



31st October 2018

Mr Danny McLoughlin

Chief Executive

South Dublin County Council

**Re: Call for submissions in relation to the Local Authority Elected Members Role and
Remuneration Review**

Dear Mr McLoughlin

As you may be aware, Mr. John Paul Phelan T.D., Minister of State for Local Government and Electoral Reform, appointed Ms. Sara Moorhead SC to conduct a review of the role of elected members of local authorities, as well as the remuneration and other supports provided to assist members in carrying out their duties.

The terms of reference for this review, agreed with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, are enclosed.

As provided in the terms of reference, the review is being undertaken in consultation with elected members and their representative organisations, as well as other appropriate stakeholders. In that regard, Ms Moorhead has already met with both the Association of Irish Local Government (AILG) and the Local Authority Members Association (LAMA). More recently, Ms Moorhead has also had preliminary discussions with CCMA representatives.

In parallel, Ms Moorhead has asked me to contact all Chief Executives requesting that an invitation issue to all Councillors to make a submission as part of the review process if they so





wish. The terms of reference for the review should guide their submissions. Ms Moorhead has requested that this matter could be appropriately raised at the November Council meeting.

Other interested parties have similarly been invited to make their submissions. It is also intended that surveys of elected members and local authorities will begin shortly and, in the meantime, background research material is being compiled to inform the review.

I would be most grateful if you could indicate if you are agreeable to our request as set out above and intend to raise it at your November Council Meeting by emailing louise.purcell@housing.gov.ie at your earliest convenience.

Should you require clarification or have any queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to make contact.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

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