

Breviate of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on 24th March 2022

1.) Draft Minutes of the Finance SPC meeting held on 20th January 2022. Adopted.

2.) Matters Arising

- Funding of Road Maintenance Update
 - A meeting of the DCC team and Department of Transport team was held. A representative of Mary Hurley's Office (DHLGH) was invited but no representative attended. Mary Hurley has since been replaced by Fiona Quinn. A second meeting only to be arranged if a DHLGH representative attends.
- Community Wealth Building Update
 Internal Working Group set up and workshop held to devise Implementation Plan for DCC.

3.) Correspondence

- Following on from correspondence received it was agreed to write to Minister requesting representation of the Elected Members of the Finance SPC on the Working Group being established by the DLGH in relation to introducing a system to arrange for direct deduction of rents at source.
- Seek a report on the breakdown of housing rent arrears by electoral area and
- Seek a report on problematic tenants
- **4.)** Report 03/2022 Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council. Lindsay Bell, Grant Thornton Consulting Ltd. gave a PowerPoint presentation on a Review of Local Government Funding as applies to Dublin City Council.
 - Overview of current Local Government funding model
 - Challenges of the existing funding model income, expenditure, LPT
 - Impact of COVID 19
 - The unique role of Dublin City Council
 - Summary

Agreed to:

- Commence a discussion with parties having an interest in an improved model of Local Government funding.
- Submit report on Local Government Funding to DHLG
- Seek an outcome from the DHLGH's LPT Review that 100% of receipts will be assigned to the Local Authority of origin
- Commence a discussion among the Elected Members on
- additional services that could be provided through future upward variation to the LPT Local Adjustment Factor

- considering a policy that all charges be reviewed on a regular basis to keep pace with inflation
- Seek funding for:
- Ambulance Service provided by DFB immediately and in full by HSE
- Roads and footpath maintenance by Department of Transport.

5.) A.O.B

- Commence discussion around a percentage of land disposals and development levies being allocated to the area they came from.
- Members requested a campaign to update businesses on the upcoming vote on Business Improvement Districts. Clarification was given through Chief Executive's Office.

6.) Next meeting 19th May 2022.

Councillor Séamas McGrattan

Chairperson 24th March 2022

Members Present

Lord Mayor Alison Gilliland Cllr. Anthony Connaghan Cllr Daithi De Roiste Cllr Darcy Lonergan Cllr Dermot Lacey Cllr Mary Callaghan Cllr Nial Ring Cllr Noeleen Reilly Cllr Paddy McCartan

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance Mary Curran, A/Senior Staff Officer Lisa Flanagan, Senior Staff Officer Sophie Kelly, A/PA to Head of Finance Enda Currid, Senior Executive Officer

Guest

Cllr. Deirdre Heney

Apologies

Prof. Caroline McMullan, DCU Philip O'Callaghan, PPN Cllr Daryl Barron

External

Lindsay Bell, Grant Thornton Brendan Foster, Grant Thornton Cllr James Geoghegan Cllr; Seamas McGrattan (Chair) Aidan Sweeney, IBEC Ellen McGrath, Dublin Chamber of Commerce Alan Robinson, Dublin Docklands Business Forum Eric Fleming, ICTU