challenges facing DCC Income & Expenditure
- Income & Expenditure trends in recent years
- Changes to the LPT funding
- Funding of the Ambulance Service
- Continuing impacts of Covid
- Unique role of Dublin
- Dublin City's future

Members suggested some changes/additions to the report

- Reflect population trends into the future
- Highlight impact of remote working
- Liaise with Dublin Economic Monitor for additional statistics
- Show expenditure has changed over the years

Agreed to:

Revise Baseline Funding Review Report as suggested

Confirm with DoH LG&H when the review is commencing & membership of the group

Revised report to be submitted to the March Finance SPC & to full council in April

5. **AOB**

Finance Infographics

Enda advised that a meeting had been held with Carr Communications to discuss the content and format of infographics. A further meeting will be held with the social media team to review the DCC content and submit to Carr for finalisation. Aim to be finalised in advance of the next meeting.

6. **Next meeting**

Thursday 6th April at 1 pm via Zoom.

