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Billy Coman
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Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council

Dear Billy

I am writing in reference to a letter received from the Corporate Services section of South Dublin County Council, reference M7/0712. This correspondence requests that voluntary housing associations desist from including the income from Family Income Supplement (FIS) in our rent calculation.

Clúid Housing Association does include FIS as assessable income for Clúid owned properties funded through the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme which is the case for all the properties in your jurisdiction. We do not consider the inclusion of FIS as a breach of the terms of our funding scheme and therefore will continue to apply the formula as per our current policy and procedure. Any properties that Clúid may acquire in South Dublin in the future would be funded through an availability payment with your local authority and the terms of this require that we use your differential rent calculation.

Clúid Housing Association currently operates a number of differential rent systems for local authorities and FIS is considered as assessable income in the majority of these cases. Clúid is actively supporting the development of a standardised differential rent payment for the Housing Association sector and working with the Irish Council for Social Housing on this matter. We are also supportive of the promised national government guidelines in regard to a more standardised system for Local Authorities. Greater uniformity across both our sectors would, we believe, result in more equality for our customers and greater certainty in regard to income and therefore management of our cost base.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Kath Cottier
Regional Director