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RE: Report of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare

Dear Minister Donohue

I refer to the recently published Report of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare. The Commission examined many aspects of the State's taxation and welfare systems since its establishment by you in April 2021. At its meeting held on 17th November, the Finance Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) of Dublin City Council considered those elements of the report that related to local authorities. These include

- the replacement of commercial rates with the introduction of a site value tax system
- the introduction of congestion charges
- the introduction of an accommodation charge (or hotel bed tax)
- the removal of the capacity of local authorities to reduce the local property tax basic rate in that local authority and
- the introduction of a National Differential Rents Scheme.

I would be obliged if you would advise on plans within your department for the implementation of the above recommendations contained within the report. The next meeting of the Finance SPC is scheduled for Thursday 19th January at 2.30 pm. I would be grateful to receive your response on or before 7th January 2023.

Yours sincerely

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