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## Report to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee Update on work of the Local Government Funding Sub Committee

### Background

The decision, to establish a Local Government Funding Sub Committee, at the May meeting of this SPC was approved by the Corporate Policy Group. Cllr. Séamas McGrattan is the Chair of the Sub-Committee. The last update to the Finance SPC was in September 2022.

The Sub-Committee members are:

- Cllr Daryl Barron FF
- Cllr. Terence Flanagan FG
- Cllr. Tara Deacy SD
- Cllr. Noeleen Reilly Ind.
- Cllr. Hazel de Nortuin PBP
- Cllr. Dermot Lacey Labour
- Cllr. Christy Burke Ind.
- Cllr. Donna Cooney Green
- Cllr. Anthony Connaghton – SF
- Aidan Sweeney - IBEC
- Philip O'Callaghan \_ PPN

### Meetings

The group has held three meetings since being established. The first meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the second on 10<sup>th</sup> November and the third on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **Appendix A** to this report contains minutes of the first and second meetings, agendas for all three meetings and any correspondence issued or received.

### Meetings with Interested Parties

Meetings were held during November with external (to DCC) stakeholders who expressed an interest in further discussing the matter of local government funding. The purpose of the meetings was to gather information from other urban councils and to make the case for changes to the local government system to TDs. Four meetings were held, details of which are set out below. A presentation (**see Appendix B**) was made by Chairperson Cllr Seamas McGrattan to each meeting.

No	Date and Time	Group
1	15 <sup>th</sup> November @ 1 pm	Cork City Council
2	16 <sup>th</sup> November @ 1 pm	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
3	22 <sup>nd</sup> November @ 1 pm	Dublin TDs
4	23 <sup>rd</sup> November @ 1pm	Dublin TDs

## **Next Steps**

At the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, the Sub-Committee members agreed to

- Hold a second round of meetings with those who were unable to attend the November meetings i.e. Dublin Deputies and Senators, Fingal and South Dublin Local Authorities.
- Conclude work on updating the video clips prepared as part of an Finance SPC initiative in 2021 to 2023 values
- Circulate the clips and a one page local government funding overview to all councillors, encouraging questions to be asked where required.
- Review the progress made at the next meeting scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

**Kathy Quinn**

**Head of Finance**

**With responsibility for ICT**

**12<sup>TH</sup> January 2023**