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**Environment, Heritage and Local Government**



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**Office of the Minister**

30 July, 2010.

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

**RE: REP3797/JG/10**

Dear Ms. Maguire,

I have been asked by Mr John Gormley T.D., the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to refer further to your recent letter enclosing a resolution of the Council rejecting the proposed abolition of the four County Development Boards in the legislation to provide for the directly elected Mayor of Dublin.

The Minister acknowledges and appreciates the work of the South County Development Board since its establishment as detailed in the document you furnished to him. The Mayor of Dublin will be a new departure in providing strategic leadership for the Dublin region. As part of this new role the Mayor will be tasked with bringing strategic coherence in the provision of services regionally. It is essential that this be achieved in the most efficient manner possible. The Minister is of the opinion that this can best be achieved by the creation of one Regional Development Board working for the Region.

The Mayor will be empowered to establish committees of the Board to work on its behalf in particular parts of the Dublin Region to perform certain functions as required by the Mayor. This will allow important work to be continued by local committees of the Regional Development Board as the Mayor considers appropriate.

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The Minister considers that the new arrangements can preserve the best of the current structures while putting in place a broader strategic overarching body to the benefit of all of the people of Dublin.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Eddie Kiernan,**  
**Private Secretary**