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**Work of Business Support Units and County/City Development Board (CDB)
Economic Development Sub-Committees**

Directors of Community and Enterprise

I refer to Circular LG 16/08 of 28 November 2008 regarding the *Guidelines for the Operation of the CDB Economic Development Sub-Committee* and Minister Gormley's letter of 19 March 2009, to Managers regarding *Measures to Support Economic Activity* and in particular the establishment of Business Support Units in each county/city council (copies of these letters attached).

In the current economic circumstances, the key role that local authorities play in supporting and promoting business at local level is extremely important. As the Business Support Units (or equivalent arrangements) have now been established and are providing assistance to individuals and businesses, it is important that there be complementarity between these units and the CDB Economic Sub-committees. It is acknowledged that this is already happening in many instances. However, where this is not the case, the Minister of State with responsibility for CDBs, Mr Michael Finneran, T.D. has requested that steps be taken to put such co-ordination/co-operation arrangements in place. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

If you have any queries in this matter, please contact Mairéad Ryan at 01-8882800 , email mairead.ryan@environ.ie.

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