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John, a chara

I hope this mail finds you well.

Further to media reports I understand it is the intention of Dublin City Council to recruit 28 new entrants to the Dublin Fire Brigade using an external recruitment process.

In light of the current financial challenges of the City's budget it would seem an unnecessary waste of current expenditure to embark on a costly recruitment process when the Council could instead look to the former Dublin Fire Brigade Panel to fill these vacancies.

As I understand it those who made it on to the Panel were fully qualified and many are still available for work.

I believe the Council spent €300,000 on the former Panel over a number of years and on that basis I would have assumed it would have been the natural place to start when embarking on recruitment into the fire brigade.

I would like the Public Accounts Committee to write to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government and to the Dublin City Council Manager asking that they explain their decision to take on this unnecessary additional cost and if they will reconsider to instead look to the former Dublin Fire Brigade Panel to fill the vacancies.

Is mise le meas,

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