



**Finance Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of Meeting
held on 19th January 2017**

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2016

Minutes agreed

2. Matters arising

a) Outstanding Domestic Waste Debtors

V. Norton will present a report to the March meeting.

b) Tracking System for Legislative Change

Correspondence noted. Chief Executive's office to be requested to list this issue as an agenda item on Protocol meeting agenda as soon as can be arranged. **Action.**

c) Community Group Lettings/Licences

Correspondence noted. K. Quinn to confirm with Planning Dept and Area Offices that a summary report containing presentations to all Area Committees will be presented to the March SPC meeting. **Action.**

d) Pyrite Work costs

Correspondence noted.

K. Quinn confirmed that Cllr Reilly's queries relating to both BRL and pyrite would be addressed in the report being prepared by Brendan Kenny. K. Quinn to ask B. Kenny for the report to issue to all members. **Action.**

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Building Control section requesting a report for a future meeting on quality control. **Action.**

3. Area Discretionary Funding

Deferred to March meeting as Councillor McVeigh could not attend the meeting.

4. Rates Revaluation

K. Quinn briefed the committee on the report.

Cllr McGinley requested that the report issue to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government and to the Minister for Finance. **Action.**

5. Motor Vehicle UK Tax Discs

Report noted. Cllr McGinley noted that this report shows that an alternative to vehicle tax discs is feasible. It was agreed by the Committee to refer the report to the Minister for Transport. **Action**

It was agreed that a report on an update on change proposals would be brought to the June 2017 meeting. **Action.**

6. Rates Vacancy Refunds

Cllr McGinley advised that management is considering commissioning a report on this issue. Cllr McGinley stated that this report, when complete, will inform the 2018 budget.

It was requested that a report be brought to a future meeting on performance of collection of rates due on vacant properties. **Action.**

7. Work Programme

Report noted.

- Local Property Tax

Cllr McGinley noted that infographics is being produced now by Dublin City Council. He requested a copy be brought to the next meeting. **Action.**

A report to be brought to a future meeting re Central Government Funding to Dublin City Council and other local authorities. **Action.**

- VFM Report – Housing Voids

It was agreed that a letter will issue to Brendan Kenny to ask the Housing SPC to consider a “Let what you see” approach for lettings. **Action.**

- Local Government Funding

K. Quinn noted that the Finance SPC previously commissioned a report on local government funding.

- Future Agenda items

Cllr McGinley requested that if any member has any more agenda items they would like raised at a future meeting, they contact K. Quinn. **Action.**

8. Ballyfermot Leisure Centre

It was noted that it had been agreed a report would go to the March meeting.

Cllr McGinley confirmed that the Audit Committee has reviewed this overspend. Cllr McGinley requested a report providing the extract from the Statutory Audit Report of the Local Government Auditor be issued as soon as possible. A more detailed report to be brought to the March SPC meeting. **Action.**

9. A.O.B.

Motion from Cllr Noeleen Reilly re the loan between BRL and James Elliott Construction Ltd (JEC) in 2011.

It was agreed that this item would be deferred pending the legal case.

Signed: **Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
 Chairperson

Date: 19th January 2017

Attendance:

Members

Councillor Ruairi McGinley (Chairperson)
Councillor Dermot Lacey
Councillor Paddy McCartan
Councillor Micheál MacDonncha
Councillor Noeleen Reilly
Councillor Nial Ring
Councillor Larry O'Toole
Councillor Hazel De Nortúin
Morgan O'Regan, Docklands Business Forum
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC
Eric Fleming, ICTU

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Lisa Nolan, Staff Officer (Secretarial), Finance Secretariat
Fiona Collins, Assistant Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat

Non Member

Councillor Mannix Flynn

Apologies

Lord Mayor Brendan Carr
Councillor Paddy Bourke
Councillor Tom Brabazon
Councillor Ray McAdam
Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU
Joanna Piechota, Irish Polish Society
Aebhric McGibney, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Press

Conal Thomas, Dublin Enquirer