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Report to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee

Information on DCC Funding and Spend

Introduction

Report 17/2020 regarding the presentation and communication of information on DCC expenditure was presented to the meeting of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee held on 26th November 2020. It was agreed at that meeting that focus should be given to DCC funding, along with DCC service spend. Since then, staff in the Finance Department and the Web and Social media team have worked to put together the video clips referenced below.

Video Clips to Consider

There are 3 video clips developed for consideration by the SPC members. Feedback from the committee is sought to inform further development. The clips are:

- City Services 2021 – How are they paid for?
- Commercial Rates – Who pays what?
- Government Grants

Link to video clips: <https://dublincity.sharefile.eu/d-s00799a4267544fd9a7e01cf03df4806c>

City Services 2021

This clip seeks to answer the question of how are DCC day-to-day services funded. The value of services in 2021 is shown and the extent of services is described through numbers of services and locations. The viewer is then informed of the three key funding sources – commercial rates, government grants and fees for services. The proportion of services funded by local property tax is detailed. The clip goes on to illustrate that housing services account for the greatest expenditure. Information is given on how City Councillors set the budget annually.

Commercial Rates

This clip gives focus to the funding of DCC services provided by the business community. The total value of DCC services in 2021 is shown alongside the proportion of services funded by local businesses. The clip then illustrates the range in value of rates paid by businesses and the proportion of businesses paying either low or high value rates. The viewer is informed of the average rates liability, the total rates value that will be billed in 2021 and that Rates fund day-to-day services but not capital projects.

Government Grants

This clip gives attention to the funding of DCC services by Government Grants. The cost of DCC day to day services is provided along with the proportion of all funding represented by grants and the value of grants due to be received in 2021. The viewer is informed that grants are for specific services only. The clip gives details of the value of grants across DCC departments, the value of the key housing grants, as the department receiving the largest value of grants and other grants.

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With responsibility for ICT

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