



Mr Owen Keegan, Chief Executive
Dublin City Council
Civic Offices
Woodquay
Dublin 8

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Dear Mr Keegan,

As you may be aware, the Minister for Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, TD, has recently been presented with *The Moore Street Report 2, Securing History*, the culmination of almost two and a half years of work by the Moore Street Advisory Group (MSAG). The report follows on *Securing History (2017)* produced by the predecessor to the MSAG which presented a vision for the regeneration of the Moore Street quarter that also reflected its historical and cultural traditions and supported the continuation and development of the Moore Street Market.

The current report draws on, and further refines, the recommendations in *Securing History* while also taking account of various developments in the meantime that will have a bearing on the future of the area.

The report contains nine recommendations, two of which expressly relate to Dublin City Council's stewardship of the Moore Street Market. They are numbered 4 and 5 in the report as follows:

4. There is consensus within the MSAG on the need to support the Moore Street Market as Dublin's most historic street market. The MSAG notes with approval the intention of the Hammerson plan to support the retention and development of the market and considers that a similar commitment from the licensing authority, DCC, is now required.
5. The MSAG recommends the appointment of an Expert Group, as a priority of Dublin City Council, to lead the urgent regeneration of the market. This Group should consist of Moore Street traders and of people in Ireland and elsewhere who have experience of other markets and who have an in-depth understanding of the quality, product range and experience which street market customers now seek.

The Minister would appreciate if you would arrange to have the above recommendations brought to the attention of the Council at its next meeting and also have the question of appointing an Expert Group considered and addressed at the earliest opportunity. The Minister looks forward to hearing the Council's response and views on the above as soon as possible please.

The full text of the MSAG report is available on the Department's website at <https://www.chg.gov.ie/heritage/moore-street-advisory-group/>

Yours sincerely,

Helen Francis
Private Secretary