



**Finance Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of Meeting
held on 17th November 2016**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2016

Minutes agreed

2. Matters arising

a) Pyrite Works

Cllr. P. McCartan queried the recent introduction of classifications on the severity of pyrite by the Pyrite Resolutions Board and the National Standards Authority of Ireland and the impact this might have on Dublin City Council's accountability on this issue. K. Quinn confirmed that she has been in communication with B. Kenny, ACE, on this matter and as progress is not being made with advancing claims with the relevant insurance companies, Dublin City Council needs to revert to the Department regarding funding for these works.

Agreed: A further report will be requested for the next meeting.

b) Housing Acquisitions update from B. Kenny, ACE, Housing and Community Services Department

Agreed: Correspondence noted

c) Outstanding Domestic Waste Debtors update from V. Norton, Executive Manager, Environment and Transportation Department

Contents of report from V. Norton was noted. Several queries were raised by committee members.

Agreed: A further report was requested providing both the historical and current activities referenced during the above discussions.

d) Rates Exemptions on Government properties – letter to Seamus McCarthy, C&AG dated 5/10/16

S. McCarthy responded directly to Cllr. McGinley noting that the issues raised are a policy matter which are not a matter for the C&AG and recommending that the issue should be raised with the relevant government department.

e) Cost of compiling NOAC performance indicators

M. Pyne, ACE, HR Department provided correspondence relating to the costs associated with the compilation of this dated for the performance indicators.

Agreed: Report noted.

3. Dublin Business Innovation Centre

Michael Culligan, DBIC made a presentation on the work of the DBIC and the GEC (Guinness Enterprise Centre) and they were commended by the committee members.

4. Local Enterprise Office – Grants Allocations

Greg Swift from the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) provided the members with an overview presentation of the grants allocation and role of the office. The Committee commended the ongoing work of the Local Enterprise Office and thanked Greg Swift for his contribution.

5. Community Group Lettings/Licences

A copy of a report from P. Clegg, Planning and Property Development Department was circulated to members. This report in essence demonstrates the value in financial terms to the city of these community lettings.

Agreed: It was agreed that a report should possibly be presented to the Area Committees in the first instance highlighting the provision of these community facilities through lettings/leases and then return this item to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee.

6. Finance Strategic Policy Committee – Meetings Schedule 2017

Noted and agreed

7. Rates Exemptions (Schedule 4)

Report was presented to the Committee and the contents were noted. It was pointed out that the City Council are not in a position to change the current exemptions. Cllr. Lacey highlighted that there is currently no tracking system at reserved council level for legislative changes going through the Oireachtas.

Agreed: K. Quinn will refer this issue to the Protocol Committee.

Agreed: The issue of online trade will be listed as an agenda item for the next meeting.

8. Audit Committee minutes – 12th May 2016

Minutes noted.

9. A.O.B.

Work Programme Update

It was agreed that an update to progress on the work programme would be presented to the next meeting.

Councillor Ruairi McGinley
Chairperson

17th November 2016

Attendance:

Members

Councillor Ruairi McGinley (Chairperson)
Councillor Paddy Bourke
Councillor Tom Brabazon
Councillor Dermot Lacey
Councillor Paddy McCartan
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha
Councillor Noeleen Reilly

Councillor Nial Ring
Aebhric McGibney, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Morgan O'Regan, Docklands Business Forum
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Vincent Norton, Executive Manager, Environment & Transportation Department
Greg Swift, Local Enterprise Office
Fiona Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat
Fiona Collins, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat

Guest Speaker

Michael Culligan, Dublin Business Innovation Centre
Julian Seymour, Dublin Business Innovation Centre

Apologies

Lord Mayor Brendan Carr
Councillor Ray McAdam
Councillor Larry O'Toole
Councillor Hazel De Nortúin
Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU
Joanna Piechota, Irish Polish Society
Eric Fleming, ICTU