



Breviate of the Protocol Committee meeting held on 23rd December 2021

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held 23rd December 2021 is submitted herewith.

1.) Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2021 and matters arising.

The Chair of the Committee, Cllr. Anne Feeney sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting. Deputy Chair, Cllr. Dermot Lacey agreed to Chair the meeting.

The Lord Mayor requested that her attendance be recorded at the meeting of 25th November 2021.

Order: Noted.

The Manager confirmed that the report from the Chief Executive regarding the allegations made by Cllr. Anthony Flynn against City Council Officials would be recirculated to the Members of the Protocol Committee and that the officials in question would also be informed of the outcome.

Order: Noted.

Assistant Chief Executive, Richard Shakespeare would attend the January meeting of the Protocol Committee to discuss issues surrounding planning information meetings and new procedures following on from the discontinuation of the SHD process.

Order: Noted.

Cllr. Donna Cooney raised the matter of Foreshore Licenses for the ESB and asked for a public meeting to be held on the issue. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Chair of the relevant SPC.

Order: Agreed.

2.) Motion in the name of Cllr. Dermot Lacey:

“That this Committee would consider how to deal with co-options to the Council in the event that a departing Councillor (for whatever reason) had not left details of how to fill their vacancy as required under Standing Orders.”

The Members discussed the matter and there was general agreement that the current procedures in place were sufficient to deal with vacancies that arose following the departure from the Council of an Independent Councillor. However, it was incumbent

on Independent Councillors to leave instructions with the Chief Executive's Office detailing how they wished their seat be filled in the event of their death.

The Manager informed Members that such correspondence was held, unopened in a secure safe in the Chief Executive's Office and would only be opened in the event of a Councillors passing. She confirmed that only one Independent Councillor had so far submitted such instructions.

Order: The Manager to write to all Independent Councillors requesting that they submit correspondence detailing how they wished their seat to filled in the event of their death.

3.) Meeting Dates for 2022:

The following dates for meetings of the Protocol Committee in 2022 were agreed:

27th January	21st July
24th February	22nd September
24th March	27th October
28th April	24th November
2nd June	22nd December
23rd June	

4.) Manager's Report

A request has been received to illuminate City Hall Red from 28th January – 1st February 2022 to promote the Dublin Lunar New Year Festival. The event is a programme of the Dublin City Council Arts Office and is supported by Tourism Ireland.

Order: Agreed

5.) A.O.B.

Cllr. Mannix Flynn made a request to attend the Group Leaders meeting as he is not affiliated to any political group on the Council.

Order: It was agreed the Lord Mayor and Meeting Administrator would brief Cllr. Flynn following Group Leader meetings so he is aware of what was discussed and any decisions taken.

Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Deputy Chairperson
Thursday 23rd December 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland
Anthony Connaghan
Mannix Flynn
Darcy Lonergan
Cat O'Driscoll

Officers

Ruth Dowling

Apologies:

Anne Feeney

Members:

Donna Cooney
Deirdre Heney
Briega MacOscar
Michael Pidgeon

Michael Gallagher

Members:

Joe Costello
Dermot Lacey
Naoise Ó Muirí
Noeleen Reilly