

Report to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee

Work Programme 2016-2017

Item No.	Categories	SPC Member	Agenda Item	Update January 2017
1	Reporting for Service Users	Cllr. R. McGinley  Gina Quin  Gina Quin	Statement of Income and Expenditure - Public on how money is spent  A report to show directly what services are provided to business (specifically business) in return for their rates. What proportion of the rates bill goes to business services? This is with a view to appraising companies where their taxes are spent and how they benefit their business.  What services are provided to citizens in return for their property tax (specifically citizens). What proportion of the property tax goes to providing services? In the same way how can Dublin City Council appraise citizens where their taxes go?	
2	Value for Money	Cllr. Nial Ring  Aidan Sweeney  Gina Quin	Value for Money report on main expenditure items which could extend beyond the usual criteria. For example, refurbishment of voids is done in-house and by contractors but the "real" cost is never calculated which should include loss of rent, reallocation of resources etc.  Performance Indicators by area across services provided  A comparison of the unit cost and volume of services provided by DCC versus other local authorities in Ireland and possibly elsewhere would be very useful. This is with a view to considering how efficient Dublin City Council services are across various services, litter, fire brigade, cultural, lighting, security, housing etc.	Report to September 2016 meeting on Rates debts
3	Local Government/Central Government Funding	Cllr. Nial Ring  Gina Quin	A report on DCC's continuous "subsidising" of the rest of the country in line with that discussed. The main areas referred to so far have been the LPT equalisation, government buildings rates exemption, Failte Ireland spend v Dublin's contribution towards the overall tourism intake, ambulance service as discussed, rates collection percentage as revealed at meeting –v- rest of country etc. This could be a major piece of work and could be extended to include all areas where DCC effectively take a national –v- local hit on service provision (direct and indirect costs should be included).  Consideration of the use to which business (or non-grant) funding is put in Dublin –v- another rural local authority. This would show the line items that central government funds at a rural level but leaves urban areas to cover themselves. We believe that business rates may be used more widely in rural areas.  Team Dublin – Government focus lately on rural recovery. Dublin is the economic hub of the country.	

4		Gina Quin	Should the Finance Committee consider the long run funding of DCC? What assumptions are these based on and why is there is no Central Government funding for areas that are provided for elsewhere in the country?  Issue Report on Funding of Dublin	Report issued to member in September 2016
5	Income	Cllr. Nial Ring	Dublin City Council foregoes up to €9m in income by giving premises to community groups etc at abated or low rents. A report on this should be included in a works programme.	Report went to November 2016 meeting.
6	HFA borrowings	Cllr. Noeleen Reilly	The workings of the Housing Finance Agency in terms of Loans to Dublin City Council. Presentation to be made to the Committee	Presentation to September 2016 meeting.
7	Debtors	Cllr. Nial Ring	Quarterly report to the SPC on the outstanding bin charge debtors. An example such as the report on Rates would be a good start followed by regular updates.	Report to November 2016 meeting.
8	Provision of Regional Services	Cllr. Noeleen Reilly	The Cost of providing services to other Local Authorities i.e., housing, homelessness, Fire Service, Motor Tax etc.	Report to September 2016 meeting. Second report on January 2017 agenda.
9	Homeless Agency	Cllr. Mannix Flynn	Report on their accounts.	Homeless Agency is accounted for as part of Dublin City Council.
10	Local Enterprise Office Grants	Cllr. Mannix Flynn	Report on grants provided.	Presentation given to November 2016 meeting.