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Dear Cllr McGrattan

Thank you for your letter of 10 February in relation to local government funding and the recent report prepared for Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee on the matter.

Ensuring a sustainable and adequate level of funding for all local authorities to deliver services is a pressing issue for Government. As you are aware the system of funding local government in Ireland is a complex one, with local authorities deriving their income from a range of sources including commercial rates, charges for goods and services provided, Local Property Tax (LPT) and grants from various government departments and state agencies for both Current and Capital purposes.

A review of LPT baseline funding is now well underway. I am informed the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have set up a working group which includes both executive and elected member representation from local authorities. The objective of the review will be to recommend a set of major indicators which may be used to allocate available funding to local authorities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner. It is intended to conclude the work of this group by the end of May 2023, and to bring recommendations to the Minister shortly thereafter.

As part of this review, a consultation has commenced and the views from Dublin City Council would be welcomed in this regard. In addition, I am informed that any previous reviews and studies in this area, including the report commissioned by Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee, will be assessed and considered by the working group in the course of this review.