



5th April 2023

Cllr Seamas McGrattan
Dublin City Council
Finance Department,
Civic Offices,
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8

Dear Councillor McGrattan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 28th February and 31st March last. Please note the response was delayed as we awaited finalisation of the Terms of Reference at the first meeting of the Working Group. Please find adopted Terms of Reference attached to this correspondence.

To ensure broad representation from the Local Government Sector in the Group; nominations were invited from the both the executive (County and City Managers Association) and elected members (Association of Irish Local Government and Local Authority Members Association). Nominees were requested, if possible, to be representative of local authorities with differing perspectives; i.e. arising from differing needs and income bases. Membership of the working group is as follows;

1. Sinead O’Gorman (Chairperson), Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage (DHLGH)
2. Deirdre McCarthy, DHLGH
3. Tim Nuttall, DHLGH
4. Richard Farrell, DHLGH
5. Garrett O’Rorke, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery & Reform
6. Jim Cullen, Acting CEO, Galway County Council (CCMA Representative)
7. Oliver Hunt, HOF, Fingal County Council (CCMA Representative)
8. Angela McAllen, HOF, Kerry County Council (CCMA Representative)
9. Liam McCarthy, HOF, Tipperary County Council (CCMA Representative)
10. Tommy Moylan, AILG Director (AILG Representative)
11. Cllr Anne Colgan, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown (AILG Representative)
12. Cllr John Sheehan, Limerick, Secretary of LAMA (LAMA Representative)
13. Cllr Michael Anglim, Tipperary, Chairperson of LAMA (LAMA Representative)

The first meeting of the group took place on 9th March last. It is expected that the work of the group will be concluded by the end of May 2023, with recommendations to go to the Minister shortly thereafter.

The consultation process has commenced. Online surveys have been sent to each local authority (executive and elected members), all members of the Oireachtas, Public



Participation Networks and social partners. Participants have been asked to give weightings to the indicators in the draft model, to provide their views on the said indicators, and to recommend new indicators where appropriate. In addition, each local authority has been invited to forward a submission in support of their views.

In this regard we thank you for the submission on behalf of Dublin City Council's Finance Strategic Policy Committee already received.

Finally we can confirm that any previous reviews and studies in this area, including the recent report commissioned by Dublin City Council, are being assessed and considered by the working group in the course of this review.

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad O'Gorman
Principal,
Local Government Finance