



Breviate of Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group Held on 26th June 2020

In accordance with Standing Orders of the City Council, the Breviate of the Meeting of the Corporate Policy Group held on 26th June 2020 is submitted herewith.

1) Minutes of the Meeting of 24th April 2020

Agreed.

2) Financial Update - Kathy Quinn

K. Quinn updated the meeting on the financial situation. She outlined the consequences for the City Council with the expected drop in rates, parking and other income. It was also agreed that a Budgetary Consultative Group would be formed as in previous years to deal with the budget situation.

3) Covid-19 Reopening of Council Services

Owen Keegan and other officials updated the members on the current status of Council Services as reopening began. Members had questions on specific services including leisure centres and libraries.

4) Dublin City Development Plan Variation 14: Judicial Review Proceedings

The Chief Executive informed the members that proceedings had been issued regarding the recent Variation 14. The Law Department had received Counsel opinion on the matter. This opinion and its ramifications were discussed. The Chief Executive advised the members that given the legal opinion his advice to the July Council Meeting would be not to proceed with this variation at this time. The issue surrounding that location could be re-examined at the next Development Plan process.

5) Arrangements for SPCs July - September

D. Ni Raghallaigh advised that SPC meetings could resume using Microsoft Teams. The secretariats would be in touch with the Chairpersons to arrange.

6) Updates from SPC Chairs:

Most SPCs had not met in the previous two months. Four notifications had been received regarding the set-up of SPC Sub-Groups or Working Groups.

Two subcommittees of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC were agreed:

1) *Tourism, City Markets and Night Time Economy*

To Identify and research barriers to tourism growth and development in the city in order to support and assist the City Council, Fáilte Ireland and/or others in devising resolutions through policy and actions. The group will draw on other industry representatives, experts, stakeholders as needed to research and address the particular issue identified/being addressed.

CPG observation: the quorum may need to be reduced given small size of working group

2) *International Relations & European Affairs Working Group*

To identify and research opportunities in international relations & European funding programmes for the city in order to support and assist the City Council, and/or others in devising resolutions through policy and actions. The group will draw on other industry representatives, experts, stakeholders as needed to research and address the particular issue identified/being addressed.

CPG observation: The SPC may need to reduce quorum for above reason

The Traffic and Transportation SPC proposed the following two sub-Committees which were authorised.

3) *The Dublin City Cycling and Walking Sub-Committee*

The Sub-Committee has been set up to:

- Support the promotion of greater levels of walking and cycling and identify obstacles which prevent an increase in walking and cycling numbers.
- Provide a regular forum for professional and advocacy organisations to input into ongoing policy and the practical development of sustainable transport solutions in walking and cycling in Dublin City.
- Provide a forum for discussion on the issues concerning Pedestrian and cyclist's interactions, particularly disabled and visually impaired and where there are conflicts provide advice and information on how these may be resolved.

CPG observations. Sub -Committee seems quite large even before inviting other proposed external groups. To invite proposed external groups the Committee needs to operate in compliance with the Transparency code

4) *Public Transport Sub-Committee*

The public Transport Sub-Committee of the Traffic and Transport SPC will work with these transport providers, agencies and stakeholders to facilitate the delivery of a quality public transport system for the city. It will work to facilitate an increase in the numbers of people using public transport. It will also provide a forum for issues affecting public transport in Dublin and in particular obstacles to using public transport especially for disabled and visually impaired users

CPG observations: That the Committee should revise the name to avoid confusions as neither Dublin City Council nor the SPC has responsibility for the provision of Public Transport

Guidelines for all Sub-Committees and Working Groups of SPCs apply:

- The work of the subcommittee needs to be reviewed each year by the relevant SPC. The SPC can choose to continue, amend or cease any subcommittee in its remit.
- The output of work, review, recommendations should be reported to the SPC before being communicated externally.
- The work of any subcommittee or Working Group with non-elected members must comply with the Transparency code

7) Date of Next Meeting - Friday 25th September at 2.30 pm

Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon
Chairperson
Friday 26 June 2020

Attendance:

Members:

Tom Brabazon
Christy Burke
Alison Gilliland
Ray McAdam
Seamas McGrattan
Claire O'Connor
Cat O'Driscoll
Michael Pidgeon

Officers:

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