

25th April 2013

Mr Tom Curtin
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RE:

Proposed Social Welfare Office for Lucan

Dear Mr. Curtin

Thank you for your letter dated 9th April 2013, regarding the Lucan Area Committee Meeting held on the 26th March 2013 and the motion passed by the Members, the content of which is duly noted.

The Programme for Government commits to streamlining and integrating the agencies providing employment and income support services into a single delivery unit managed by the Department of Social Protection. This new model of service delivery, Intreo, is a one stop shop for people requiring income support; looking for training and employment; and seeking advice about their progression options.

The Department's Intreo programme has identified the need for a new Intreo Office to serve Lucan/Adamstown and is committed to providing a new Intreo Office in this area.

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is responsible for providing the Department with its office accommodation requirements. In the week beginning March 11th, 2013 the OPW placed advertisements in national newspapers seeking expressions of interests from landlords and developers in providing suitable accommodation that could serve the Lucan-Adamstown general area. Unfortunately, the OPW did not receive any responses.

The Department is currently working closely with the OPW in actively exploring all options in the area including engaging with other bodies in order to provide a satisfactory solution.

Yours sincerely

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