**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FROM PETER MCVERRY TRUST AND CIRCLE VHA IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 4 UNITS LOCATED ACROSS TALLAGHT AND CLONDALKIN ELECTORAL AREAS**

**REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government have given delegated sanction to all local authorities to approve the acquisition of properties under CAS 2017 by Approved Housing Bodies without the prior approval of the Department.

In December 2017 proposals were received from Peter McVerry Trust and Circle Voluntary Housing Association to acquire 4 housing units under the Capital Assistance Scheme. These proposals for acquisitions are in line with unit ceiling costs and will address priority need housing in accordance with the Capital Assistance Scheme. These organisations are Approved Housing Bodies under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1992 and are signed up to the Voluntary Regulatory Code for Approved Housing Bodies in Ireland. South Dublin County Council have used the delegated sanction per Circular Housing 30/2017 to approve these acquisitions as listed below subject to compliance with the terms of that Circular with particular regard to verifying housing need, providing independent valuations, working within the acquisition ceilings and establishing deliverability.

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| **AHB** | **Address of Acquisition** | **No of Units** | **Category of Need** | **Unit Type** | **CAS Grant** | **Local Electoral Area** |
| Peter McVerry Trust | 34 Moynihan Court, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | 1 | Care Leaver | 1 Bedroom Apartment | 180,000 | Tallaght |
| Peter McVerry Trust | 13 Rosebank Court, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 | 1 | Care Leaver | 2 Bedroom Apartment | 205,000 | Clondalkin |
| Circle VHA | 7 De Selby Lane, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | 1 | Homeless/ | 3 Bedroom House | 260,000 | Tallaght |
| Disability |
| Circle VHA | 21 Tuansgate | 1 | Homeless/ | 2 Bed apartment | 185,000 | Clondalkin |
| Belgard Square East, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Disability |
|  |  | **4** |  |  | **€830,000** |  |

Under Section 6(8) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1992 the granting of assistance under the Capital Assistance Scheme is a reserved function of the Council and is subject to the approval of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

**Accordingly, the following motion is required:**

“That this Council recommends that the application for a grant in the sum of **€830,000** under the Capital Assistance Scheme to Peter McVerry Trust and Circle Voluntary Housing Association for the acquisition of 4 properties in Tallaght and Clondalkin area or any substitute property up to a similar amount, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Act, 1992 be approved”.