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Dublin City Council

Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
27th February 2023
Item No. 3

Motions - Proposed Material Alterations to the Draft Development Plan 2022-2028

Motion 3.35 submitted in the name of Cllr. N. Ring

Refers to: Chapter 3: Climate Action

Motion

MOTION 79 Chapter: 3 3.2. Achievements. Page 95 Motion: To include as a policy that Energy Performance Contracting will be rolled out to all DCC leisure centres if feasible.

Planning Reason

To follow up in the achievement stated.

Chief Executive's Response

To achieve the climate and energy efficiency targets set out in the Dublin City Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024, the Council is upgrading seven of its Sports Centres under the Energy Performance Contract (EPC) model which delivers a performance guarantee. The contract will result in significant savings for the Council on its energy costs and it will reduce carbon emissions.

The further roll out of EPC to other centres is a matter for the Council's Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department and is considered an operational matter.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE that the motion is not agreed as it is outside the scope of the Development Plan.

Council Meeting Decision

Motion agreed as Amended.

Agreed to include a reference to the success of Energy Performance Contracting. Refer to SPC

Motion 7.2 submitted in the name of Cllr R. McAdam

Refers to: Chapter 7: The City Centre, Urban Villages and Retail

1. Add an extra policy objective on P. 261 as part of Chapter 7.5.6. which reads as follows:

CCUVO13: Broadstone Plaza

To support the establishment of a weekly market on Broadstone Plaza, at the entrance to the Grangegorman Campus.

Planning Reason

Planning Rationale:

A weekly market on the Broadstone Plaza entrance to the Grangegorman Campus would not only be a great local amenity, it could also reduce antisocial behaviour and litter that this new plaza has seen.

Chief Executive's Response

Broadstone Plaza is one of the largest new public realm spaces in the city. It has a number of key purposes: linking Grangegorman to Broadstone; accommodating bus movements from the City to Broadstone Depots (Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann); accommodating a Luas stop and bus interchange, all proximate to a number of building sites (in Grangegorman). The plaza is a shared resource with the Grangegorman Campus (involving the HSE, TU Dublin and Grangegorman Development Agency (GDA)).

The Development Plan includes a number of objectives that support the use of public realm spaces in the city for a variety of uses. Section 4.5.6 of the Draft Plan (page 153) focusses on the importance of public realm and its use to the city. SC4 (page 138) states "To promote and support a variety of recreational and cultural events in the city's civic spaces; as well as the development of new and the retention and enhancement of existing civic and cultural spaces". Section 7.5.8 (page 261) also addresses public realm in the context of improving the city centre and urban villages and a range of policies and objectives are set out on pages 264-266 addressing this issue. It is considered that there is nothing in the Draft Plan that would prevent a new initiative for Broadstone; and there are a range of objectives and policies that would support such.

Any proposal to use Broadstone Plaza needs to be taken in the context of ensuring that health and safety defines the extent and use of the space and the impact on the key movements that have to be accommodated. It is suggested that the motion be amended to recognise that some research is needed to define how the space can be used and also to look at the opportunities presented in linking in with the other agencies- such as TU Dublin and the GDA to explore what is possible in the short and longer term. It is considered that this is best addressed through the Transport and the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

A similar motion (Motion No. 12.20) has been submitted under Chapter 12 Culture and the Chief Executive is recommending a new objective – see CUO56 Broadstone Plaza below:

{CUO56 Broadstone Plaza

To undertake a study to examine the potential of utilising the Broadstone Plaza for hosting public events and markets and to explore opportunities to work with TU Dublin

and Grangeegorman Development Agency in developing new opportunities for public events in this area.}

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE to agree the motion.

Please see CE recommendation for new Objective CUO56 under Motion No. 12.20, Chapter 12, Section 12.5.7 Culture in the Public Domain.

Council Meeting Decision

Motion AGREED. Refer to SPC

Motion 10.25 submitted by Cllr N. Ring

Refers to: Chapter 10: Green Infrastructure and Recreation

Chapter: 10 Section: 10.5.4 Parks and Open Spaces Page: 370, GIO22 Motion: To include either as a separate objective or as an addendum to objective GIO22 the following: “That is also an objective of Dublin City Council that all parks managed and run by DCC should aspire to attain Green Flag Status for all parks during the lifetime of the Development Plan.”

Planning Reason

To have this aspiration specifically mentioned in the Development Plan. Also, there is a specific Objective at GIO36 relating to Blue Flags for city beaches and we should have a similar aspiration for the internationally schemes (Green Flag) which aims to encourage the provision of good public parks and green spaces that are managed in environmentally sustainable ways.

Chief Executive's Response

The Chief Executive notes the intent of this motion. However, the management of parks and the attainment of Green Flag status for the city's parks is an operational and management matter for Parks and Leisure Services and / or the OPW where relevant.

The Council's Parks Strategy, 2019, outlines actions for park management in the city, (see Section 4 of that strategy) and the Parks Strategy is the most appropriate policy vehicle for referencing the international Green Flag awards.

