

Local Property Tax Baseline Review

March 2023

This group has been established to examine the local government funding methodology with reference to local authority funding baselines for non-programme funding. Membership will be confined to representatives of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, County and City Management Association (to include Heads of Finance), the Association of Irish Local Government & Local Authorities Members Association, with DHLGH to provide the secretariat.

The agreed terms of reference for this review are as follows;

- To review baselines and guide the allocation of non-programme funding;
- To examine the draft model proposed from the 2018 review, and to make suggestions for any necessary amendments by considering the broad range of general indicators and data sources, not linked to specific programmes, that could be applied across the local government sector;
- To recommend a set of indicators and associated data sources to inform the objectives set out above;
- To consider the rationale behind these indicators and whether appropriate to the local government sector;
- To recommend a weighting that may attach to each indicator;
- To consider, insofar as possible and in the context of the draft model, the existing sources of, and demands on, local authority non-programme income as part of this process;
- To consider how the recommended model might be updated and applied to baselines beyond 2024;
- To review the relevant reports and studies submitted on this issue, and extract useful material and suggestions;
- To consult widely with relevant stakeholders;
- That the financial implications of any recommendations be considered in the context of the prevailing budgetary and fiscal situation;
- To conclude this programme of work before end April 2023, to allow recommendations to be made to the Minister shortly thereafter.