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Re: Dublin City Council Monthly Council Meeting 5th March 2018

Dear Mr Murphy,

I wish to inform you that Dublin City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 5th March 2018 noted the content of your letter dated 22nd February 2018 conveying the terms of a motion adopted at your February meeting, as follows:

**“South Dublin County Council acknowledges the fire safety issues for our fire and emergency services exposed by the uncovering of unregulated building practices and undocumented overcrowding in certain dwellings in the Dublin area. South Dublin County Council also acknowledges proposed changes in planning regulations including no “change of use” planning permission requirement to convert commercial units to residential and permission for commercial units to include living quarters, as well as a significant increase in building higher commercial and residential blocks across the county.**

**Given this changing landscape, uncertainty of building use and occupancy, South Dublin County Council recognises the need to move from a policy of Area Risk Categorisation to a comprehensive Risk Assessment for fire safety and emergency services planning and provision, to include, building use, height, density and fire load, in line with similar assessment tools in the UK. Also, South Dublin County Council will request that Dublin City Council carry out a Comprehensive Risk Assessment across the Dublin jurisdiction by competent experienced personnel”**

Yours sincerely,

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Meetings Administrator