The relevant objective in the Draft Plan which deals with the management, protection and enhancement of parks is Objective GIO23 which states:

Objective GIO23 Manage / Protect / Enhance Parks

To continue to manage and protect and/or enhance the city's parks and public open spaces to meet the social, recreational, conservation and ecological needs of the city and to consider the development of appropriate complementary facilities which do not detract from the amenities of spaces.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE that the motion is not agreed as it is outside the scope of the Development Plan.

It is recommended that the motion is referred to the Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department SPC.

Council Meeting Decision

The Lord Mayor ruled the motion out of order. Refer to Arts, Culture & Leisure SPC

Motion 10.26 submitted in the name of Cllr. D. Lacey

Refers to: Chapter 10: Green Infrastructure and Recreation

1. To add to the relevant section of the City Development Plan the following: "This City Council will conduct an audit of all closed Swimming Pools both Public and Private across the City to see if it is possible to re-open any or all of these for full public use."

Planning Reason

There are regular calls for improved swimming facilities across the City while various municipal and private swimming pools are either closed or only open part time. This is a clear waste of valuable assets and the provision of new pools while existing ones are underused or not used at all is bad value and poor planning. An audit would provide an opportunity to examine need and existing potential resources and hence lead to better planning in this regard.

Chief Executive's Response

The operation of municipal and private swimming pools is a matter outside the scope of the Development Plan and is an operational matter for the Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department and private operators of swimming pools.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE that the motion is not agreed as it is outside the scope of the Development Plan.

This motion should be referred to the Culture, Recreation and Economic Services Department SPC.

Council Meeting Decision

The Lord Mayor ruled the motion out of order. Refer to Arts, Leisure & Culture SPC.

Motion 12.10 submitted in the name of Green Party Comhaontas Glas

Refers to: Chapter 12: Culture

Relevant Chapter/Appendices, Section, Page Chapter: 12, Page/Section: Motion: To amend CUO3 to remove the term 'undertake a study to explore the opportunity of creating' and replace with 'will create a Dublin Music Resource Centre and Museum..... DCC- C38 - DRAFT – 2122.

Planning Reason

To strengthen the commitment to delivering such a facility in the city.

Chief Executive's Response

The wording proposed places a definitive responsibility on Dublin City Council to deliver this new facility in the city. However, in conjunction with this objective, the Draft Plan now contains references to deliver or partner with over seven large scale cultural centres and/or museums during the lifetime of the Plan. As no research has yet been undertaken to identify the extent of need; options for funding; operational future etc. for this particular resource centre; it is not considered appropriate that the Draft Plan should pre-judge such a key element of research on the viability of the facility. This does not detract from the support in principle for the concept which is recognised by the Draft Plan as having a role in supporting cultural activity in the city. The development of any such facility requires clarity in research, planning and resourcing to become a successful endeavour and will most likely require collaboration with other agencies.

For these reasons, the Draft Plan seeks to bring forward the first key step in the process as an objective to be delivered as a minimum during the lifetime of the Plan; it does not prevent the project moving forward if the study proves the project can be viable. It is suggested that an amended wording in relation to bringing forward the study and the project can reflect the support sought in the motion for the concept.

It is considered that the issue should be referred to the SPC to examine the route to implementation.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE to agree the motion with amendments.

For clarity, Chapter 12, Culture, Section 12.5.1 Protecting and Enhancing Dublin City's Cultural Assets, page 439, Objective CUO3: Dublin Music Resource Centre and Museum, to read:

CUO3 Dublin Music Resource Centre and Museum

In recognising the significant musical tradition in Dublin, the City Council will undertake a study ~~(to explore the opportunity of creating)~~ {inform the creation of} a new Dublin Music Resource Centre and Museum that can provide facilities and opportunities for engagement with music for all, with a particular focus on engaging and encouraging under represented and socially excluded people within the city.

Council Meeting Decision

Motion Agreed as Amended. Refer to Arts, Culture & Leisure SPC.

Motion 12.27 submitted in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

Refers to: Chapter 12: Culture

That the following be added to CUO42 Culture in the Community Supporting Cultural Diversity That such support be realised, initially, through establishing a Women of Dublin Heritage Trail and a Rainbow Mile celebrating LGBT+ inclusion in the city; expanding Africa Day and Lunar New Year events and building upon the inaugural Brigit 2022: Dublin City Celebrating Women cultural programme, the inaugural 2022 UNESCO World Book and Copyright Day 'Dublin Reads: Rumpus in the Round' event and the Darndale Creative Places initiative.

Planning Rationale: to promote, recognise and enhance social cohesion, inclusion and integration through culture across the city.

The current objective CUO42 addresses cultural inclusivity across a broad spectrum of groups and references LGBTQ+ and minority groups as examples. The objective emphasises the need for the city's cultural experience to be inclusive and to support initiatives in the arts and cultural spaces to increase cultural engagement.

It is not the role of the Development Plan (which will be in place for 6 years) to name out specific events that may take place that demonstrate delivery of the objective- decisions in relation to how this objective is implemented are best made as part of planned arts and cultural programming. It is considered that decisions about what projects will lead out in delivering this objective are best addressed by the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

Chief Executive's Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the CE that the motion is not agreed, and it is recommended that the matter is referred to the Arts, Culture, Leisure and Recreation SPC.

Council Meeting Decision

MOTION NOT AGREED. Refer to Arts, Culture & Leisure SPC.