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Report to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee

Consideration of the establishment of a subcommittee to focus on Local Government Funding

Background

The work programme (2019-2024) of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee includes the item:

This committee will develop and support a campaign for sustainable local government funding, involving stakeholders across the local government sector and business.

This supports objectives 4 and 5 of the Finance SPC, being to promote social and economic prosperity and to achieve sustainable local government funding.

A review of Local Government Funding as impacts Dublin City Council was recently commissioned with Grant Thornton. The report was presented to and debated by the Finance SPC at the March meeting.

Terms of Reference

It is proposed that the SPC consider the merits in establishing a subcommittee of the SPC to specifically focus on Local Government Funding. In the SPC work programme, the specific objective is *to develop and support a campaign for sustainable local government funding*. Outline terms of reference are set out in this report for consideration by the SPC members including matters referenced in the work programme.

- Convene a seminar to debate local government funding and the issues raised in the Grant Thornton report
- Carry out a public consultation process
- Encourage public debate and discussion on the matter of local government funding
- Engage with all parties interested in local government funding
- Develop good working relationships with Councillors and the Executive of other local authorities in particular the other three Dublin Local Authorities
- Engage with the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government
- Presentation of outcome of seminar and consultation
- Make policy recommendations to the City Council relating to changes sought in government policy.

Interested parties

The subcommittee will seek to engage with as many interested parties as possible including IBEC, ICTU, CCMA, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Docklands Forum, DoHP&LG, Universities, International Dimension, and Other Dublin Local Authorities.

Timeframe

It is proposed that there would be a maximum of four subcommittee meetings held over a six month period.

Members

- It is suggested that the subcommittee membership should reflect the SPC ratio of 2:1 elected members to sectoral interests and that four councillors and two sectoral interest members be nominated.
- A quorum of 3 members will be required.
- Membership will reflect a gender balance, where possible.
- The Deputy Chief Executive Head of Finance and other senior staff will report to the subcommittee and attend all meetings.

Meeting schedule, format and reporting

- Meetings will be held on a six weekly basis and report to each Finance SPC meeting occurring within the life of the subcommittee.
- Meetings will be held in-camera unless otherwise determined by the subcommittee.
- Meetings will have a formal agenda, minutes will be taken and both the agenda and minutes will be published, adhering to the requirements of the Transparency Code.

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