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## Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees 2024 - 2029 Sectoral and Public Participation Network Membership

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### Introduction

Under Section 48 Local Government Act 2001, (as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014), a local authority shall establish by resolution committees to be known as Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs). These committees are to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the local authority and to advise the local authority on those matters.

Following the Local Elections, it is necessary for each local authority to establish new SPCs in line with the revised Guidelines for the establishment and operation of Corporate Policy Groups and Strategic Policy Committees published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in June 2024. SPCs are intended to be strategic in nature while the operational matters are dealt with at Area Committees. The Council is, and remains, the decision making authority and the final decision on strategic issues rests with the full Council. All policies formulated by an SPC must go to Council for adoption or amendment.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage Guidelines state that the SPCs should:

- assist the Council in the formulation, development and review of policy and strategy
- reflect the major functions or services of a local authority within the broader context
- take account of the Council's overall corporate policy and objectives, integrate with statutory plans and link realistically to financial resources
- be tailored to the size, membership and administrative resources of a local authority
- be chaired by one of the councillor members.
- have a minimum total membership of nine.
- have at least one third of their membership drawn from sectors relevant to the Committees' work. At least one of those members on each committee should be drawn from the Public Participation Network Membership.
- meet twice yearly at a minimum. SPCs in Dublin City Council have traditionally met four to six times a year

### Appointment of Chairs Designate

Dublin City Council at its meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024 established seven SPCs, agreed that the Draft SPC Scheme should go out for consultation and appointed seven Councillors to be the Chairs Designate to each SPC.

### Scheme Adopted and Appointment of Elected Members

In September 2024 the Draft SPC Scheme 2024-2029 (Report No.173/2024) was amended and adopted by the City Council and Elected Members were appointed to each of the SPCs (See Appendix A). The remit of each SPC was agreed (See Appendix B). This list is indicative, not exhaustive.

## **Revised Sectoral Representation on SPCs**

The Council agreed that the appropriate sectoral and Public Participation Network (PPN) membership on each SPC is as outlined in the table below. The overall representation by sector of the 44 sectoral members was to be 15 PPN, 21 Business/ Commercial, 6 Development/Construction, 2 Trade Union. Arts groups, most housing bodies, cultural groups, professional and other bodies are treated as Business /Commercial under the scheme.

<b>SPC</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Sectors</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Community, Gaelige, Sport, Arts and Culture</b>	16 Councillors	8 as follows: 2 PPN (social inclusion; community/voluntary) 6 Business /Commercial from Arts, Sports, Culture, Heritage, Irish Language organisations etc.	24
<b>Climate Action and Urban Resilience</b>	10 Councillors	5 as follows: 1 X PPN Environmental Pillar 1 X PPN Social Inclusion or Community/voluntary) 2 X Business/Commercial organisation 1x Development/ Construction	15
<b>Economic, Development &amp; Enterprise</b>	10 Councillors	5 as follows: 2 X PPN 1 Development/Construction 2 X Business/Commercial	15
<b>Finance</b>	12 Councillors	6 as follows: 2 x PPN 2 x Business/ Commercial 1 X Trade Union 1 X Development/Construction	18
<b>Housing and Social Inclusion</b>	18 Councillors	9 as follows: 3 X PPN (Two from social inclusion, one from community/ voluntary) 4 X Business/Commercial 1 X Development/ Construction 1 X Trade Union	27
<b>Planning and Urban Regeneration</b>	10 Councillors	5 as follows: 2 X Commercial/ Business 1 X Development /Construction 1 X PPN Environmental 1 X PPN Social Inclusion or Community Voluntary)	15
<b>Mobility and Public Realm</b>	12 Councillors	6 as follows: 1 X PPN Social Inclusion 1 X PPN Community voluntary 3 X Commercial /Business 1 X Development/ Construction	18

## **Appointment of Sectoral and PPN Representatives**

The PPN held their nomination procedure and have selected 15 representatives to fill the 15 PPN vacancies on the SPC.

Dublin City Council called for expressions of interest to cover the Commercial/Business, Development/Construction and Trade Union vacancies. Nominations were received from 19 organisations by the closing date of Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. Many organisations were nominated for multiple SPCs. The Elected Members on each SPC met and reviewed the nominees and organisations, and have recommended the organisations listed in **Appendix C**. All SPCs will have had their induction by mid-November and the first formal meeting of each SPC will take place in November/December.

## **Corporate Policy Group (CPG)**

The Corporate Policy Group comprising the Lord Mayor and the chairpersons of the SPCs was re-established by the July City Council meeting. The CPG will continue to provide a forum for policy issues which transcend the remit of individual SPCs and where policy positions affecting the whole Council can be agreed for submission to the full Council. The CPG has a role in budget preparation, value for money, service delivery plans and corporate planning.

