



Proposed Special Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management

In May 2016 a Special Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management was established (Report No. 123/2016). The work of this Committee ceased on the expiry of the previous City Council and the Local Elections in May 2019.

As Councillors are aware Dublin Fire Brigade, while managed by Dublin City Council, has responsibility for the delivery of services in the four local authority areas of Dublin. The service is also funded by the four Dublin local authorities.

For this reason it is considered appropriate that a Special Inter Local Authority Committee should be established and should include Councillors from the other three Dublin local authorities. The following is a suggested membership of a new Special Inter Local Authority Committee, which reflects the respective local authority shares of the total DFB annual budget.

- 10 Councillors from Dublin City Council
- 4 Councillors from South Dublin County Council
- 4 Councillors from Fingal County Council
- 3 Councillors from Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Chairperson: The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson would be selected by the members at its first meeting.

Responsibilities: Dublin Fire Brigade, Ambulance Services, Civil Defence, Fire Prevention and Emergency Management.

Administration: The Committee will be administered and served by the relevant Assistant Chief Executive and senior management in Dublin City Council.

It may be appropriate for the Special Committee to include external members with relevant expertise. It is considered that this is a matter that should be considered by the Committee, in the first instance.

The Special Committee will concentrate on the following strategic matters:

- Assisting the four Dublin local authorities in the formulation, development and review of policy on Emergency Services and Emergency Management.

- Taking a strategic overview of the relevant policy areas in the wider context of the Dublin region.
- The preparation of the Fire and Emergency Operations Plan under Section 26 of the Fire Services Act, 1981.
- The achievement of greater integration and co-ordination between the Dublin Fire Brigade Services and the National Ambulance Services.
- Considering the recommendations from the Health Information and Quality Agency (HIQA) reports in December 2014 and March 2017.
- Consider the progress of various proposed reform programmes in this area.

As is the case with the Strategic Policy Committee structure and remit, this Committee will not be involved in operational or industrial relations issues.

I recommend to Council that this Special Inter local Authority Committee now be established on the basis set out above and the relevant invitations be sent to our neighbouring local authorities.

Resolution:

“That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 350/2019 and hereby approves the contents therein”.

Brendan Kenny
Deputy Chief Executive
2nd December 2019