

**Finance Strategic Policy Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held On 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**1. Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Minutes agreed

**2. Correspondence**

- Items a, b, c, d, e, j, k, l, m were noted.
- Item f to be considered under Agenda Item 9 (Report No. 08/2017)
- Item g to be considered under Agenda Item 12 (Report No. 11/2017)
- Item h to be considered under Agenda Item 3 (Report No. 14/2017)
- Item i to be considered under Agenda Item 10 (Report No. 13/2017)

**3. Report on Framework for the Inspection of Construction Sites to Monitor Compliance with the Requirements of the Building Regulations – Pat Nestor, Planning & Property Development Dept.**

Report and presentation noted. A discussion was held around the inspection levels carried out by Dublin City Council, staffing resources available to carry out the plan and the preventative framework with regard to pyrite.

**4. Report on Development Contributions – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

Report noted.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that a further report would issue detailing the lowest value of development contributions received during the economic downturn along with the highest value received in previous years.

**5. Area Discretionary Funding**

Apologies from Cllr. Tina MacVeigh were noted for this agenda item.

**Agreed:** Report deferred to June 2017 meeting.

**6. Properties valued as commercial now occupied by the State**

Report noted.

**7. Report providing the collection performance of rates due to vacant properties.**

Report noted.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that a report would be provided outlining the rates liability that does not apply to properties administered by NAMA

#### **8. Report on Rates Debtors – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**

Report noted.

**Agreed:** it was agreed that report would be provided detailing the number of rates accounts being pursued through the court process for non payment.

#### **9. Ballyfermot Leisure Centre**

Report noted. Dissatisfaction was expressed as to the disparity between the original tender sum and the eventual cost paid to the contractor of €30m.

**Agreed:** it was agreed that the Law Agent should attend the next meeting to set out what actions have been taken, on foot of the loss of funds through claims and legal costs, to ensure that Dublin City Council is fully prepared in the event that a similar situation arises.

**Agreed:** it was further agreed that the Law Agent should report on the usage of Dublin City Council of legal cost accountants and set out the degree to which legal costs of the claimant were queried and challenged.

**Agreed:** it was also agreed that a report would be provided setting out gaps in the procurement system which may assist the submission of abnormally low value tenders which then lead to spiralling claims.

#### **10. Community Group Lettings/Licences**

Report noted.

**Agreed:** it was agreed that a report will be brought to the Finance SPC on completion of two cycles of Area Committee engagement.

**Agreed:** it was also agreed that Paul Clegg will review assets owned which are located within the boundary of other local authorities.

#### **11. Modern Gov for Sectoral Members**

Report noted.

**Agreed:** it was agreed that Kathy Quinn would contact each sectoral member in this regard.

#### **12. Cost of Pyrite Works**

Report noted.

**Agreed:** it was agreed that a report will issue detailing the progress in seeking funding in respect of the Carton estate development in Ballymun.

#### **13. Motion – Cllr. Dermot Lacey**

**Agreed: the Motion was put and carried by the Committee and was referred to the April City Council Meeting.**

#### **14. A.O.B.**

Cllr. Mannix Flynn proposed that in light of the reports on the enforcement of building regulations, the cost of pyrite works and the Ballyfermot Leisure Centre, the Construction Industry Federation should be requested to attend the next meeting of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee.

**Agreed:** it was agreed that CIF should be requested to attend.

**Signed:** **Councillor Ruairi McGinley**  
**Chairperson**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Members**

Lord Mayor Brendan Carr  
Councillor Ruairi McGinley (Chairperson)  
Councillor Paddy Bourke  
Councillor Tom Brabazon  
Councillor Dermot Lacey  
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha  
Councillor Paddy McCartan  
Councillor Larry O'Toole  
Councillor Noeleen Reilly  
Morgan O'Regan, Docklands Business Forum  
Joanna Piechota, Irish Polish Society

**Officials**

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance  
Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting  
Declan Wallace, Asst Chief Executive, Culture, Recreation and Economic Services,  
Paul Clegg, Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development  
Pat Nestor, Senior Executive Building Surveyor, Planning & Property Development Dept  
Maire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer, Planning & Property Development Dept  
Fiona Collins, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat

**Non Member**

Councillor Mannix Flynn

**Apologies**

Councillor Hazel De Nortúin  
Councillor Ray McAdam  
Eric Fleming, ICTU  
Councillor Nial Ring  
Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU  
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC  
Aebhric McGibney, Dublin Chamber of Commerce