



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE TO BE HELD BY  
REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 8.00 AM**

**AGENDA**

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## MINUTES OF THE PROTOCOL COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023

### 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd December 2022 and matters arising

Cllr. Heney requested that the Manager review the historical participation of the Lord Mayor and Councillors in the Pro Cathedral Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and report back to the Members.

Cllr. Flynn requested that an unredacted version of the report into the governance of the St. Patrick's Festival be provided to the Protocol Committee.

**Order: The minutes as proposed by Cllr. Flynn and seconded by Cllr. Lacey were agreed.**

### 2 Planning Matters relating to 40 Herbert Park: Richard Shakespeare to attend.

Cllr. MacDonncha expressed his concerns regarding the failure of the Executive to answer questions in relation to 40 Herbert Park, citing the principle of sub judice. He felt that the sub judice rule was not being used appropriately. He also had serious concerns regarding the procedures followed in relation to the instigation of the RPS process for the building, which he believes has serious repercussions for future RPS sites.

Richard Shakespeare outlined the procedure for adding a building to the record of protected structures and confirmed that in the instance of 40 Herbert Park the process had been followed correctly. The legal proceedings taken by the City Council in this matter were in relation to general planning breaches and not in relation to the RPS process.

The Law Agent, Yvonne Kelly briefed the Members on the legal basis for initiating the RPS process and confirmed that the City Council followed the appropriate procedures in relation to 40 Herbert Park. She also confirmed that the sub judice principle had been applied appropriately in this instance. As the case was under judicial consideration, Dublin City Council could not comment or provide opinion on the matter as it could potentially damage the Council's position.

On a separate matter Richard Shakespeare confirmed that he would be circulating a written report and legal briefing on the St. Anne's Park Development Plan Judicial Review.

**Order: Noted.**

3 **Board of St. Patrick's Festival**

The Manager reported that the request for the inclusion of a Councillor on the Board of St. Patrick's Festival would be considered by the company's AGM in February 2023.

**Order: Noted**

4 **Motion in the name of Councillor Daithí Doolan: "Organising a delegation from Dublin City Council to Ramallah, Palestine."**

The motion was proposed by Cllr. Doolan and seconded by Cllr. Flynn. Cllr. Doolan spoke to his motion and received the support of the Committee Members.

**Order: Motion Agreed and recommended to Council**

5 **City Hall Illumination Request in support of Global Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day on April 19th, 2023.**

**Order: Lighting request agreed.**

6 **Councillor Conference Reports:**

Cllr. Mary Callaghan. "Leading the Housing Sector Towards a Sustainable Financial Future – ICSH Finance and Development Conference". 19th – 20th October 2022, Radisson Blu Hotel, Sligo.

**Order: Report noted.**

7 **Approval of Councillor Attendance at Conferences:**

- a) Policy Forum Ireland: "Next steps for Early Learning and Childcare: Funding and staffing, support for policy implementation, Updating Aistear and the ECCE review, and raising attainment, wellbeing and addressing inequalities for children". Online, 9th March 2023. <https://westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/Early-Learning-PFFIThursday>

**Order: Agreed and recommended to Council.**

- b) Climate Action Economic Opportunities - Local Authorities Supporting Enterprise. 26th April 2023, Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

**Order: Agreed and recommended to Council.**

8 **Manager's Report**

The Manager reported on the following matters:

- The vacancy on the Protocol Committee following the resignation of Cllr. James Geoghegan would be listed on the February Council agenda.
- A meeting of the City Hall Working Group has been scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am
- The Lord Major is hosting an event on 31<sup>st</sup> January to mark the Twinning with the city of Kyiv.

- In response to recent concerns regarding the safety of Elected Members, Safety & Security Training sessions would be provided to all Councillors. A briefing session with An Garda Síochána will also be organised in the coming weeks. The Manager also informed Councillors that vouched expenses could be used for the installation of security measures in their homes.

Following recent protests outside the Lord Mayors residence a review of security and a risk assessment will be carried out at the Mansion House, Dawson Street.

The Members also wished to convey their support and solidarity with Cllr. Vincent Jackson following the threats and abuse he and his family recently suffered.

- The Manager noted that she had issued an update prior to the meeting on the new Councillor facilities in City Hall. She apologised for the significant delay which were due to a variety of factors including supply chain issues and an increase in the scope of the M&E works. The new party rooms on the ground floor would be completed and ready for use on 20<sup>th</sup> February.
- The Manager circulated an amended report on the discretionary role of the Lord Mayor following on from the comments from the Members at the last meeting. Cllr. Lacey requested that a meeting of former Lord Mayors be held to review the welcome / information pack for incoming Lord Mayor's. The Manager agreed to schedule such a meeting.

**Order: Managers report noted.**

9 **A.O.B.**

The Manager confirmed that fees and charges associated with appeals to An Bord Pleanála were not eligible to be claimed under the scheme of vouched expenses. She agreed to circulate the advice provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on the matter.

