



Cllr Paul McAuliffe
Lord Mayor of Dublin
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Dear Lord Mayor,

I am writing to you at the request of Josepha Madigan, TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, to invite you to nominate three Dublin City Councillors, and a senior official of the Council, to act as members of the reconfigured Moore Street Advisory Group (MSAG) to which the Minister has just appointed Dr Tom Collins as chair.

The original MSAG was established by the Minister in May 2017 and was also chaired by Dr Collins. Dublin City Council nominated five Councillors to the Group at that time at the Minister's request.

The role of MSAG is to represent and work with all stakeholders (including Hammerson which owns the development site surrounding the State owned National Monument at Nos. 14 - 17 Moore St) to help broker development solutions that would be supported by all concerned. The MSAG, as initiated in May 2017, reported to the Minister, at the beginning of August 2019. Its report - *Securing History 2* - which is available in full on <https://www.chg.gov.ie/moore-street-advisory-group-report/> contains a number of key recommendations, including that the MSAG itself would be reconfigured to a smaller more focussed group in order to continue to move the process forward as quickly as possible.

The recommendation in the *Securing History 2* report relating to membership of the reconfigured MSAG is that all stakeholder organisations currently represented would retain their places but that overall membership numbers would be reduced to increase the effectiveness and ease of operation of a smaller Advisory Group. In the case of Dublin City Council representation, in line with similar changes for other constituent bodies, there would be three Councillors on the new Advisory Group plus one senior official.

As referred to above, the Minister has re-appointed Dr Tom Collins to continue as independent chair of the reconfigured Advisory Group which will have the same administrative support from the Department as was given to its predecessor. The Minister is anxious for the Group to begin its work without delay and would appreciate, therefore, if you could arrange to nominate the three Councillors and senior official to represent the City Council at your earliest convenience. I can confirm that all Advisory Group meetings will take place in a convenient location for City Councillors whose attendance and input would be of critical importance to the success of its work.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible please.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Francis', written over a horizontal line.

Helen Francis
Private Secretary