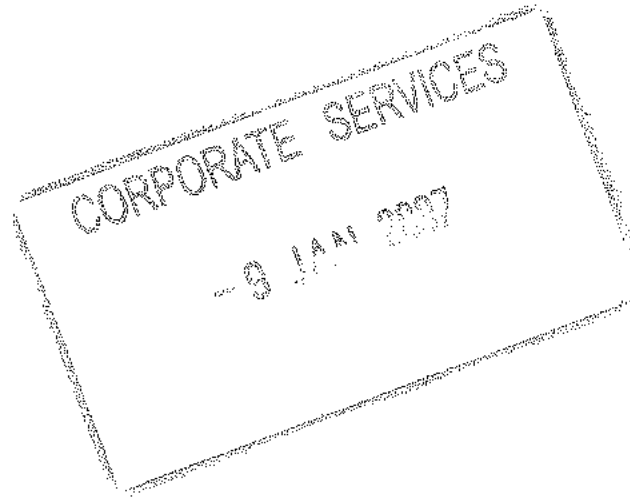


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Please Quote Ref: REP5332/DR/06,

5 January, 2007,

Ms Ursula Donnellan,  
A/Administrative Officer,  
South Dublin County Council,  
Corporate Services,  
County Hall,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24.

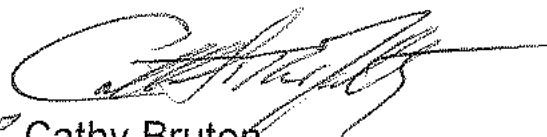


Dear Ms Donnellan,

I wish to refer to the above listed representation addressing the motion by South Dublin County Council regarding the "allocation of the Local Government Funding on a similar per capita basis to that being achieved by the other Dublin Local Authorities".

A reply issued on the 19<sup>th</sup> December addressing an earlier motion from the Lucan/Clondalkin area committee of the Council on this matter. A copy of this reply is attached.

Yours sincerely,



Cathy Bruton,  
Private Secretary.



Please Quote Ref: REP5226/DR/06,

11 December, 2006,

Ms Mairead Hunt,  
Administrative Officer,  
South Dublin County Council,  
Planning Department,  
County Hall,  
Town Hall,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24.

Dear Ms Hunt,

I have been asked by Mr Dick Roche, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to refer further to your recent letter in connection with the Local Government Fund.

Since the establishment of the Local Government Fund in 1999, record levels of funding have been provided to local authorities to improve the quality and range of services being provided to local communities. South Dublin County Council has itself received significant increases in resources in recent years, placing the Council on a firmer financial footing. The 2007 general purpose allocation from the fund is €26,194,505. This amount represents an increase of 6.31% over the corresponding 2006 allocation, and a substantial 84% increase since 1999.

The 2007 general purpose allocations comprised of a combination of a flat rate increase in recognition of increases in cost bases for all local authorities, and an element for equalisation using the Needs and Resources model. The Needs and Resources model seeks to distribute available funding on an equitable basis and undertakes an analysis of each local authority's actual expenditure and income, administrative functions, as well as statistics on physical assets in achieving this aim.

Per capita forms the basis in determining appropriate allowances for many services by the model including library operation, economic development and amenity & recreation. However, the model also gives due recognition to the numerous other factors influencing an authority's day to day operation such as the network of roads to be maintained and traffic volume, quality of housing stock and water services required by domestic and non domestic users.

In determining allocations, cognisance must be given to the competing demands for resources for all local authorities and the amount available for distribution. It is considered that the Council's allocation for 2007 is a reasonable contribution towards the cost of providing services this year.

Yours sincerely,

  
Cathy Bruton,  
Private Secretary.