Minister Michael Noonan TD 6th March 2017

Minister for Finance

Government Buildings

Upper Merrion Street

Dublin 2

***Our Ref M03/0217***

**Re: Motion Agreed at February Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M3/0217)**

Dear Minister,

The following Motion was AGREED at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 13th February 2017

“That this council, conscious as it is of the increasing gap in incomes in Ireland and across the EU, debate the case for a Basic Income as a means of addressing social and economic inequality and the inadequacy of both Social Welfare and Taxation Law in tackling either*.* That this Basic Income should be funded by progressive taxation and should not replace any existing Social Welfare payments. If there is consensus, that we write to the Taoiseach and Minister for Finance asking them to enter into discussion with their EU partners with the objective of making Ireland a Pilot Country to explore moving from the current Social Welfare and Taxation Systems to a Basic Income System. If this motion is agreed that it be communicated to other City and County Councils.”

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.