The Council hereby approves the SPC membership 2024-2029 and the nominations included therein.

**Richard Shakespeare**  
**Dublin City Chief Executive**

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

<b>Appendix A - Councillor Membership and Numbers of SPCs 2024 – 2029</b>			
<b>Name of Committee</b>	<b>No. of Councillors</b>	<b>No. of Sectoral Members</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>
<p><b>Community, Gaelige, Sport, Arts &amp; Culture SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Darragh Moriarty</b>  Patrick Kinsella  Supriya Singh  Cat O'Driscoll  Jesslyn Henry  Daniel Ennis  Barry Heneghan  John Lyons  Vincent Jackson  Séamas McGrattan  Micheál MacDonncha  Claire Byrne  Donna Cooney  Ammar Ali  Fiona Connelly  Conor Reddy</p>	16	8	24
<p><b>Climate Action &amp; Urban Resilience SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Naoise Ó Muirí</b>  Declan Flanagan  Jen Cummins  Barry Heneghan  Janice Boylan  Edel Moran  Claire Byrne  Carolyn Moore  Deirdre Heney  Daryl Barron</p>	10	5	15
<p><b>Economic Development &amp; Enterprise SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Tom Brabazon</b>  Punam Rane  Gayle Ralph  Colm O'Rourke  Cian Farrell  Nial Ring  Mannix Flynn  Leslie Kane  Ray Cunningham  Rory Hogan</p>	10	5	15

**Appendix A - Councillor Membership and Numbers of SPCs 2024 – 2029 (Continued)**

Name of Committee	No. of Councillors	No. of Sectoral Members	Total Membership
<p><b>Finance SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Séamas McGrattan</b></p> <p>Danny Byrne  Punam Rane  Eoin Hayes  Nial Ring  Kourtney Kenny  Michael Pidgeon  Daryl Barron  John Stephens  Dermot Lacey  Malachy Steenson  Philip Sutcliffe</p>	12	6	18
<p><b>Housing &amp; Social Inclusion SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Deirdre Heney</b></p> <p>Ray McAdam  Naoise Ó Muirí  Colm O'Rourke  Aishling Silke  Mary Callaghan  Cieran Perry  Christy Burke  Pat Dunne  Daithí Doolan  Janice Boylan  Hazel Chu  Donna Cooney  Ray Cunningham  John Stephens  Rachael Batten  Alison Field  Hazel de Nortúin</p>	18	9	27
<p><b>Planning &amp; Urban Regeneration SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Cat O'Driscoll</b></p> <p>Patrick Kinsella  James Geoghegan  Patricia Roe  Máire Devine  Feljin Jose  Ammar Ali  Rachael Batten  Dermot Lacey  Gavin Pepper</p>	10	5	15

**Appendix A - Councillor Membership and Numbers of SPCs 2024 – 2029 (continued)**

Name of Committee	No. of Councillors	No. of Sectoral Members	Total Membership
<p><b>Mobility &amp; Public Realm SPC</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Janet Horner</b></p> <p>Emma Blain                      Ray McAdam                      Paddy Monahan                      Daniel Ennis                      Mannix Flynn                      John Lyons                      Anthony Connaghan                      Micheál MacDonncha                      Feljin Jose                      Keith Connolly                      Fiona Connelly</p>	12	6	18

## **APPENDIX B**

### **INDICATIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SEVEN SPCs**

#### **1. Community, Gaelige, Sport, Arts & Culture**

24 members: 16 Councillors, 8 Sectoral Members

- Arts
- Culture
- Archive and Libraries
- Community Development
- Biodiversity
- Commemorations
- Galleries & Museum
- Irish Language
- Music
- Parks, open spaces & natural environment
- Sports and Recreation Centres
- Sports Development
- School Meals
- Control of Horses & Dogs
- Casual trading & street performers

#### **2. Climate Action & Urban Resilience SPC**

15 members: 10 Councillors, 5 Sectoral Members

- Air/Water (Raw) Quality
- Climate Change
- Environmental Protection
- Environmental sustainability
- Flood Protection
- Surface Water Drainage

#### **3. Economic Development & Enterprise SPC**

15 Members: 10 Councillors, 5 Sectoral Members

- Economic Development
- Enterprise support
- Local Economic Community Partnership (LECP)
- Events & Festivals
- Social Enterprise
- Local Enterprise Office
- Tourism
- Markets
- International Relations & Smart Cities

