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***Motion Agreed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council
held on 10 December 2018***

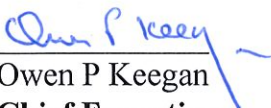
Dear Mr Murphy

I refer to your letter of 21 January 2019 in relation to the following motion agreed by SDCoCo at its meeting on 10 December 2018:

'That South Dublin County Council asks that Dublin City Council and the Taoiseach provide a State Museum and Healing Garden for those who endured the State and Church run institutions at the last remaining state owned Magdalene Laundry in Sean McDermott Street and that both ensure that the site remains in State ownership. It should, in an inclusive manner mark and act as a place of healing for all those affected by institutional abuse.'

The site is owned by the City Council and not by the State. The City Council's position is that it is a very significant site, located close to the city centre with the potential to make a major contribution to the economic and social regeneration of the Sean McDermott Street area – an area in need of regeneration. The Council has agreed that as part of any redevelopment of the site there will be an appropriate 'memorial' to the women who worked in the Magdalene laundry. The precise form of this 'memorial' has not been decided. The City Council is continuing to engage with various groups representing these women on this matter and on the use of the wider site.

Yours sincerely,


Owen P Keegan
Chief Executive