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## **Breviate of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group Held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 is submitted herewith.

### **1) Covid -19 Emergency**

The Chief Executive explained to the Elected Representative that the meeting was called to update members on the impact of COVID on the City Council & its services and to plan for future Council Meetings.

#### **A Review of Measures Taken**

R. Shakespeare, Flanagan, B. Kenny, G. Geraghty updated members on measure taken to date including services closed and the ongoing provision of essential services. In response to Members' questions the following were noted:

- 4 Staff members confirmed with Covid-19 to date. 200 staff either isolated due to return from abroad or in self isolation or with underlining medical conditions.
- Redeployment of staff and possible reallocation to other agencies.
- Changes in operation for staff working from depots to ensure continued safety of staff
- Acquisition of apartments facilitating move from Emergency Accommodation
- Engagement with Travellers regarding self-isolation and Covid

#### **B Review of General Working Arrangements**

D. Keeley outlined impact on Fire and Ambulance service, acceleration of training of recruit class and reemployment of retired members of staff to assist. He also outlined readiness of Civil Defence and other organisations to assist if needed.

G. Geraghty pointed out that up to 1,500 were staff working from home and that this was likely to increase.

#### **C Emergency Measures Legislation.**

Y. Kelly, Law Agent, outlined the extent of the Emergency Legislation. Questions were asked about the impact on Planning application to DCC and SHD application to An Bord Plaenála. She undertook to let the Councillors know when this element of the legislation was enacted.

#### **D Financial Implications**

K. Quinn outlined the collapse in Rates Income in the previous weeks. There could be a loss of between €120 to €200 million. This would have significant impact on the budget adopted by the Council if not recouped from the National Government.

## **2) City Council Meeting 6th April 2020**

Options were discussed for the April Meeting. Members were advised that a virtual or online meeting could be questioned legally. The option of having a meeting in City Hall with all 63 Councillors was not possible given social distancing requirement. Councillors discussed the issues around having a quorum only meeting (17 attendees). However it was felt that, even with this' the Social distancing requirements were not met. . Councillor Ray McAdam suggested deferring meeting to Monday 27th April which was supported by those present.

## **3) Other City Council Meetings**

It was agreed that SPC and JPC meeting would remain adjourned. Some Councillors wanted to have Area Meetings held on line. K. Quinn made commitment that Microsoft TEAMS would be rolled out to facilitate area or group meetings.

## **4) Any Other Business**

N/A

### **Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon**

**Chairperson**

**Friday 27 March 2020**

#### **Attendance:**

#### **Members:**

Christy Burke  
Alison Gilliland  
Dermot Lacey  
Ray McAdam  
Seamas McGrattan  
Cat O'Driscoll  
Cieran Perry  
Deirdre Heney  
Michael Pidgeon  
Tom Brabazon  
Catherine Stocker

#### **Officers:**

Owen P. Keegan  
Brendan Kenny  
Eileen Quinlivan  
Kathy Quinn  
John Flanagan  
Deirdre Ni Raghallaigh  
Yvonne Kelly  
Richard Shakespeare  
Gerry Geraghty

#### **Apologies:**

Claire O'Connor