



Cllr. Deirdre Heney
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Dear Cllr. Heney,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to Councillor representation on the Board of St. Patrick's Festival, and thank you for bringing this matter to Minister Martin's attention and consideration.

I note the substantial financial contribution Dublin City Council makes towards the St. Patrick's Festival on an annual basis, and for the importance Dublin City Council places on the enhanced democratic oversight and accountability that having Councillor representation on the Board would provide.

I also note that St. Patrick's Festival have deliberated the issue, and suggested a potential solution through the establishment of a dedicated engagement forum with the aim of ensuring the involvement and input of Council members.

While this Department contributes financial support towards the St Patrick's Festival, the day-to-day operations of the organisation are a matter for St Patrick's Festival. As you correctly note, this Department has no direct role in the appointment of Board Members to the Board of St. Patrick's Festival.

I trust this information is beneficial.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Francis
Private Secretary