#### To the Lord Mayor and Members of Dublin City Council

Report No. 142/2017 Report of the Corporate Policy Group



## Breviate of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- 1) Minutes of Meeting held on 24 February 2017 Agreed.
- 2) Matters Arising None.

#### 3) City Centre Transportation Issue

Dick Brady outlined proposed City Centre Traffic changes necessitated by LUAS Cross City which included right turning ban at Eden Quay. He pointed out that these changes were subject to non statutory consultation process which is ongoing. Cllr O Muiri expressed concerns about closure of Eden Quay to traffic leading to a loss of West/East Traffic flow and implications for IFSC and further into Clontarf Area. Cllr Moynihan expressed concerns about lack of clear route to get around the City Centre. The Chief Executive accepted that these were valid concerns which would need to be considered. However there are limited options.

#### 4) Update from SPC Chairs

- a) Transportation Cllr. Ciaran Cuffe Cllr Cuffe was not present at meeting
- b) Arts, Culture & Recreation Cllr. Rebecca Moynihan Cllr Moynihan informed meeting that the SPC was concentrating on the lack of affordable studio and rehearsal space in the city. There is a need for consultation with Economic and Planning SPC.
- c) Economic Development & Enterprise Cllr. Paul McAuliffe Report from economist Ronan Lyons had been commissioned about the impact of the housing situation on the economy of the City. The report is still in draft form. Final report to be circulated. The next edition of the Economic Monitor is to be published shortly.

#### d) Environment - Cllr. Naoise O'Muiri

Waste to Energy plant due for first firing of waste in April. Questions were raised by Cllr Moynihan on when Pay By Weight system was to be introduced.

# e) Finance - Cllr. Ruairi McGinley

Cllr McGinley was not present.

## f) Housing - Cllr. Daithi Doolan

Cllr Doolan informed meeting that the Housing SPC had a very interesting presentation from Threshold. The Section 85 regarding the PPP was discussed and would be on the City Council agenda at the next meeting. The issues of the impact of AIRBNB and similar type rental models had on the housing market was discussed. It was considered that this issue should be explored with the Planning SPC and the Economic Development SPC as this was not solely a housing issue. The rental hot spot limits was having some impact on RAS tenancies and the SPC had a presentation on the issue.

## g) Planning & Property Development - Cllr. Andrew Montague

Cllr Montague advised the meeting that the Dublin 1 project which had been a partnership between the American Institute of Architect, Dublin Town and DCC City Architects had succeeded in attracting a broad range of participants and had led to interesting proposals. The issue of student accommodation was discussed. While there were some concerns about the scale of applications the lack of car park spaces in these development may make them more attractive to developers on a cost basis. The issue of Councillors being required to pay planning fees for planning observations was discussed as well as the broader role of Councillors within the planning process. Paul Clegg notified group that the Bord Pleanála process for the consideration of planning permissions of over 100 units required the input of Councillors

## 5) LCDC Update - Cllr. Daithi Doolan

Cllr Doolan reported that the review of 2016 was nearly completed. Grants were being made through this system. 600 organisations and linked to the PPN. The North East Inner City plan reported to the LCDC which was useful for South Inner City and Cherry Orchard plans. Ballymun had received a final tranch of social investment funding to cover the period until the end of 2018 and it would be useful if reports on this funding were made.

#### 6) Any Other Business

Questions were raised about the current status of negotiations on the ambulance service and on the HIQA position on call taking.

Date of Next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 2.30pm

#### Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Rebecca Moynihan Vice-Chairperson 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## Attendance:

## Members:

Daithi Doolan Naoise O'Muiri

Officers Dick Brady Kathy Quinn

Apologies: Brendan Carr Members:

Paul McAuliffe

Members:

Rebecca Moynihan

Owen P Keegan Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh

Ruairi McGinley

Ciaran Cuffe

Brendan Kenny