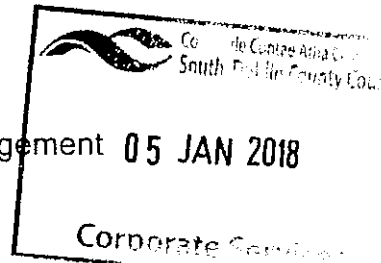


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Dear Mr. Murphy,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 8 December, 2017 regarding the Motion Agreed at a meeting of South Dublin Council held on 13th November 2017.

The General Scheme of the Gambling Control Bill, providing for the updating of Ireland's gambling laws, was published in July 2013. The Scheme is awaiting drafting by the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel. Having been given special responsibility for the progression of gambling policy, Minister of State Stanton is working to ensure that legislation providing for the regulation of the gambling sector can be published at the earliest opportunity. Discussions with the Office of the Attorney General are underway.

It is worth noting that on-line betting is licensed in accordance with the Betting Acts 1931-2015, with Revenue collecting taxation and licence fee revenue from licensed operators. The Minister for Finance has oversight for this legislation.

Yours sincerely,

Alan McGreevey
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for Justice and Equality