



Breviate of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group Held on 21st September 2018

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on 21st September 2018 is submitted herewith.

1 **Minutes of the Meeting of 31st August 2018**

Noted.

2 **Matters Arising:**

Cllr McGinley sought clarification on interaction between DCC and the National Transportation Authority on Bus Connects.

3 **Updates from SPC Chairs:**

a **Finance - Cllr Ruairí McGinley:**

Eileen Gleeson had presented a sobering report to the last Finance SPC which detailed the sustained rise in homelessness. He expressed concern about the rise in Housing Rent arrears and outlined the difficulty in obtaining court action on arrears. Upcoming reports to the SPC include reports on Euro 2020 and the Depot project.

b **Housing - Cllr Daithí Doolan:**

Cllr Doolan reported that the Housing SPC had noted:

- Two AHB construction projects had experienced situations where the key contractor had gone into administration with consequent delays in completion and non-payment of subcontractors.
- A well received presentation on the Depot Project.
- That the regeneration process would need to be carefully managed to avoid objections from residents.

Questions were raised about the prioritisation of O'Devaney Gardens potentially delaying Orchard Road. B. Kenny clarified that this was not the case. There was a shared project board in place as the projects were dealing with similar issues. He confirmed that there were adequate staff resources to proceed with both projects.

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

As Cllr Montague was not in attendance, P. Clegg notified the Committee that the joint meeting on Building Heights was scheduled to facilitate submissions on the Department's consultation on the issues. There was concern expressed on the implications for the Development Plan standards and potential delay for Strategic Development Zones.

P. Clegg also informed the meeting that 18 derelict building/sites had been acquired by the City Council in the last year which would be used for housing.

d **Arts Culture and Recreation - Cllr Vincent Jackson:**

Cllr Jackson reported that the designs of the Parnell Square Library were launched and well received. R. McGinley sought clarification on the financing of the Library and the role of private philanthropy. There was growing demand for a new Civic Museum for Dublin. He also expressed concern about the very poor condition and ill treatment of horses kept on land adjacent to Labre Park and asked what were the respective roles of the Gardai and Dublin City Council in dealing with the issue.

4 **Economic Development and Enterprise - Cllr Deirdre Heney:**

Cllr Heney informed the group that the July meeting of the SPC had a strategic presentation on Tourism in the City which included updates on new branding and tourist accommodation in the Region. There is now a 5 year Visitor strategy which includes promotion of under visited sections of the City including the Docklands. There had been excellent collaboration from the various bodies with responsibilities for waterways in the Docklands area.

5 **Environment - Cllr Naoise Ó Muirí:**

At Cllr Ó Muirí's request two documents from the Environment SPC had been circulated in advance of the CPG meeting for the information of the SPC chairs and for discussion at their SPCs. The background to refinancing of the waste to energy plant was explained by James Nolan and the Kathy Quinn. K. Quinn also outlined expected rates of income on the project.

If the City Council is to discontinue the use of some herbicides because of environmental and health risks, there will either be an increased service need by DCC staff and contractors to manage weeds or alternatively communities themselves will need to tolerate more weeds in roads, parks and DCC housing complexes. DCC may need to prepare communications regarding new maintenance regimes. Cllr Ó Muirí requested that this be brought to the attention of the relevant SPCs

6 **Any Other Business:**

Cllr Heney raised the issue of Horse Drawn Carriages and the DCC byelaws. It was explained that there may be a conflict between the byelaws and primary legislation. Cllr Heney requested that information from the law agent be circulated on the legal issues raised.

Cllr McGinley raised the issue of persistent litter on Rathmines Road over the weekends. This was not an issue during weekdays. J. Flanagan would raise the issue with waste management.

7 **Date of Next Meeting - 19th October 2018**

Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

Friday 21 September 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Daithí Doolan
Ruairi McGinley

Officers

Paul Clegg
Brendan Kenny
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Apologies

Ciaran Cuffe

Members:

Deirdre Heney
Naoise O'Muirí

John Flanagan
James Nolan

Paul McAuliffe

Members:

Vincent Jackson

Owen P. Keegan
Kathy Quinn

Lord Mayor Nial Ring