

**Finance Strategic Policy Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held On 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**1. Minutes – March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Noted

**2. Correspondence:**

**Item a)** LPT review was noted. Cllr. McGinley provided a summary of the meeting attended by the representative group to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government to discuss the SPC's submission. Discussions on the make-up of the representative group for any future meetings was noted.

**Agreed:** An additional copy of the published report from the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight re: Local Property Tax would be circulated to members.

**Items b) – e)** were noted.

**3. Review of Vacant Commercial Properties – presentation from Richard Shakespeare, ACE, Planning and Property Development Department**

K. Quinn gave a brief background to the presentation of this report which followed the presentation last year of the report prepared by Tony Foley on behalf of the committee relating to an analysis vacancy refunds rates of commercial rates. R. Shakespeare made this presentation to the Committee highlighting the following:

- Update on Active Land Management;
- Updates on the Derelict Sites Register, Vacant Sites Register, Living City Initiatives and Regeneration Projects;
- Use of Compulsory Purchase Orders;
- Establishment of a new administration unit and multidisciplinary & interdepartmental teams;
- Budget in place to acquire properties.

At the conclusion of this presentation, the following issues were noted or agreed:

- Outline of the appeals process available to property owners.
- Identification of smaller sites for building on.
- Queries around the provision of funding for building and government commitments made on this matter.
- Clarification that not all vacant lands are suitable for housing.
- Request for confirm of the status of various vacant properties identified by members or any other premises referred by councillors.
- Reference was made that the focus of vacant lands should be for use for building social and affordable housing.
- Future role of DCC with new National Regeneration Development Agency.
- Update on depot sites and possibility of the Council building on these sites; Chief Executive to provide update to future council meeting.

**Agreed:** It was requested that a copy of this presentation would be circulated to all councillors.

**Agreed:** It was further agreed that R. Shakespeare will clarify if a listing of vacant sites can be circulated.

#### **4. Development Contributions Report 2016-2020**

Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, provided the committee with an analysis of development contributions at year end 2017 outlining projects to which development contribution funding have been applied in 2017.

This report highlighted the basis for these contributions, rates of development contributions and the allocation of contributions across the five classes of public infrastructure and facilities. It was noted that development contributions constitute €141.5m of the total internal funding of €183.9m required for the total Capital Programme 2018-2020 of €1.65bn

**Agreed:** A report on the proposals for the Upgrade of the Liffey Boardwalk will be provided to the next meeting.

#### **5. Annual Financial Statement 2017**

Victor Leonov, Finance Department, made a presentation to the committee based on the accounts produced at the end of 2017. The accounts are prepared in accordance with the Local Authority Code of Practice issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The presentation provided details of the following:

- Analysis of Revenue Income and Expenditure
- Analysis of Expenditure & Income on the Capital Account
- Listing of projects with debit balances with an identified funding mechanism
- Capital Income by source and Capital Expenditure by service
- Statements of financial position and fund flows at 31/12/17
- Analysis of loans
- Analysis of Trade Debtors
- Details of the Major Revenue Collections for 2017
- Summary of Local Property Tax

A detailed discussion took place around the issue of the final €3.9m discretionary funding available to the council from the Local Property Tax.

#### **6. Debtors Balance Quarter 4 2017**

This report was taken in tandem with the AFS presentation.

**Agreed:** At the conclusion of the discussions, it was agreed that further reports would be presented to the September SPC meeting on:

- Government debtors
- Housing rent arrears
- Housing debit balances
- Debtors aged analysis

**7. LPT Review – update**

An update of this matter was circulated to members. It was highlighted that the main focus of the delegation who attended the Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting was the need for the issue of equalisation to be addressed.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that this item would be listed for update on the November SPC meeting.

**8. Development of Social Clause Measures in the Procurement Process**

A report on this issue was circulated to members noting the Council's long term strategy of fully integrating social and employment related considerations into its procurement procedures. Consideration of incorporating social clauses into the contract award criteria of certain tenders and the relative weighting given to this criterion has been a first step in this implementation. The incorporation of a social requirement into the criteria of the Council's security services contract is underway and the contract will shortly be advertised.

A. Nangle, SEO, Central Procurement Unit clarified issues for the members around market engagement, compliance and monitoring, incorporation of social clauses into construction contracts and working within the OGP frameworks.

**Agreed:** A progress report in six months times will be presented to the November SPC meeting.

**9. A.O.B.**

**Motion in the name of the Fianna Fail Group:**

"To establish an affordable housing capital fund through borrowing from the Housing Finance Agency"

This item was deferred at the requested of Cllr. Tom Brabazon to the next scheduled meeting.

**EURO 2020**

It was noted that representatives of FAI, UEFA and Dublin City Council involved in preparations for the EURO 2020 tournament have been invited to the September SPC meeting.

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

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

## **Attendance:**

### **Members**

Councillor Ruairi McGinley (Chairperson)  
Councillor Paddy Bourke  
Councillor Tom Brabazon  
Cllr Brendan Carr  
Councillor Dermot Lacey  
Councillor Paddy McCartan  
Councillor Larry O'Toole  
Councillor Noeleen Reilly  
Councillor Nial Ring  
Councillor Séamas McGrattan  
Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU  
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

### **Officials**

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance  
Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, Finance Department  
Richard Shakespeare, ACE, Planning and Property Development Department  
Victor Leonov, Professional Accounting, Financial Accounting Unit,  
Alan Nangle, Senior Executive Officer, Central Procurement and Stores Management Unit  
Maire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Property Development Department  
Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Property Development Department  
Fiona Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat  
Lisa Nolan, Staff Officer (Secretarial)

### **Apologies**

An tArdmhéara Micheál MacDonncha  
Councillor Ray McAdam  
Eric Fleming, ICTU  
Aebhric McGibney, Dublin Chamber of Commerce  
Morgan O'Regan, Docklands Business Forum  
Joanna Piechota, Irish Polish Society

### **Media**

Olivia Kelly, Irish Times