



Mr. John McCarthy,  
Secretary General,  
Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government,  
Custom House,  
Dublin 1

30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

**Re: Recoupment of monies expended by Ballymun Regeneration Limited**

Dear John,

I refer to my correspondence of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (copy attached) regarding the issue recoupment of monies expended by Ballymun Regeneration Ltd. *- Follows on 2015 correspondence*

To date, I note from my records that I have not received a reply to my letter. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September and a response to the issue raised would be appreciated in advance of this date.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Ruairí McGinley,  
Chairperson, Finance Strategic Policy Committee**



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19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Re: Recoupment of monies expended by Ballymun Regeneration Limited**

Dear John,

I refer to previous correspondence on this matter (my letter of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and your response dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 refers – copies attached) relating to outstanding claims for the redevelopment and regeneration of Ballymun, under the framework of the Ballymun master plan, carried out by Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL).

I am writing to you again to reiterate my concerns that BRL/Dublin City Council are still facing a significant financial exposure of €16.8m in contrast to the endorsement of the objectives of the master plan by your Department.

I am aware of considerable correspondence between the company and your Department seeking to agree a schedule of payments of the outstanding debt. I am further aware that a payment of €1.2m was made towards the end of 2015 which seems grossly inadequate. However, as chairperson of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee, I am seeking your confirmation that this matter will be brought to a prompt conclusion with an agreement payment schedule without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Ruairi McGinley  
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16<sup>th</sup> July, 2015

**Re: Recoupment of monies expended by Ballymun Regeneration Limited**

Dear John,

I refer to the redevelopment and regeneration of Ballymun, under the framework of the Ballymun master plan, carried out by Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL). The master plan was approved by Government and your Department. BRL is an agent of Dublin City Council, a wholly owned subsidiary established for the purpose of achieving the master plan objectives.

I am informed that BRL is in a process of winding down and ceasing company activity. On review of the company's financial affairs it has come to my attention that the company is carrying a debt related to funding from your department of €16.2m. I know that there has been considerable correspondence between the company and your Department seeking to agree a schedule of payments of the outstanding debt.

As chairperson of the Finance and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee it is a matter of concern to me that BRL as an entity has such significant financial exposure in contrast to the endorsement of the objectives of the master plan by your Department.

In parallel, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Dublin City Council, should this debt not be paid by the Department, then the liability will fall to Dublin City Council. This is an unacceptable prospect which must be averted.

I propose that you and the relevant officials agree a payment schedule for the discharge of the €16.2m debt as a matter of priority.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Ruairi McGinley**

Chairperson  
Finance and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee  
Dublin City Council



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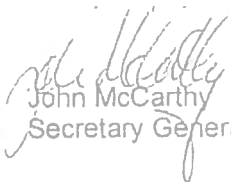
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Chairperson,  
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Dear Councillor McGinley,

I refer to your letter of 17 July 2015 in relation to the recoupment of monies expended by Ballymun Regeneration Limited.

The Department has received documentation submitted by Dublin City Council/BRL in relation to the drawdown of further monies associated with final accounts on Ballymun-related projects. We have indicated to the relevant officials in the City Council that we are committed to completing our examination of this documentation as soon as possible so that all budgeted amounts claimed, which are supported by the necessary paperwork, can be progressed without delay. I wish to assure you that colleagues in the Department's Housing Division will keep in touch with relevant officials in the City Council in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

  
John McCarthy  
Secretary General