
Breviate of the Corporate Policy Group meeting held on 22nd March 2024

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on 22nd March 2024 is submitted herewith.

1 **Minutes of the meeting of 26th January 2024.**

Agreed.

2 **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

3 **Updates from SPC Chairs:**

a) **Finance - Cllr Seamas McGrattan**

The last Finance SPC of this Council took place yesterday. The main item on the agenda was a review of our work plan over the 5 year term and bringing forward some of the items to the next council.

b) **Housing - Cllr Alison Gilliland**

The Housing SPC has met twice since the last CPG meeting - on 14th February and on 13th March.

At the February meeting the SPC discussed DCC's Affordable Housing Programme. and heard updates for the SPC's various working groups .

Affordable Housing Programme: *The SPC noted the range of housing developments incorporating cost rental units and affordable purchase units. 10 different developments include affordable purchase units (1,384 units in total) while 17 different sites include cost rental units (approximately 3,741 in total). All sites are at different stages of development. Some of these sites are being developed by the LDA, others are being developed by ABHs while the larger Housing Land Initiative sites at O'Devaney Gardens and Oscar Traynor Rd under contract from DCC and Emmet Road is an in-house direct DCC led development.*

The SPC noted the new web pages informing the public of upcoming Affordable Purchase and Cost Rental opportunities and also noted that each development would have an on-the-ground communication plan so all local residents will be made aware of affordable housing opportunities, deadlines, application processes etc.

At the March meeting the SPC discussed Active Land Management and Traveller Accommodation.

Active Land Management: The SPC noted the work of the Housing Deliver Co-ordination Office with the LGMA in supporting the national GIS/mapping system that identifies lands with funding for social and affordable housing and lands suitable for social and affordable housing but that not have funding secured. The SPC recommended that all residential zoned land be included in the mapping system, especially LDA/public/state lands and ultimately the SPC would like to see all DCC residential developments including HAP tenancies mapped across the city.

Traveller Accommodation: The SPC noted and commended the attendance of Tony Smithers, Traveller Accommodation Unit SEO, at the Joint (Oireachtas) Committee on Key Issues affecting the Traveller Community on 22 February. This meeting discussed Traveller accommodation issues in Dublin and Galway. The SPC noted the move by DCC to incorporate a robust culturally appropriate lens when planning and designing traveller accommodation. This will inform the drafting of the new Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025 - 2029. Work in Waste Management on sites, the caravan loan scheme and updates on specific site redevelopments were noted.

Motions on communication protocols with AHBs and on options to buy post long-term leasing were discussed and noted

Next meetings: the next meeting on 17th April will be a workshop on challenges and opportunities to transition to a circular economy in our housing maintenance and housing regeneration programmes - this workshop will take place in The Lab on Foley St. The final meeting of this Council term's SPC will take place in May and will focus on reviewing housing deliver over the Council term 2019 - 2023.

c) **Planning and Urban Form - Cll Ray McAdam**

Deferred to next meeting.

d) **Traffic and Transportation - Cllr Noeleen Reilly**

Last meeting held on 7th February. The following was discussed:

- 4 City Centre Transport Plan
- 5 Skip Bye Laws
- 6 Parking Enforcement Workshop
- 7 Report on pedestrian crossings in 2023 and the need for more funding to be allocated.
- 8 Active Travel Report

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

The last meeting was held on 26th February. There were 3 presentations given:

- Sports Plan (due before Council in April)
- Bram Stoker Festival (Sustainability and inclusion ethos)
- Andy Warhol final presentation.

Other items discussed include:

- Policy proposal re. Protest in Parks – committee recommended rejection pending more nuanced approach.
- Culture Company bi-annual report
- Report on Chatham Row (noted that the committee were happy with the report)
- Merchants Quay Development

Noted that the SPC have brought their May meeting forward to 1st May to ensure the breviat goes before the May Council meeting.

f **Economic Development and Enterprise - Cllr Tom Brabazon**
Deferred to next meeting.

g **Climate Change, Environment and Energy - Cllr Claire Byrne**
Special meeting of the SPC held on 10th January to approve the Climate Action Plan which has since been published (7th March). Councillor Byrne conveyed her appreciation to all involved.

The SPC held on 31st January was focused on the Noise Action Plan. The SPC also considered an update on the bag bin trial, bin sensor project report and also received a presentation on the deposit return scheme.

• **LCDC Update - Cllr Racheal Batten**

Deferred to next meeting.

Any Other Business

There no items raised.

Date of next meeting - 31st May 2024.

Noted.

Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste

Chairperson

Friday 22 March 2024

Attendance:

Members:

Daithí de Róiste
(Chairperson)
Claire Byrne

Members:

Cat O'Driscoll

Members:

Noeleen Reilly

Officers

Frank d'Arcy
Anthony Flynn
Richard Shakespeare

Ruth Dowling
Eileen Quinlivan

John Flanagan
Kathy Quinn

Apologies:

Alison Gilliland

Séamas McGrattan