**Order: Noted.**

10 **Proposed date of next meeting: 23rd February 2023 at 8am.**

**Order: Agreed.**

**Councillor Deirdre Heney**  
**Chairperson**  
**Thursday 26 January 2023**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Deirdre Heney (Chairperson)  
Racheal Batten  
Donna Cooney  
Dermot Lacey  
Naoise Ó Muirí

**Members:**

Anthony Connaghan  
Joe Costello  
Micheál MacDonncha  
Cat O'Driscoll

**Members:**

Caroline Conroy  
Mannix Flynn  
Briega MacOscar  
Michael Pidgeon

**Officers**

Ruth Dowling  
Yvonne Kelly

Michael Gallagher  
Richard Shakespeare

Fanchea Gibson

**Non-Members:**

Kevin Donoghue

Daithí Doolan

Alison Gilliland



**Report to the Protocol Committee for noting and referral to the City Council**

<b>Councillor Name</b>	DERMOT LACEY
<b>Conference/Seminar Name</b>	A.I.R. REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT
<b>Conference/Seminar Topic</b>	CLIMATE CHANGE + REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
<b>Venue/Location</b>	FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MOWAGHAN
<b>Date (s) of Conference</b>	7th - 9th FEBRUARY
<b>Brief Summary</b>	
<p>This was first A.I.R. Training event for many years.                  Core agenda was Climate Change and the need for action -                  these sessions were excellent.                  The second theme was Regional Development and the need to                  develop the role of the Regional Assemblies.</p>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	
<p>That the EMRA Annual Report be formally placed on                  an appropriate City Council agenda.</p>	
<b>Declaration</b>	
I certify that I attended the above-mentioned Conference/Training Seminar.	
<b>Signed by</b>	<b>Date</b>
	10/2/2023



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## Report on the O'Connell Plinth, City Hall

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### **O'Connell Plinth - Sculpture Dublin**

The temporary artwork RGB Sconce by Alan Phelan was due to be removed by early November after the completion of the yearlong temporary display on the O'Connell plinth outside City Hall. However, the artist has experienced delays in the transfer of the artwork to TU Dublin campus in Grangegorman due to the university changing the proposed location of the artwork within the campus. The artist has been urged to try expedite this matter as soon as possible. He has requested permission to leave it in place until the end of March this year.

### **Proposal from the Ukrainian Embassy to Ireland**

In 2022, the Embassy of Ukraine to Ireland wrote to the Lord Mayor seeking that Dublin City Council would symbolically 'wrap' an historic statue with sandbags in recognition of the difficulties which Ukraine is facing at this time. Having examined the logistics of wrapping a statue and the implications for planning, logistics and conservation of the city's historic statues and monuments, the idea of 'wrapping' the O'Connell plinth outside City Hall is considered the most appropriate statement of support for culture and the arts in Ukraine. Consultation has taken place within Dublin City Council (planning, conservation architects and a civil engineer) and they have not raised any insurmountable objections to the proposal. The proposal is that this symbolic installation would be in place for six months. The Arts and Culture Advisory Group approved the proposal at its meeting in January. The Protocol Committee is asked to consider this proposal.

### **O'Connell Plinth – Temporary Commission**

In response to the Protocol Committee and the Arts and Culture Advisory Group, consideration has been given to commissioning a new temporary artwork for display on the O'Connell plinth. Funding has been identified and it is proposed that a two stage open competition be organised. It is proposed that a selection panel composed of City Councillors, city officials and external art experts be convened for the short-listing and final selection of proposals. It is intended that the sculpture be in place for 12 months subject to planning issues. If approved the commissioning opportunity would be advertised in the first quarter of 2023. The Arts and Culture Advisory Group has approved the proposal. The Protocol Committee is asked to consider this proposal.

### **O'Connell Plinth – Long-term commissioning opportunities**

Consideration has been given to the potential of the O'Connell plinth for the display of temporary commissions in the long-term. It is proposed that a temporary commission be in place for one out of every three years, thus allowing for a balance between the display of temporary artworks while also allowing the City Hall and plinth to stand as it has for a century or more. It was advised by planning that submitting a Part 8 for use of the plinth on an ongoing basis might be the best way to proceed. The Protocol Committee is asked to consider this proposal.

**Ruairi Ó Cuív**  
**Public Art Manager**  
**9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**



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## Report on the Friendship Agreement with City of Seoul, Republic Of Korea

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An e-mail was received on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 from the International Cooperation Division at Seoul Metropolitan Government advising of an upcoming visit by the Mayor of Seoul and a request to establish a Friendship Agreement between Dublin and Seoul.

They were advised of the new Dublin City Council protocols in relation to Friendship Agreements and on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 responded outlining areas where collaboration between the two cities may lead to a successful relationship.

