



Members Present:

Cllr. Deirdre Heney (Chair),
Cllr. Paul McAuliffe,
Cllr. Noeleen Reilly,
Cllr. Anne Feeney,
Cllr. Gaye Fagan,
Cllr. Greg Kelly,

Officials Present:

Leslie Moore, Parks Superintendent, Dublin City Council.
Patricia Colfer, Administrative Officer, Licensing Unit, Dublin City Council.
Declan Wallace, Assistant Chief Executive, Dublin City Council
Mary MacSweeney, Deputy Head, Economic Development & Enterprise, Dublin City Council
Norman Thompson, Business Community Manager, Dublin City Council.
Mary Foley, Senior Executive Officer, International Relations, Dublin City Council.

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 25th July 2017 & Matters Arising:

Cllr. Heney, sought agreement for the minutes of 25th July which were agreed subject to an amendment to the date which was incorrect.

2. Dublin City Markets Action Plan: Mr. Leslie Moore

Cllr. Heney welcomed Leslie Moore to the meeting. Mr Moore spoke about the benefit of having a markets strategy with an action planning approach. The document will strengthen the contribution of markets to the city economy, and will add to the existing body of research that shows the important role played by markets. He outlined the key direction of this document which will contribute to increasing the standards, variety and consistency of existing markets and will support new market opportunities. Dublin.ie will be used to promote markets across the city and the Council will work with other stakeholders in Dublin Town, Fáilte Ireland and Bord Bia to collectively promote and support a quality market offering for the city.

Mr Moore also spoke about the work underway to revise the casual trading bye-laws which will be brought to this SPC next year.

The Members thanked Mr Moore for his report and welcomed the Markets Strategy and raised a number of points relating to the Iveagh Markets, and plans for a Christmas Market for the city. Mr Wallace outlined that legal issues will need to be

examined regarding the Iveagh Market on Francis Street. The members felt that the Council should not only be seeking that the market is handed back to the council but that a plan would be in place for the council to develop the market. Additional support by the members was sought for local markets in Ballymun and Inchicore. It was outlined that the Markets Strategy incorporates Local Enterprise Office supports and potential supports via training to market providers to assist them in building capacity and increasing market offering quality. The members also sought an update on the Fruit Market. Mr Moore sought to get a written response setting out the progress to date on the Fruit Market and the estimated time frame for the completion of this work.

Mr Moore also said that he would be happy to engage with members to discuss new market opportunities and that he would be open to suggestions on this. With regard to a Christmas Market the location, type of offering, and other details would need to be developed in order to progress the proposal for a large Christmas Market for the city. At present there are a number of Christmas Markets provided. The Market Strategy was adopted by the members.

The status of the AirBnB Working Group was addressed and it was confirmed that Cllr. Feeney and Ms. Brophy had been proposed to join. However, as yet the working group had not been formally established and has not met. Mr. Daithi Downey, Senior Executive Office in Housing & Community Services is coordinating the group and an update will be available for the next meeting of this SPC.

3. Report on Dublin Flea Christmas Market: Mary Mac Sweeney

Mary Mac Sweeney presented the report on the Dublin Flea Christmas Market which will provide for a four day market in the Point Village. This is the second year that Dublin City Council is supporting this market which provides a quality offering and supports a wide range of local businesses that produce a range of unique goods for sale at the market. A video capturing the activity at the market in 2016 was shown to the members.

4. Report on Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF): Mary Mac Sweeney

Mary MacSweeney provided a report on the applications supported by Dublin City Council applying for funding under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund.

5. Economic Development & Enterprise Office: Management Update

Ms. Foley presented an update on the work of International Relations & Ms. Mary Mac Sweeney provided the management update on the activities and plans of the Economic Development and Local Enterprise Office.

6. Any Other Business: None

Next Meeting: 30th November 2017