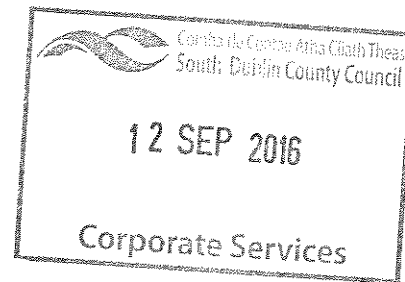


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Mr Tom O'Neill,
Meeting Administrator,
Corporate Performance and Change Management,
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall, Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I refer to your letter of 14 July 2016 regarding motions agreed at July meeting of South Dublin County Council.

As the Council is aware, there will be a mid-term review of the Capital Plan in 2017 which will take stock of progress to date and provide the Government with an opportunity to reaffirm, and if appropriate recalibrate, investment priorities. It is appropriate that final decisions on how the additional exchequer capital expenditure is to be allocated are informed by that mid-term review.

However, in view of the clear and urgent need for additional investment in housing, the Government has already agreed that €2.2 billion of the additional capital should be allocated to support the Government's initiatives aimed at tackling the housing crisis, in support of the Action Plan published by the Minister for Housing - "Rebuilding Ireland – an Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness".

It should also be noted that the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform is responsible for setting the overall allocations (capital and current) across Departments and for monitoring monthly expenditure at Departmental level. Within these allocations, individual Ministers and their Departments allocate funds across various projects and programmes in line with their priorities. It is therefore the Minister for Transport who will decide how his Department's capital envelope is allocated across different projects.

I trust this clarifies matters for the Council.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle O'Connor

Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform