



Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held on 2nd February 2017

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Protocol Committee held on 2nd February 2017 is submitted herewith.

- 1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2016 and matters arising
Order: Agreed

- 2 Lord Mayor's Receptions and Engagements of the Deputy Lord Mayor
Order: Noted and Recommend to Council

- 3 Motion in the name of Councillor Paul McAuliffe:

“Inspired by the Accenture Ireland #WomenonWalls project which seeks to address the lack of portraits of historical female leaders in Ireland. Dublin City Council will seek sponsorship for and commission a portrait of the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin Kathleen Clarke framed to a size and scale that will allow it to replace one of the current portraits that hang in the Council Chamber alongside that of Daniel O’Connell.”

Order: Agreed

- 4 Motion in the name of Councillor Michael O'Brien

“To request that the practice whereby a written explanation would be circulated to councillors when emergency motions were ruled out of order, which was agreed at the Protocol Committee meeting last October and subsequently put into practice, be reinstated.”

When I raised the discontinuation of this practice at January’s Council meeting, the Lord Mayor informed me that this was because the newly adopted standing orders did not contain a provision for such a circulation. I am requesting that a further amendment to standing orders be drafted to incorporate this measure.”

Order: Agreed and Recommend to Council. The Members stipulated that the written explanation as to why an emergency motion was not taken did not have to be circulated until the day after the Council meeting.

- 5 Draft Training Programme for Members 2017
Order: Agreed and Recommend to Council

6 Appointment to the Board of Beaumont Hospital
Order: The members agreed that Fingal County Council would nominate a candidate for the position for the remainder of the current Council term and that Dublin City Council would nominate a candidate after the next Local Election.

7 Improved support resources for Councillors - Expenses Incurred

The Chair reported that the proposed changes to the Expenses Scheme would favour Councillors from outside of Dublin disproportionately and that it was opposed by both LAMA and the AILG.

Oonagh Casey explained that the new scheme allowed for an increase in expenses from €2,667 per annum up to €5,000 per annum. However, the new scheme would operate on a fully vouched basis. Councillors would have the option of remaining on the current scheme or moving to the new one when it came into effect from July 2017.

Order: Noted

8 Managers Report

➤ The Members agreed that Council question replies should be released at the commencement of the City Council meeting and be accessible through the Modern Gov system. The procedure whereby hard copies of the replies are also provided would discontinue when this facility became available.

➤ The Members agreed with the Managers suggestion that the Monthly Management Report would be more beneficial to Councillors if it were abridged. The effectiveness of the change in format would be reviewed by this committee in three months.

9 Date of Next Meeting - **Thursday 2nd March at 8am** in the Richard O'Carroll Room

Order: Agreed

Councillor Dermot Lacey

Chairperson

Thursday, 2 February 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Brendan Carr
Patrick Costello
Deirdre Heney
Teresa Keegan
Ray McAdam
Ray McHugh
Michael Mullooly
Naoise O'Muirí

Officers

Oonagh Casey
Michael Gallagher
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Apologies:

John Lyons
Ciaran O'Moore
Sonya Stapleton