



Breviate of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group Held on 25th January 2019

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on 25th January 2019 is submitted herewith.

1 Minutes of the Meeting of 23rd November

Agreed.

2 Report on Use of Mobile Technology

This item was referred to the CPG from the Services Working Group. Report was noted.

3 Finance - Cllr Ruairí McGinley:

Cllr McGinley noted the reported eligibility rates for social housing which appeared too low to be deemed affordable.

4 Housing - Cllr Daithí Doolan:

Cllr Doolan encouraged SPC chair to support the activities of Welcome Matt the anti-racism organisation which focuses on racism in housing. He also welcomed the progress and potential of volumetric apartment buildings. He raised concerns about the stalling of the Cooperative Housing Ireland project in Cherry Orchard and issue with the former De La Salle site in Ballyfermot. Brendan Kenny informed the group that Draft Protocols for Approved Housing Projects would be discussed at the next Housing SPC.

5 Planning and Property Development - Cllr Andrew Montague:

Under this item Councillors raised concerns about the impact of the new height guidelines from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. Questions were raised on whether the Development Plan would need to be varied in light of these guidelines. Members were informed by the Law Agent that this was not necessary. O. Keegan confirmed that a report on the impact of the Guidelines would be brought to a Council Meeting for the information of all members.

6 Transportation - Cllr Ciarán Cuffe:

Cllr Cuffe informed the meeting that staff member Stephen Hickey who had supported the SPC for a number of years had retired. A number of members expressed their thanks for his help and support over the years. Cllr Cuffe updated the meeting on the wider impact of Bus Connects. Dick Brady informed members that a cross disciplinary group was being set up within the Council to monitor and coordinate these impacts. This was welcomed by the members. He also

informed members that he expected the Liffey Cycle Route and the Royal Canal Cycle Route to go to a Special meeting of the SPC shortly. Questions were raised about the impact of the Metrolink on the Markievicz leisure centre.

7 Arts Culture and Recreation - Cllr Vincent Jackson:

Under this item the Lord Mayor Nial Ring congratulated the staff who worked on the Christmas lights which had been widely appreciated by Dubliners. He also congratulated the Mansion House library and other staff who made the Commemoration events and open days such a success.

8 Economic Development and Enterprise - Cllr Deirdre Heney:

Cllr Heney updated the members on the work of the Economic Development Office on the Circular Economy initiative which encourages business and SMEs to consider reuse at all stages of their enterprise. She also reported on the Apprentice Summit which had been very worthwhile. She explained to members about the Council underwriting the loan to the Guinness Enterprise Centre which had been approved at the last Council Meeting. She encouraged the members to look at the output of the latest Your Dublin, Your Voice which contained both positives and negatives for the City.

9 Environment - Cllr Naoise Ó Muirí:

Cllr Ó Muirí reported that the last SPC had taken a thematic approach. They looked at Water Quality in Dublin Bay. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, An Taisce and Irish Water and was very productive. The SPC intends to take a similar approach to Air Quality at a future meeting. He informed the meeting of the consultation of the Climate Change Action Plan on the 14th of February in the Mansion House.

10 LCDC Update - Cllr Paul McAuliffe:

Cllr McAuliffe updated the meeting on recent grant dispersals including €30,000 to Mens Sheds. There was now €18,000 per area available for a Capital Grant to one project which should be considered by Area Committees.

11 Any Other Business:

The Lord Mayor informed the group that €100,000 had been raised by the sold out Lord Mayor's Ball. This money is to be divided across 3 preselected charities.

12 Date of Next Meeting - 22nd February 2019

Noted.

Lord Mayor Nial Ring
Chairperson
Friday 25 January 2019

Attendance:

Members:

Lord Mayor Nial Ring
(Chairperson)
Ciaran Cuffe
Paul McAuliffe

Officers

Dick Brady
Owen P. Keegan
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh

Members:

Daithí Doolan
Ruairi McGinley

Paul Clegg
Terence O'Keeffe

Members:

Deirdre Heney
Naoise O'Muirí

Ruth Dowling
Kathy Quinn