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From: Nelius Lynch
Sent: 18 November 2015 15:45
To: Helen Codd
Cc: Ben Sweeney; Tom Heffernan
Subject: RE: PAC update - Tipperary Hostel

Helen,

Below is an update from S. Gen/Environment to PAC from 12th June 2015 and now the latest position from Tipperary County Council on the Tipperary Hostel project.

In summary:

- Investigations by Gardai completed and no prosecutions were directed by DPP
- The Tipperary Hostel Company Ltd did not have funds to complete the project
- To safeguard investment in the project Tipperary County Council engaged with Board of Tipperary Hostel Company Ltd with a view to surrender of the lease.
- The "Tipperary Hostel" has returned to the control of the council on execution of a deed of surrender in July 2015
- The council is in constant contact with various state agencies in relation to the property; and,
- The council has sought expressions of interest to purchase and complete the reconstruction of the property and this process continues.

Regards

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1. Latest Position on the project

The following update was received from the LA

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2. Position on 12th June 2015 communicated by S. Gen Environment to PAC

Item (i)(b) - Tipperary Hostel Ltd

Tipperary County Council has indicated that it understands that inv Siochána in relation to matters connected with the Tipperary H completed and a “no prosecutions” direction has been received from Prosecutions.

The Council has confirmed that it is giving consideration to the fut mindful of the concern to secure the investment already made. It is u Hostel Company Ltd, which continues to hold the lease on the build not in funds and is not in a position to progress the project without planning permission granted in relation to the redevelopment of th until June 2016.

Against this background, and to seek to safeguard the investment al is considering the potential options in relation to the project. Ahead initiated discussions with the Board of the Tipperary Hostel Compan seeking surrender of the lease. The Council will provide a further weeks in light of this.

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Nelius/Ben

Yet another request!

Please see below extract from letter to the PAC in May 2014. Would it be possible for someone to make a quick call and get an update on this in advance of the Sec Gen's appearance tomorrow.

Thanks
Helen

From letter to the PAC in May 2014

A note on the up to date position and the steps taken to complete the unfinished Tipperary Hostel Project.

I understand that the Committee received an update from the Secretary General, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government in December 2013 stating that payments to Tipperary Hostel Ltd., remain the subject to Garda enquiries and that Pobal had sought recoupment of Dormant Accounts funding of €110,149. The updated position is that Pobal are still seeking a refund from Tipperary Hostel Ltd. but the figure has been revised down, following further audit work, to €85,132.

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