



1 **Minutes of SPC meeting 5th September 2017**

Order: Minutes Agreed

2 **Dress Four Success Equal Pay Campaign**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the promoters for Dress for Success were unable to attend.

3 **(Draft) Casual Trading Bye Laws**

The Members of the SPC thanked Mr. Moore and Ms. Colfer for the report and the hard work of their staff in drafting the Casual Trading bye-laws. The Councillors acknowledged the difficulties in developing the bye-laws in such a way as to enhance the cultural identity of on street trading in the City while also maintaining compliance, safety standards and enforcement mechanisms. It was welcomed that late night and Sunday trading was also being considered as this would be a positive addition to city life. A number of issues were raised surrounding unlicensed trading on certain streets and what level of resources was in place for enforcement. Mr. Harte asked why sections of the Temple Bar area had different charges attached to them. It was also requested that the European Union guidelines and regulations relating to Casual Trading be circulated to this SPC. Waste management and sustainability were highlighted as significant issues that needed to be considered. The members also requested clarification on the next stages for the progress of the report.

Ms. Colfer responded that should the draft bye-laws be adopted by this committee they would then be presented to the full council meeting. From there they would be published for a 6 week consultation period, after which the responses would be collated and the final version would be resubmitted to the full council for adoption. In relation to enforcement Ms. Colfer stated that there are currently 4 enforcement officers in place and they are working hard to ensure that traders are adhering to the terms of their licences, while illegal trading is an issue for the Garda to enforce, the DCC team work closely with them in ensuring compliance with bye-laws and legislation. In relation to Temple Bar, while DCC will take ownership of the area from 1st January 2018 some legacy issues remain including existing contracts for certain areas, however, the intention is to harmonise the rates charged to traders over the course of the plan. Ms. Colfer confirmed that the views of this SPC would be reflected in the draft version to be submitted to the next full Council meeting and prior to going to public consultation.

Cllr. Flynn put forward a suggestion to the SPC requesting that reference to the Traders on "Cole's Lane" be removed from the Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws, as these individuals had not yet been consulted. The SPC agreed to this suggestion and agreed the Dublin City Council Casual Trading Bye-Laws (Draft).

Order: Report agreed

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Management Update - November

International Relations

Ms. Foley presented to the SPC on the work of International Relations and in particular highlighted a proposed event with Belfast City Council to be held in early 2018 which aims to promote the Dublin-Belfast Economic corridor. Ms. Foley also said that a scholarship programme had been agreed with San Jose to sponsor a student in Dublin. This development builds on a longstanding relationship between the two cities and the scholarship programme organised by San Jose that has benefitted students from Dublin.

Dublin.ie

Ms. MacSweeney provided an update on the work of the Dublin.ie promotional platform. The new e-zine now has over 800 subscribers and a new asset management software system has been purchased to manage the image archive.

Economic Development Office

Ms MacSweeney updated the committee on the work of the EDO and highlighted a number of projects such as the hosting of the European Co-working conference and the Enterprising Towns competition. It was requested that some figures be provided relating to the vacant properties owned by DCC and also footfall figures in the Central Business District. The manager agreed to provide details on vacant City Council shops /offices and to seek footfall figures from Dublin Town. In relation to overall vacancy levels the manager stated these are available through the professional property agents and are ever changing as vacant units get re let. Vacancy levels are also covered in the quarterly Dublin Economic Monitor which was circulated at the meeting.

Local Enterprise Office

Mr. Swift updated the committee members on the work of the local enterprise office including the number of projects including IBYE and businesses funded through the office, jobs created and a number of other projects and events planned for 2018.