Report No: 234/2017 Report of the Protocol Committee



Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held on 8th June 2017

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held on 8th June 2017 is submitted herewith.

1) Lord Mayor's Receptions and Engagements of the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Order: Noted and Recommend to Council

2) Councillor Payment for making Planning Submissions - as referred by the May City Council Meeting

The Chair welcomed Mr. Richard Shakespeare, the Assistant Chief Executive in charge of Planning and Development to the meeting. Richard informed the Committee that following a reinterpretation of existing regulations Local Authority Members were obliged to pay a fee in order to make planning observations and submissions. However, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government were in the process of preparing new legislation that would permit the waiving or reduction of this fee. It is hoped that the Minister will enact the new regulations prior to the summer recess.

Order: The Members welcomed the new regulations and requested that the Planning Department circulate written notification to all Councillors of the proposed changes.

3) Procedure for dealing with Motions passed at Area, SPC, Protocol and other Committees

Oonagh Casey briefed Members on the existing procedures when dealing with Committee motions. There was concern that motions submitted to Area and Strategic Policy Committees were being taken out of turn because they were included on their Council breviate.

Order: It was agreed that those motions agreed by Area and Strategic Policy Committees to be recommended to Council should be noted on the breviate but the exact wording should be omitted from Area Committee Breviates. Those motions from Area and Strategic Policy Committees should be included on the Council agenda and dealt with in turn. A committee may not have more than one motion on the agenda at any one time but that committee may agree to replace their motion on the agenda with another that they are referring to the City Council. The wording of motions agreed by the Protocol Committee will appear on the breviate and may be challenged as the Protocol breviate is subject to the adoption of Council. All other breviates are for noting only.

4) Mansion House - Stewards Apartment Improvement Works

Derry Solan, Deputy City Architect, briefed the Members on the proposed works to the "Stewards Apartment" in the Mansion House. Due to the necessity to disturb an exterior wall on the roof of the Mansion House, a Part 8 planning application was necessary. As the majority of the works will be carried out by City Council direct labour the costs of the project will be minimised and are estimated at approximately €40,000. The outcome of the upgrade will be a contained en suite bedroom that will be available for use by visiting dignitaries. Cllr. Flynn welcomed the works but also expressed concern regarding disabled access to the Mansion House.

Order: The Members welcomed the project and considered it as a valuable addition to the Mansion House. The Committee requested that City Architect's provide a report to the next meeting on the issue of disabled access to the Mansion House.

5) "Dublin City as a Welcoming City" - Report on Motion

Order: Report Agreed.

6) Conference approval for the "Parnell Summer School 2017. Theme: Crime, Punishment and Justice". 13th-17th August, Avondale House, Rathdrum, County Wicklow.

Order: Agreed and recommend to Council

7) Proposed date for next meeting - Thursday 29th June 2017 at 8am in the Richard O'Carroll Room, City Hall.

Order: Agreed.

Councillor Dermot Lacey Chairperson

Thursday 8th June 2017

Attendance:

| Members: | Members: | Members: |
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| Dermot Lacey (Chairperson) | | |
| Mannix Flynn | Deirdre Heney | Teresa Keegan |
| John Lyons | Micheal Mac Donncha | Ray McHugh |
| Michael Mullooly | Naoise O'Muiri | Sonya Stapleton |
| Officers | | |
| Officers | Michael Callaghar | Lanzia O'Cullivan |
| Oonagh Casey | Michael Gallagher | Lenzie O'Sullivan |
| Richard Shakespeare | Derry Solan | |
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Apologies:

Brendan Carr