#### **4. Finance SPC**

18 Members: 12 Councillors, 6 Sectoral Members

- Budget – Capital & Revenue
- Finance
- Local Property Tax
- Motor Tax



- Procurement
- Income generation
- Rates
- Risk Management

## **5. Housing & Social Inclusion SPC**

27 Members: 18 Councillors, 9 Sectoral Members

- Housing Policy
- Community Development
- Social Inclusion
- Homelessness
- Housing Delivery
- Affordable and Cost Rental Housing
- Housing and Disability
- Housing Maintenance and Estate Management
- Refugees
- Traveller Accommodation Programmes
- Housing Welfare
- Rent Collection & Assessment
- Senior Citizens

## **6. Planning & Urban Regeneration SPC**

15 Members: 10 Councillors, 5 Sectoral Members

- Archaeology
- Building Control
- Conservation
- Development Management
- Heritage
- Forward Planning
- Planning Services
- Property Management
- Regional Planning Guidelines
- Strategic Projects and Urban Renewal

## **7. Mobility and Public Realm SPC**

18 Members: 12 Councillors, 6 Sectoral Members

- Commercial & Goods Movement
- Cycling
- Environmental Traffic Planning
- Facilitation of Public Transport
- Parking Control & Enforcement
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Roads & Road Safety
- Traffic Control & Management
- Litter & Waste Management

## Appendix C

### SPC Sectoral and PPN Members

Committee	Representation	Name	Organisation
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion or Community/Voluntary)	Brian Greene	Dublin Community Television
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion or Community/Voluntary)	Sorcha Keane	Axis Ballymun
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Business/Commercial	Sunil Sharpe	Give Us The Night
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Business/Commercial		
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Business/Commercial		
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Business/Commercial		
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Business/Commercial		
Community, Gaeilge, Sport, Arts & Culture SPC	Business/Commercial		
Climate Action & Urban Resilience SPC	Public Participation Network (Environment)	Áine Wellard	Terenure Community Support and Integration
Climate Action & Urban Resilience SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion or Community/Voluntary)	Ann Canning	Donore Project Consultative Forum
Climate Action & Urban Resilience SPC	Business/Commercial		
Climate Action & Urban Resilience SPC	Business/Commercial		
Climate Action & Urban Resilience SPC	Development/Construction		
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Public Participation Network	Adele O'Connor	Coolock Development Council
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Public Participation Network	Aideen O'Dochartaigh	Not Here Not Anywhere
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Business/Commercial	Evanne Kilmurray	Inner City Enterprise (ICE)

Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Business/Commercial	Martin Harte	Traders in the area supporting the cultural quarter t/a The Temple Bar Company
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Development/Construction	Padraig Ryan	Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Finance SPC	Public Participation Network	Cathie Hynes	Neurodiversity Sandymount CLG
Finance SPC	Public Participation Network	Siobhán Guyrat	Ballymun Socials
Finance SPC	Business/Commercial	Aidan Sweeney	Ibec
Finance SPC	Business/Commercial	Ciaran Leahy	Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Finance SPC	Trade Union	Eric Fleming	Trade Union (SIPTU)
Finance SPC	Development/Construction		
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion)	Oisín O'Reilly	Outhouse LGBTQ Centre
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion)	Sinead Murphy	Meeting Place Club
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Public Participation Network (Community/Voluntary)	Mike Allen	Focus Ireland
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Business/Commercial	Ailbhe McLoughlin	Irish Council for Social Housing
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Business/Commercial	Alan Robinson	Docklands Business Forum
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Business/Commercial	Hazel Cryan	KPMG
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Business/Commercial	Aidan Sweeney	Ibec
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Trade Union	Joe Duffy	INTO
Housing & Social Inclusion SPC	Development/Construction	Matt Gallagher	Construction Industry Federation
Planning & Urban Regeneration SPC	Public Participation Network (Environment)	Fergal Butler	Bridgefoot Street Park
Planning & Urban Regeneration SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion or Community/Voluntary)	Sebastian Vencken	Broadstone Basin Residents Association

Planning & Urban Regeneration SPC	Business/Commercial	Jonny McKenna MRIAI	RIAI
Planning & Urban Regeneration SPC	Business/Commercial	Aidan Sweeney or Michael Prenty	Ibec Construction Industry Federation
Planning & Urban Regeneration SPC	Development/Construction	Mairead Kenny	Irish Planning Institute
Mobility and Public Realm SPC	Public Participation Network (Social Inclusion)	Dr Robert Sinnott	Voice of Vision Impairment
Mobility and Public Realm SPC	Public Participation Network (Community/Voluntary)	Emmet O'Briain	Berkeley Road Area Residents Association
Mobility and Public Realm SPC	Business/Commercial		
Mobility and Public Realm SPC	Business/Commercial		
Mobility and Public Realm SPC	Business/Commercial		
Mobility and Public Realm SPC	Development/Construction		