The response was assessed in the Matrix agreed by this Protocol Committee. It outlined a number of areas where the objectives of Dublin City and the City of Seoul aligned. Following consultation with senior staff within Dublin City Council the following areas have been outlined as areas where collaboration could begin:

- **Transportation** policy exchange including building on the recent signing of a Letter of Intent between the Transportation Departments of both cities through the European Union's International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) Programme with a focus on shared challenges around mobility specifically walking and cycling. The challenges faced by both cities are similar including private car dominance/dependence/preference, behaviour of drivers, the need to make both cities more child friendly and making our cities resilient to climate change.
- **Housing** Dublin City Council has an ambitious housing retrofit programme that is focused on energy efficiency and we will also need to consider the climate resilience and adaptive capacity of housing and building stock. Retrofitting and the construction of energy efficient homes is an area where Dublin City Council has very good expertise. The Council has recently delivered new NZEB homes at Sean Foster place, has a strong pipeline of work to retrofit our existing housing stock and has completed a digital twin model for climate resilient housing on our de-tenanted housing on Dominick St. West. There is value in the sharing of knowledge and learning from Seoul in the area of housing retrofitting and energy efficient homes.
- **Climate Action Plan:** Knowledge exchange on climate action with other cities is critical to addressing our shared global challenge. From the perspective of the Climate Action team, Seoul's high level policy vision, goals and objective are what Dublin City should be/ is striving for with the revision of our current Climate Change Action Plan. The policy vision is clear, easily understood, and flexible/adaptable to the city's needs and responds to science. It is also focused on quality of life in the city by insuring equitable access to nature and its health and well-being benefits. Seoul's use of maps would be beneficial to climate action planning, as maps are also used to engage citizens.



- **Low Carbon City and Climate Resilience:** Both cities face similar challenges in engaging citizens around climate action, from encouraging citizens to reduce their energy use, water use, and waste, to preparing the city for climate impacts, such as temperature extremes and weather extremes and in the housing retrofit programme focused on energy efficiency as outlined above.
- **Circular Economy:** In the UCAP action from the IURC Partnership identified under Transportation above “Upcycling and Recycling of Bicycles” was included to align with circular economy projects that are underway and support social enterprises. For example, the Circular Economy Hotspot 2023 and the Shared Island Fund projected “A Connected Circular Economy” with Belfast City Council, both projects will look at how circular economy principles can benefit the transport sector, i.e. re-use of bike tires. This action was also proposed to better understand the financial model created by the Wright Brothers in Seoul to drive demand for refurbished high-end bicycles, and how it might be replicated in Dublin to support SMEs in this sector. Dublin has a strong example of a social enterprise, Front Line Bikes that works to train and support those coming from addiction and conviction backgrounds, who train as bike mechanics and improve the circular economy by upcycling and refurbishing old bicycles. Beyond transport both cities are signatories of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and are committed to reducing food waste, there is an opportunity to share ideas in this area. Further Invest Seoul may provide valuable insights for Dublin’s circular economy and social enterprise sector.
- **Data Analytics/Smart City/E Government:** Seoul is a leader in data, smart cities and e-government. Dublin would benefit greatly from understanding how Seoul is using technology and data in an equitable manner to improve how they serve the public. Through the Urban Cooperation Action Plan, Dublin will be learning how TOPIS integrates transport data to improve mobility in Seoul. Expanding beyond transport would be beneficial, for example, Dublin City has recently completed a project using a digital twin to assess retrofit options for social housing. Seoul has deployed digital twin technology on public realm projects. Learning how digital twins inform decision making and monitoring impacts of projects, policies and programmes, would be beneficial to housing retrofit, the development of decarbonisation zones and the development plan more broadly. We could learn from experiences in delivering digital connectivity and telecoms 5G as well as how Seoul is managing the exponential growth of new and emerging technologies. Dublin has also been invited by the City of Seoul to apply for the Seoul Smart City Prize.
- **Culture** The cities of Dublin and Seoul are both members of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and the World Cities Culture Forum. Dublin is a UNESCO City of Literature and Seoul a UNESCO City of Design. Bucheon, a satellite city of Seoul and located 25km away, is a UNESCO City of Literature and has been involved in a translation project called Seoda with the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature Office and Literature Ireland in 2022 and is active in nominating books by Korean writers for the Dublin Literary Award.
- **Festivals** The Embassy of the Republic of Korea and the Korean Community in Dublin are involved in the Dublin Lunar New Year Festival, Dublin International Literature Award and Culture Night and a City to City relationship could build on this.

Other areas of potential collaboration may arise following more detailed conversations with City of Seoul. If the members have any suggestions of other areas which would be beneficial to Dublin City, I would welcome their comments.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and the Irish Embassy in Seoul are very supportive of the establishment of a Friendship Agreement and commented that 2023 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Republic of Korea. The Embassy of Republic of Korea in Dublin is supportive of the establishment of a Friendship Agreement.

### **Recommendation**

Following consideration of the objectives of Seoul I am satisfied that any new Friendship Agreement would align with the Dublin City Council's Mission Statement *To drive the sustainable development of the City through strong civic leadership and delivery of effective services that promote the well-being and quality of life of citizens and communities.*

I would recommend the establishment of a Friendship Agreement between Dublin and the City of Seoul, Republic of Korea for a 4 year term. Areas of co-operation to include Transportation, Housing, Climate Action, Low Carbon City and Climate Resilience, Circular Economy, Smart Cities, Social Economy and Culture. Other areas may be considered following more in depth conversations with City of Seoul.

### **Fanchea Gibson**

#### **International Relations**

#### **Culture, Recreation and Economic Services**