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## Breviate of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group Held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

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### 1) Minutes of Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Agreed.

### 2) Matters Arising:

None

### 3) Review of City Council Staffing Resources

Owen Keegan updated members on changes to the numbers of serving staff and pensioners. He discussed the changes in numbers at Assistant Chief Executive Level. As in 2017, 400-500 additional staff were expected to be recruited this year. He committed to return to the group with proposals on the Area Management Structure.

Questions were raised by Councillors on current staff turnover, the expected number of resignations and voluntary leavers; recruitment of a new Area Manager for the South Central Area; additional resources recruited for Housing and delays experienced in the Planning Department. The report was referred to the Resourcing Subcommittee for further exploration.

### 4) Update from SPC Chairs

#### a) Finance - Cllr Ruairí McGinley

Cllr McGinley updated group on

- Submission to the Oireachtas on the Property Tax requesting that Dublin City retain more of revenue raised in its area
- The welcome increased collection of Rates in the City
- The income impact for the City Council of certain tax exemptions

#### b) Housing - Cllr Daithí Doolan

Cllr Doolan updated meeting on new structure for SPC meetings with business meetings occurring every other month followed by meetings on thematic issues.

Questions were raised on the:

- Limits on purchase prices for social housing
- Living Over the Shop Initiatives
- Completion date for the Coolock Hub
- Reason for the deferral of public meeting on Oscar Traynor Road

**c) Planning and Property Development - Cllr Andrew Montague**

Cllr Montague informed the meeting that at the last Planning and Property SPC the following items were discussed

- Part 8 Procedures and the Area Committees with revisions being made
- Strategic Housing Development Applications. The Planning Department had undertaken to inform Councillors of such applications but outside the weekly list system as these were not applications to Dublin City Council.
- Delays in the online planning system. R. Shakespeare said that the delays in documentation appearing online was reducing. However they had not yet reached the target goal of no more than 10 days between application and documents being on website

R. Shakespeare updated meeting on the Iveagh Market and Fruit and Vegetable Market. Access had been arranged for the Iveagh Market and a comprehensive condition survey had been initiated. The Fruit and Vegetable Market had 7 current occupants.

Cllr Ó Muirí thanks Chief Executive and Planning Department for circulation to the Councillors of the comprehensive submission on St Paul's.

**d) Transportation - Cllr Ciarán Cuffe**

Cllr Cuffe was not present. Cllr McGinley informed group that bye-laws on Horses was expect to go the Transportation SPC. There was a brief discussion on MetroLink and the implications for the City. Councillors were in agreement that a presentation should be made to the Transportation SPC and the City Council.

**e) Arts Culture and Recreation - Cllr Vincent Jackson**

Cllr Jackson informed the Group that the Arts, Culture and Recreation SPC had dealt with

- A presentation on the UNESCO Dublin Bay Discovery Centre. An Application was to go for planning but there was still not clarity on whether the budget is in place to construct the facility.
- The Public Participation Network Representatives had concerns on the consultation process regarding the revised Passport for Leisure Scheme.
- He was disappointed the Board Meeting on the Parnell Square library had been postponed 4 times since Christmas.
- The Parks Department had updated the group on contracts for grass and verge cutting.

Cllr Heney raised space concerns raised by the Hugh Lane regarding the Library Project. The Árdmhéara welcomed and congratulated Dublin Public Library staff on the excellent Development Plan for Libraries. It was suggested that Area meetings should consider these plans further

**f) Economic Development and Enterprise – Cllr Deirdre Heney:**

Cllr Heney informed the group that no Economic Development and Enterprise meeting had been held.

**g) Environment – Cllr Naoise Ó Muirí**

Cllr Ó Muirí informed the meeting that their SPC had been deferred due to Severe Weather

**h) LCDC - Cllr Paul McAuliffe**

Cllr McAuliffe was not in attendance

**5) Any Other Business**

None

**6) Date of Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 2.30pm in the Chief Executive's Conference Room

Noted

**Ardmhéara Míchéal Mac Donncha**

**Chairperson**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

**Attendance**

**Members:**

Ardmhéara Micheal Mac Donncha  
(Chairperson)

Daithi Doolan  
Ruairi McGinley

**Members:**

Deirdre Heney  
Andrew Montague

**Members:**

Vincent Jackson  
Naoise O'Muirí

**Officers**

Dick Brady  
Mary Pyne  
Richard Shakespeare

Brendan Kenny  
Kathy Quinn

Terence O'Keeffe  
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh