
Breviate of Finance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 3rd November 2020

1) Draft Minutes of the Finance SPC meeting held on 17th September 2020

The draft minutes were agreed.

2) Matters arising

No items to note.

3) Correspondence

Correspondence was noted.

4) Housing Rent Arrears – Update

M. Hayes and T. Robertson from Housing and Community Services Department attended the meeting to provide an update on the Housing Rent arrears position for Dublin City Council.

Agreed: It was agreed to circulate the Housing SPC Working Group report to members.

Agreed: It was further agreed that the Finance Department would work with the Housing Department to produce a metric of progress and targets on the arrears levels.

5) Crowdfunding – Update

A report was presented to members by K. Quinn on progress made to date with developing this crowdfunding initiative.

Agreed: It was agreed that the summary document of priority issues for a DCC crowdfunding platform will be circulated to members for information purposes prior to the next Finance SPC meeting.

6) Restart Grant Plus – Update

A. Power presented an update to the members regarding the Restart Grant Plus. This report gave an overview on the following:

Agreed: In seeking clarification on a query raised by Cllr. Lacey regarding the cost of procurement, it was agreed that Cllr. Lacey would provide further detail on his query and it could possibly be listed as a future agenda item for next year.

Agreed: It was recommended that this team of staff should be nominated for the Local Government Awards

7) Overview of Spending Leaflet – Motion in the name of Cllr. Alison Gilliland

Two infographic videos and a pdf poster were circulated to members in advance of the meeting.

Agreed: Following a lengthy discussion on this motion covering a comprehensive list of items that members sought to be include in this leaflet, it was agreed that K. Quinn will liaise with Cllr. Gilliland and the Chair to work through the desired information that Cllr. Gilliland would like this leaflet to capture and communicate to the public. It would then be presented in draft format at a future meeting.

8) Audit Committee – 8th July 2020

Noted

9) Draft Schedule of Finance SPC Meetings 2021

Revision to be made to March 18th 2021 meeting and recirculated to members.

10) AOB

A.Sweeney noted that EU funding opportunities are listed as a future work programme item and as a member of the International Affairs Working Group of the Enterprise SPC, he would welcome the Finance Department and Finance SPC feeding into EU EIB funding opportunities for the city into the future.

Agreed: It was agreed that the Chair will raise it at a future CPG meeting around both committees collaborating.

Professor C. McMullan commended the City Council on the hard work that has been carried out by everyone over recent months. She noted her appreciation.

Councillor Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson

3rd November 2020

Attendance:

Members Present

Cllr Séamas McGrattan (Chairperson)
Cllr. Daryl Barron
Cllr Mary Callaghan
Cllr Anthony Connaghan
Cllr. Daithí De Róiste
Cllr. Alison Gilliland
Cllr James Geoghegan
Cllr Dermot Lacey

Cllr. Paddy McCartan
Cllr. Noeleen Reilly
Cllr. Darcy Lonergan
Jack Daly, Docklands Business
Forum
Tara Lillywhite-Torpey, Dublin
Chamber of Commerce
Professor Caroline McMullan, DCU
Philip O'Callaghan, PPN
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

Apologies

Cllr. Nial Ring
Eric Fleming, ICTU

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Antoinette Power, Head of Financial Accounting
Mary Hayes, Executive Manager, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Tara Robertson, Administrative Officer, Housing, Community & Emergency Services
Fiona Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat
Mary Curran, PA to Head of Finance, Finance Secretariat