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Environment, Heritage and Local Government

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Office of the Minister

10 March, 2010.

Ms. Mary Maguire,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

RE: REP1084/JG/10


Dear Ms. Maguire,

I have been asked by Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. John Gormley T.D., to refer to your recent correspondence notifying him of South Dublin County Council's adoption of a motion in relation to climate change adaptation.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is currently in the process of developing a National Climate Change Adaptation Framework. This work is running in parallel with the development of a Climate Change Bill which will include provisions on climate change adaptation. The framework and the legislation aim to provide a basis for the integration of adaptation considerations into decision-making at both national and local level, allowing public bodies to assess the risks arising from current and predicted impacts of climate change and to develop appropriate responses to those risks.

It is proposed to publish the Heads of the Climate Change Bill by the end of the first quarter of 2010 and the adaptation framework before the summer.

Yours sincerely,


Eddie Kiernan,
Private Secretary

