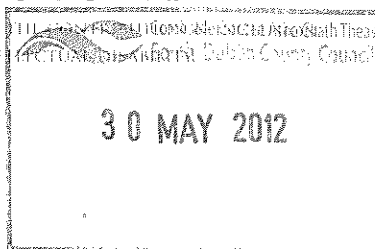




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Ms. Mary Maguire,
Meetings Administrator,
Corporate Services Department,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

28th May 2012

Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council Ref M1/0412

Dear Ms. Maguire,

I refer to your correspondence of 20th April regarding a motion passed at a meeting of South Dublin County Council on 16th April.

I have corresponded directly with Cllr Bond on this matter and issued a press statement outlining Cheeverstown's position in relation to funding cuts.

We acknowledge that many families are struggling from financial strain, but Cheeverstown has been struggling also. Since 2008 Cheeverstown has had direct value for money cuts imposed of €4.4 million. This year alone we anticipate the need to make savings of €1.6 million. Despite these cuts we have managed to balance our budget without major disruption to services, for the past two years.

The decision to reduce these voluntary payments did not come lightly and has been approved by Cheeverstown Board of Directors; the HSE had been informed in advance. It is not our intention to cause hardship to anybody who avails of our services; however we are obliged, due to the current reductions in funding, to review all areas of expenditure which are not directly funded.

My invitation to meet with Cllr Bond in person still remains in place and I will meet any Councillor on this matter. I call on all Councillors in South Dublin County Council to lobby their parties on behalf of people with intellectual disability to ensure no further cuts to this vulnerable sector.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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