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Mr. Colm Murphy Corporate Services Department South Dublin County Council County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

27 August 2018

Minister reference: 0627140722

Your Ref: M02/618

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I refer to your correspondence dated the 19<sup>th</sup> June in relation to the Motion agreed by the Elected Members of South Dublin County Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in relation to concerns regarding the funding of the Intercultural Centres within South Dublin.

Discussions have been on-going between the Department of Justice and Equality and South Dublin County Partnership regarding a proposal to deliver housing and integration supports to migrants in the community through both the intercultural centres in Tallaght and Clondalkin.

A crucial part of this initiative is the provision of support services to assist residents in accommodation centres, who have received some form of permission to remain, to access housing to allow them to move out of the centres and live in the community.

Minister Stanton has met with management from South Dublin County Partnership along with officials from the Department of Justice and Equality and I am pleased to confirm that funding of a two year housing and integration programme has been agreed.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Phillips

Private Secretary to Minister of State

with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration