Minister Frances Fitzgerald 13th July 2016

Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality

Kildare Street

Dublin 2

***Our Ref M01&M25/0716***

**Re: Motions Agreed at July Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M01&M25/0716)**

Dear Minister,

The following Motions were AGREED at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the11th July 2016.

“The Members of South Dublin County call on the Government and the Minister responsible to enact without delay legislation that gives expression to and recognises The Traveller Community as a distinct Ethnic Group in Ireland and are deserving and accorded the respect that such a status confers and deserves. Once agreed that this decision be communicated to the Minister concerned and this Motion be copied to all other City and County Councils”.

“That this South Dublin County Council agrees that the Irish Traveller Community has made a strong case to be recognised as an ethnic minority and further agrees to write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Defence; the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality; the Minister for Housing Planning and Local government and the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and the Minister of State for Justice with special responsibility for Equality Immigration and Integration calling on them to immediately approve the granting of such status with further delay”.

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

Yours sincerely

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Tom O’Neill,

Meeting Administrator,

Corporate Performance and Change Management.