

Breviate of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 23rd September 2022

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on 23rd September 2022 is submitted herewith.

1.) Minutes of 15th July 2022

Agreed.

2.) Matters Arising

No matters arising.

3.) Updates from SPC Chairs:

a) Finance - Cllr Seamas McGrattan

SPC met last Thursday, and received a presentation on the DCC EU Strategy 2022 - 2027 (included information on the EU Office and funding streams) and a report on Green Tendering Clauses. Noted that the LPT would be before the October Council meeting. Discussions regarding the need to review DCC Charging Policy and link to inflation. Update given on the introduction of crowdfunding as a vehicle for low to mid-level value community projects (typically in the range of €1,000 to €10,000).

Work ongoing in relation to the Community Wealth Building. The Budget Consultative Group are continuing to meet.

b) Housing - Cllr Dermot Lacey

The SPC had the regular update in relation to the Housing Delivery Action Plan, update reports on Long Term Vacancies and Allocations along with progress reports on the work of the SPC Sub Groups. Cllr Lacey spoke of the importance of the need for good governance and has suggested that for Community Grant applications organisations should be requested to state the date of their last AGM. He also spoke of the Members' concern with the increase in homelessness. He complemented Cllr Alison Gilliland for her motion to make tenancy agreements available in the language of the tenant.

c) Planning and Urban Form - Cllr Ray McAdam

Cllr McAdam noted that the SPC last met in May but are due to meet again on Monday. The last meeting discussed a report on the Housing Task Force. The next meeting will discuss a report on the analysis on the use of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Cllr McAdam noted that 35 derelict sites have been acquired compulsorily since March 2017.

d) Traffic and Transportation - Cllr Noeleen Reilly

There were presentations on College Green, School Mobility Report, Metro and Active Travel. Cllr Reilly also noted that there had been updates from Public Transport Sub Committee, Walking and Cycling Sub Committee and Zebra Crossing Working Group. Members of the CPG sought an update on the 30 kph working group.

e) Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation - Cllr Cat O'Driscoll

Cllr O'Driscoll noted that there had been a slight delay to the meeting due to technical issues. There was a presentation on the Sports Plan (2023-2028) by Donncha Ó Dulaing and Don Daly. Other items discussed included update reports on Arts Grants Review and Dublin City Culture Company. Cllr O'Driscoll reminded members of the CPG that tonight was Culture Night.

f) Economic Development and Enterprise - Cllr Tom Brabazon

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

g) Climate Change, Environment and Energy - Cllr Michael Pidgeon

Cllr. Pidgeon noted that Climate Action Week had just finished. The SPC last met in July and items discussed included the Bulky Household Waste Collection as well as a Presentation on the Electrical Vehicle Charging Strategy. The SPC next meet on 12th October and agenda items will include a discussion on poster protocols and household waste.

4.) LCDC Update - Cllr Carolyn Moore

Cllr Carolyn Moore noted that there have been 6 meetings of the LCDC so far this year with another before the year end. She noted that there would be a change of membership and 2 formal resignations are expected, non attendance at meetings is an issue impacting the workload.

Noted that there is a Health and Wellbeing subcommittee that requires an elected representative.

4 Local Development Officers have been appointed to the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in CherryOrchard, Finglas/Cabra, Ballymun and Darndale / Priorswood.

2022 Community Activities Fund fully paid out with details published on the web. There will be a new round of funding after the budget and any valid applications that did not received funding in the summer will be automatically included for consideration in the second round.

With regard to the LECP Advisory Group and LECP 2022 Work Programme Cllr Moore informed members that a socio economic and community statement was being prepared. A "Your Dublin Your Voice" survey was carried out to engage the public on the new LECP, there were 900 responses.

It is expected that the LECP developmental process will take place throughout 2022, continue into 2023, with adoption of the DCC LECP expected in Quarter 1 2023.

Ruth Powell, Resource Officer for the Dublin City Public Participation Network (PPN) gave a presentation on the PPN's 5 year strategic plan including reference to its role, structure and its 5 year strategic plan. There had also been a discussion by the LCDC on the Mazars Review commissioned by the Department of Rural and Community Development and support for the Creation of a National coordination, communication and support structure.

5.) Any Other Business

A report from the EU Programme Support Office was circulated to Members on a proposed CPG European Field Trip to the Irish College Leuven incorporating a visit to the European Parliament, networking opportunities with Regional representatives and capacity building with the European Commission. It was agreed that the Chairperson of each SPC and the

Lord Mayor would be invited to partake in the trip. It was recommended that it should be postponed until the New Year and that opportunities should be sought to arrange meetings complementing the work of each SPC.

Cllr McAdam raised the issue of staffing in the Central Area particularly the filling of acting vacancies. The Assistant Chief Executive with responsibility for HR Eileen Quinlivan outlined the volume of competitions (73) held so far this year with competitions at the moment for Project Estate Officer and Public Domain. Acknowledged that it is a challenging and competitive recruitment market.

The CE raised Cllr. Batten's motion on the provision of childcare. As agreed at the Council meeting, he had commissioned a report and has now received an initial draft. Agreed to circulate the report to members of the CPG and refer to the Planning & Urban form SPC.

6.) Next Meeting 25th November at 2:30pm

Agreed.

Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy Chairperson

23rd September 2022

Attendance:

Members:

Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
Cllr. Michael Pidgeon
Cllr. Cat O'Driscoll
Cllr. Ray McAdam
Cllr. Noeleen Reilly
Cllr. Dermot Lacey
Cllr. Carolyn Moore

Officers

Owen P. Keegan
Ruth Dowling
Eileen Quinlivan
Tony Flynn
John Flanagan
Yvonne Kelly
Kathy Quinn
Coilín O'Reilly

Apologies:

Richard Shakespeare
Cllr. Tom Brabazon