

Mr. Leo Varadkar T.D.,  
Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport,  
Transport House,  
44 Kildare St.,  
Dublin 2.

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**14<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

*Please Quote this Ref. No. on any correspondence: M3/0213*

**Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M3/0213)**

Dear Minister Hogan,

The following Motion under the heading of Mayor's Business was Agreed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013:-


**"That this Council calls on the Manager to provide a report (a) outlining the overall cost of the project of erecting thousands of 'L' Local Road signs throughout the County, (b) who received the contract for the signs themselves and (c) who received the contract for the many thousands of galvanised poles that accompany the signs. Understanding this project was not funded or proposed by SDCC, I believe the scale of the works and the apparent unnecessary erection of thousands of these signs indicating local Road numbers within Housing Estates where established street names have existed for decades seems complete nonsense and a complete waste of Public money in a time of deep hardship and recession."**

I attach herewith a copy of the Report submitted in response to this motion.

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



  
Emer O'Gorman,  
Meetings Administrator,  
Corporate Services Department.

*Encl. (1)*  
*cc'd to N.R.A.*

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**  
**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Monday, February 11, 2013**

**MOTION NO. 3**

**MOTION: Councillor C. King**

**Mayor's Business**

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**REPORT:**

This Council does not have a countywide programme to install Local Road signs, the Council is obliged however to allocate road numbers to each road within the County as part of its obligations to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and to maintain a road schedule notwithstanding the use of local road/street names. The Council is working on a Regional Road signage programme which is grants funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. As part of this programme signage at junctions with local roads by their respective numbers is being put in place. This is done to ensure a uniformity of approach to regional road signage across the country. This is advantageous in those areas where there may be several local names particularly in rural and semi-rural locations. In terms of the costs, the Council on notification of a grant allocation for particular Regional road signage schemes designs the signage scheme in accordance with department regulations and size criteria. The scheme is then tendered on the basis of supply and erection with associated site costs. A contractor is then appointed to carry out the entirety of the work on a particular regional road. It is not