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Office of the Minister

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Mr. Colm Murphy,  
South Dublin County Council,  
County Hall,  
Tallaght, Dublin 24.  
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RE: HPLG-MO-00078-2019

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I have been asked by Mr Eoghan Murphy TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to thank you for your correspondence of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (your ref. no. M05/1118) regarding a directly elected Mayor for Dublin, the contents of which have been noted.

I wish to advise you that following the enactment of the Citizens' Assemblies Act 2019, work is underway in the Department of the Taoiseach on the establishment of a Dublin Citizens' Assembly to consider the best model of local government for Dublin and, in particular, the issue of a directly-elected mayor and his or her powers.

The Assembly will operate under the aegis of the Department of the Taoiseach and will comprise a chairperson and 99 citizens selected randomly from local authorities' registers of electors. It is expected that the Dublin Citizens' Assembly will be established after the Citizens' Assembly on gender equality has completed its work, and that each Assembly will take six months to complete its work.

I hope that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

**Niamh Redmond**  
Private Secretary