Minister Katherine Zappone 13th October 2016

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

Dún Aimhirgin,

43-49 Mespil Road,

Dublin 4.

***Our Ref M024/0916***

**Re: Motion Agreed at September Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M24/0916)**

Dear Minister,

The following Motion was AGREED at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 26th September 2016.

“That SDCC supports Barnardo’s Rise Up for children in 2016 campaign. The

Rise Up key campaign objectives are:

1. Politicians must promise to safeguard the first year of a child’s life

2. Politicians must increase investment in early childhood care and education

3. The State must provide free primary education

4. Politicians must guarantee access to primary care services for

all children when they need it

5. Politicians must promise to ensure a secure home for all children

We implore on the Government to deal seriously with these issues and invest as needed to eradicate child poverty in Ireland, we write to the minister for children and ask for her to bring this to the cabinet table and budget meetings and make a real difference to children in Ireland”.

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference on any correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Colm Murphy

Meeting Administrator

Corporate Performance and Change Management