



Breviate of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 19th May 2022

1. Draft Minutes of the Finance SPC meeting held on 24th March 2022.

Adopted.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Correspondence

Noted.

The members shared disappointment over the response to defer the implementation plan of a National standardised rent system and the commencement of Section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014.

Agreed to:

- Write to the Minister acknowledging the previous correspondence and ask for the decision to defer the implementation plan and commencement of Section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 is reconsidered. Draw his attention to the principle that where a nominee of the CCMA is sought, a nominee of AILG should be included.
- Write to the AILG referencing the reply from the Minister and ask they also write to the Department showing support for the proposal to include an AILG nominee onto the committee tasked with reviewing the national standardised rent system.

4. Community Wealth Building Implementation Plan.

The Committee welcomed the attendance of Sarah Longlands, CE of CLES (Centre for Local Economic Strategies).

Sarah provided a presentation entitled 'Community Wealth Building in Dublin' to the Committee.

Actions to be taken following discussion held:

- The working group to liaise with their colleagues in Procurement to issue a Tender request, seeking a support service provider to assist in the successful roll out of the CWB Implementation Plan.
- The working group have agreed to meet monthly to champion the principles identified in the Implementation Plan.
- CWB to be added to the agenda (quarterly) of the Senior Management Team Meetings.
- Appointment of clerical support to be pursued, as agreed at Senior Management Level.

5. Rates Report.

Anthony O'Donoghue, A/Senior Executive Officer, Rates Office, presented a report on the schedule of rate debtors at the end of 2021, as set out in the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) No 2 regulations 2014. The 2021 opening arrears of €38.1M have reduced to €27.7M at 02/04/2022.

Report Noted.

6. Dublin City Council Revenue Funding, PowerPoint Presentation.

Enda Currid, Senior Executive Officer (Accountant) provided a presentation detailing the sources of Revenue Funding for Dublin City Council in 2022.

Actions to be taken following discussion held:

- Contact DFB and request a report detailing:
 - The basis of which commercial fire call out charges are made
 - How the charges are raised and communicated
 - The values owing
 - The collection rates
- Report on the trends in housing grants over the last ten years to be compiled and shared.
- Copy of 2021 AFS to be sent to Philp O'Callaghan.

7. Local Government Funding Sub Committee Report.

Kathy Quinn presented a report seeking the consideration of the committee to establish a Local Government Funding Sub Committee, tasked with addressing the findings of the Grant Thornton Report 'A review of Local Government Funding as impacts Dublin City Council' (presented to the SPC on 24/3/22).

The report and the establishment of a subcommittee was welcomed by members.

Actions to be taken following discussion held:

- Agreed to establish subcommittee for a period of 9 months.
- Those wishing to join should email their interest to either Kathy or Séamas.
- Report to be included on the next Corporate Policy Committee Agenda (15/7/22).

8. DCC LPT Local Adjustment Factor Report.

Kathy Quinn gave an overview of a recommendation drawn from a report commissioned by Grant Thornton 'A review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council' to set Dublin City Council's LPT Local Adjustment Factor. The issue was brought to the Budget Consultative Group (BCG) at its meeting held on 21st April and the options considered by the group at that meeting was shared and discussed.

Actions to be taken following discussion held:

- Await further information from the Department on the status of the equalisation fund.
- It was agreed following discussion, to keep this item on the agenda for further consideration.

9. Charging Policy Report. – Kathy Quinn

At the BCG meeting held on 21st April and 12th May, the report 'Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council' was considered with regard to Dublin City Council's Charging Policy. The BCG requested further debate at the Finance SPC. In the event that the Finance SPC agree an approach to Dublin City Council's Charging Policy, the issue of byelaws will need to be further examined.

Actions to be taken following discussion held:

- Kathy to liaise with the Law Department to explore the impact on byelaws if a proposal to move charges in line with inflation is made.

10. Audit Committee Meeting Minutes December 2021.

Report Noted.

11. AOB

Cllr McGrattan noted a reply received from the Department with regard to LPT (item 3.(iv)). The correspondence to be circulated to all.

12. Next meeting 15th September 2022.

Councillor Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson

30th May 2022

Members Present

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland
Cllr Seamas McGrattan (Chair)
Cllr. Daryl Barron
Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Anthony Connaghan
Cllr Daithi De Roiste
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Dermot Lacey
Cllr Darcy Lonergan
Cllr Paddy McCartan
Cllr Noeleen Reilly
Alan Robinson, Dublin Docklands Business Forum
Eric Fleming, ICTU
Ellen McGrath, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Professor Caroline McMullan, DCU
Philip O'Callaghan, PPN Nominee
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting
Enda Currid, Senior Executive Officer, Accountant
Anthony O'Donoghue, A/Senior Executive Officer
Lisa Flanagan, Senior Staff Officer
Mary Curran, Staff Officer
Sophie Kelly, Assistant Staff Officer

Guest

Cllr. John Lyons

Apologies

Cllr Nial Ring

External

Sarah Longlands, CE of CLES (Centre for Local Economic Strategies)