



**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND URBAN FORM SPC MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2020**

Cllr. Ray McAdam welcomed Cllr. Dearbháil Butler as a new member to the Committee.

1. Minutes of Meeting 29th September

Minutes: Agreed

2. Matters arising

Apologies from Jonny McKenna

- **PPN** need to nominate a 2nd person to the Planning and Urban Form SPC. Robbie has written to Richard who has agreed that they have till April 2021. The PPN are in the process of setting up a new office.

- **Capturing public gain from Land Zoning Measures.**

The Chair has secured agreement from CPG for the establishment of the sub-committee. Terms of reference to be agreed on the 4th Dec

- **Update on Nass Road/Ballymount/Cherry Orchard/Park West URDF Masterplan**

Some statistics on Build to Rent Planning Applications, were sent prior to this meeting.

- **Update on Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)**

Richard to give an update on outcome of the meeting with The Department on the 1st October, regarding the BID. Minister to announce successful applicants early December. We hope to get some significant projects.

- **City Development Plan Communication Strategy**

The document was circulated to all Councillors

- **SHD Process**

Process document sent to all SPC Members and for discussion at the next meeting

- **Emergency Motion re: 40 Herbert Park**

Report from Richard on findings went to all Members and Richard in the process of doing a further update. After the demolition a Cease Works Notice was put in effect so the Developer cannot continue to work on the site until pre-commencement conditions have been agreed. Residents have taken an injunction against the Developer.

3. City Greening Strategy

Presentation given by Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent,

Discussion followed, Les addressed questions raised by the Members. They commended the work of Les and his team and felt the greening of the city was very inspiring and uplifting in the current climate.

Presentation Noted.

4. Short Term Letting Update

The Enforcement Manager gave an update:

Since the new legislation came into force Enforcement have resolved 60-70% of cases to date these have reverted back to non-short term tenancies/lets. The specific figures relating to this is that we have opened 859 cases since July 2019 and of these we have resolved 526 with the remaining 333 still under investigation.
Enforcement action to date since January 2020

There were 475 enforcement file opened this year (up to 5/11/2020)

There were 351 cases resolved Cases since January 2020. The remaining cases are under active investigations.

25 x Enforcement Notices have been issued.

4 cases have been referred for legal proceedings in respect of non-compliance with enforcement notices. These cases are currently before the courts awaiting hearing.

Discussion followed and the Enforcement Manager addressed questions raised by the Members

Presentation Noted.

5. Proposed Works to City Walls.

The Dublin City Archaeologist gave a presentation which outlined the history of this National Monument and the conservation works ongoing at the moment.

Cllr. Dermot Lacey offered his congratulations to the City Archaeologist and Lidl on Aungier Street for their innovative approach to the development.

Presentation Noted

6. Criteria for Selecting Council Owned Sites for Disposal

Helen McNamara outlined the changes in the report which was sent to the Members prior to the meeting.

Discussion followed, Cllr. Alison Gilliland through Cllr. Lacey requested that Section 8 of the criteria be amended to include the reason for reaching the decision.

Agreed: H. McNamara agreed to amend the criteria as requested and the report to be submitted to the City Council for consideration.

7. Ancillary Family Accommodation

John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer went through the report circulated prior to meeting. He gave an outline to the 2 main types of accommodation.

1. Ancillary family accommodation (aka granny flats)
2. Attic Space

Discussion followed and John answered questions raised by the Members

Agreed: John to make representation in conjunction with the Building Control Section to the Department of Housing and Planning, Building Control Section to seek a review of the height regulations from 2.4m to 2m in respect of attic conversions.

8. Motion

Motion in the name of Odran Reid

Due to the decline in the retail sector and the increasing vacancies in retail premises, Dublin City Council should convene a taskforce drawn from key stakeholders, business interests, consumer interests academia, representative and professional bodies, key sections within the Council and other interested bodies to examine the future of the town centre and the high street within all of Dublin City Council area. The need for a diverse and dynamic town centre, as well as active and functional suburbs that are sustainable and meet the complex needs of the citizens of the city require that shared areas in town and village centres offer safe and coherent services for all. In the context of climate change and other existential challenges such as Brexit, it is critically important that a comprehensive examination of what the city will become post Covid 19 takes place in an inclusive and imaginative way.

Verbal reply provided by John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer. Dublin City Council has commissioned a Retail Impact Study to inform the new Development Plan.

Discussion followed and John answered questions raised by the Members

9. A.O.B.

None

10. Date of next meeting 23rd February 2021

Proposed dates for 2021

Tuesday April 27th

Tuesday June 29th

Tuesday September 28th

Tuesday November 23rd

Councillor Ray McAdam

Chairperson

Tuesday 24th November 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam(Chairperson)

Dermot Lacey

Daithí De Róiste(Deputy Chair)

Anthony Connaghan

Members:

Patricia Roe

Sophie NiCoullaud

Declan Meenagh

Dearbháil Butler

Members:

Odran Reid

Marian O'Donnell

Robbie Sinnott

Officers:

Richard Shakespeare

John O'Hara

Paul Clegg

Deirdre Scully

Helen McNamara

Máire Igoe

Leslie Moore

Ruth Johnson

James Cosgrove

John Downey

Jonathan Fallon

Aileen Mac Dermott

Non-Members:

Olivia Kelly (Irish Times)