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Cllr Daithi Doolan  
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Housing Strategic Policy Committee  
290 Ballyfermot Road  
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**Re: Housing Letting Policies**

Dear Cllr Doolan,

At its' meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Finance Strategic Policy Committee discussed the matter current housing letting policies. The discussion centred principally on the existing policy that a housing unit is refurbished on a change in tenancy, notwithstanding that significant investment and work might have been occurred in previous tenancy. This discussion focussed on the value for money aspects of this policy, specifically that:

- Items are removed from housing units, often in good condition and capable of continuing use.
- The refurbishment carried out by Dublin City Council may be of a lesser standard than the work that was removed.
- This process lengthens the time span from departure of the old tenant to take up of residency of the new tenant by approximately 10 weeks.

It was agreed that from a value for money perspective, there is merit to Dublin City Council considering alternative letting policies. It is understood that many UK local authorities, particularly in the London area, operate a "let what you see" policy. This involves the new tenant taking the tenancy "as is" or "as seen".

It was further agreed that the Housing SPC would be requested to consider this matter with a view to amending Dublin City Council's policy to achieve greater value for money.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Ruairi McGinley  
Chairperson  
Finance SPC