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**Breviate of the Planning and Urban Form Strategic Policy Committee Meeting  
Held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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Cllr. Ray McAdam welcomed Cllr. Dearbháil Butler as a new member to the Committee.

**1. Minutes of Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**Minutes: Agreed**

**2. Matters arising**

**Apologies from Jonny McKenna**

- **PPN** need to nominate a 2<sup>nd</sup> person to the Planning and Urban Form SPC. Robbie has written to Richard who has agreed that they have till April 2021. The PPN are in the process of setting up a new office.
- **Capturing public gain from Land Zoning Measures.**  
  
The Chair has secured agreement from CPG for the establishment of the sub-committee. Terms of reference to be agreed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Update on Nass Road/Ballymount/Cherry Orchard/Park West URDF Masterplan**  
Some statistics on Build to Rent Planning Applications, were sent prior to this meeting.
- **Update on Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)**  
Richard to give an update on outcome of the meeting with The Department on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, regarding the BID. Minister to announce successful applicants early December. We hope to get some significant projects.
- **City Development Plan Communication Strategy**  
The document was circulated to all Councillors
- **SHD Process**  
Process document sent to all SPC Members and for discussion at the next meeting

- **Emergency Motion re: 40 Herbert Park**

Report from Richard on findings went to all Members and Richard in the process of doing a further update. After the demolition a Cease Works Notice was put in effect so the Developer cannot continue to work on the site until pre-commencement conditions have been agreed. Residents have taken an injunction against the Developer.

### **3. City Greening Strategy**

Presentation given by Les Moore, City Parks Superintendent,

Discussion followed, Les addressed questions raised by the Members. They commended the work of Les and his team and felt the greening of the city was very inspiring and uplifting in the current climate.

**Presentation Noted.**

### **4. Short Term Letting Update**

The Enforcement Manager gave an update:

Since the new legislation came into force Enforcement have resolved 60-70% of cases to date these have reverted back to non-short term tenancies/lets. The specific figures relating to this is that we have opened 859 cases since July 2019 and of these we have resolved 526 with the remaining 333 still under investigation.  
Enforcement action to date since January 2020

There were 475 enforcement file opened this year (up to 5/11/2020)

There were 351 cases resolved Cases since January 2020. The remaining cases are under active investigations.

25 x Enforcement Notices have been issued.

4 cases have been referred for legal proceedings in respect of non-compliance with enforcement notices. These cases are currently before the courts awaiting hearing.

Discussion followed and the Enforcement Manager addressed questions raised by the Members

**Presentation Noted.**

### **5. Proposed Works to City Walls.**

The Dublin City Archaeologist gave a presentation which outlined the history of this National Monument and the conservation works ongoing at the moment.

Cllr. Dermot Lacey offered his congratulations to the City Archaeologist and Lidl on Aungier Street for their innovative approach to the development.

**Presentation Noted**

## 6. Criteria for Selecting Council Owned Sites for Disposal

Helen McNamara outlined the changes in the report which was sent to the Members prior to the meeting.

Discussion followed, Cllr. Alison Gilliland through Cllr. Lacey requested that Section 8 of the criteria be amended to include the reason for reaching the decision.

**Agreed:** H. McNamara agreed to amend the criteria as requested and the report to be submitted to the City Council for consideration.

## 7. Ancillary Family Accommodation

John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer went through the report circulated prior to meeting. He gave an outline to the 2 main types of accommodation.

1. Ancillary family accommodation ( aka granny flats)
2. Attic Space

Discussion followed and John answered questions raised by the Members

**Agreed:** John to make representation in conjunction with the Building Control Section to the Department of Housing and Planning, Building Control Section to seek a review of the height regulations from 2.4m to 2m in respect of attic conversions.

## 8. Motion

### Motion in the name of Odran Reid

*Due to the decline in the retail sector and the increasing vacancies in retail premises, Dublin City Council should convene a taskforce drawn from key stakeholders, business interests, consumer interests academia, representative and professional bodies, key sections within the Council and other interested bodies to examine the future of the town centre and the high street within all of Dublin City Council area. The need for a diverse and dynamic town centre, as well as active and functional suburbs that are sustainable and meet the complex needs of the citizens of the city require that shared areas in town and village centres offer safe and coherent services for all. In the context of climate change and other existential challenges such as Brexit, it is critically important that a comprehensive examination of what the city will become post Covid 19 takes place in an inclusive and imaginative way.*

Verbal reply provided by John O'Hara, Dublin City Planning Officer. Dublin City Council has commissioned a Retail Impact Study to inform the new Development Plan.

Discussion followed and John answered questions raised by the Members

## 9. A.O.B.

**None**

## 10. Date of next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

### **Proposed dates for 2021**

Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Councillor Ray McAdam**

#### **Chairperson**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### **Attendance:**

##### **Members:**

Cllr. Ray McAdam(Chairperson)

Cllr. Dermot Lacey

Cllr. Daithí De Róiste(Deputy Chair)

Cllr. Anthony Connaghan

##### **Members:**

Cllr. Patricia Roe

Cllr. Sophie NiCoullaud

Cllr. Declan Meenagh

Cllr. Dearbháil Butler

##### **Members:**

Mr. Odran Reid

Ms. Marian O'Donnell

Mr. Robbie Sinnott

##### **Officers:**

Richard Shakespeare, Assistant Chief Executive, Planning and Development

John O'Hara, Dublin City Planner

Paul Clegg, Executive Manager, Planning and Development

Deirdre Scully, Deputy City Planner

Helen McNamara, Senior Executive Manager, Development

Máire Igoe, Senior Executive Manager, Planning

Leslie Moore, Parks Superintendent

Ruth Johnson, City Archaeologist

John Downey Enforcement Manager

James Cosgrove, Planning Enforcement Officer

Aileen Mac Dermott, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Admin.

Jonathan Fallon, Clerical Officer, Planning Admin.

##### **Non-Members:**

Ms. Olivia Kelly (Irish Times)

##### **Apologies:**

Mr. Jonny McKenna

Cllr. Tom Brabazon