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## Breviate of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 20th May 2021

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**1.) Draft Minutes of the Finance SPC meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The minutes were adopted.

**2.) Matters Arising**

Housing Rents

**Agreed:** It was agreed that a letter would issue to Housing & Community Services requesting an update for the September meeting.

Rates Waiver

Update given on the rate waivers applied to date and the number of appeals lodged.

**3.) Correspondence**

a) Local Property Tax Review – correspondence received from Minister P. Donohoe

**Agreed:** Correspondence to issue to the Minister raising three issues i) removing exempt status from new builds since 2013, ii) the operation of the equalisation fund and iii) the loss of grant funding / substitution of LPT receipts coming from the determination by Government that DCC is self-funding.

b) Housing Loans Arrears – letter to Darach O'Connor, Housing & Community Services Department dated 20/4/2021 – agenda item for this meeting

**4.) Housing Loan Accounts in Arrears – Analysis**

Teresa Conlon and Gabrielle Malone, Housing & Community Services Department presented a report to members and were complimented on their work.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that further analysis sought on historical arrears figures will be compiled and circulated to members.

**5.) Cash in the community**

K. Quinn presented a report on this initiative and its relevance to the SPC terms of reference.

**Agreed:** Further information to be brought to a future meeting on low cost / affordable banking options.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that the Dublin Economic Monitor would be contacted to assess the data available on cash levels in circulation in the Dublin economy.

**6.) Community Wealth Building**

A detailed research report was presented on Community Wealth Building. The report provided a broad understanding of the topic. The committee welcomed the proposal of seeking a presentation from some of the advocacy organisations involved.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that a presentation would be made to the next SPC Meeting scheduled for September with the intention of organising a wider workshop for councillors, anchor businesses and community organisations in the future.

**7.) Video Series Stats**

A summary report on the development and promotion of the infographic videos was presented to the committee.

**Agreed:** It was agreed that this type of communication would be expanded with other areas to be looked.

**8.) Revised Standing Orders – Amendments to SPCs**

Contents of the report were noted.

**Councillor Séamas McGrattan**

**Chairperson**

**20th May 2021**

**Members Present**

Cllr Séamas McGrattan (Chairperson)

Cllr Mary Callaghan

Cllr Anthony Connaghan

Cllr. Daithí De Róiste

Cllr. Alison Gilliland

Cllr Dermot Lacey

Cllr. Darcy Lonergan

Cllr. Paddy McCartan

Cllr. Noeleen Reilly

Cllr. Nial Ring

Tara Lillywhite-Torpey, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Professor Caroline McMullan, DCU

Philip O'Callaghan, PPN

Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

**Officials**

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance

Teresa Conlon, Administrative Officer, Housing & Community Services Department

Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Community Services Department

Fiona Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat

Mary Curran, PA to Head of Finance, Finance Secretariat

Brendan Dorney, IS Department

**Apologies**

Jack Daly, Docklands Business Forum

Eric Fleming, ICTU

Cllr Daryl Barron

Cllr James Geoghegan