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**Finance Strategic Policy Committee Breviate of Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.**

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**1. Draft Minutes of the Finance SPC meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**

Adopted.

**2. Matters Arising.**

- a) Philip O’Callaghan had requested data on the write down on rent arrears at the January meeting which wasn’t forthcoming.
- b) Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, was congratulated on the occasion of his retirement and thanked for his hard work and commitment to the Finance SPC over his career in Finance Dept.

**Agreed to:** Circulate requested data to the Members on the write down of rent arrears as requested.

**3. Motion proposed by Cllr.Geoghegan that the Council addresses the challenges faced by the restaurant sector with respect to rising costs.**

**Agreed to:** write to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and Minister for Finance to make any necessary regulations, as provided for under s.15 (5) of the Local Government Rates and Other Matters Act 2019, to enable Dublin City Council to prepare a rates alleviation scheme.

**4. Report 04-2024 Building Community Wealth in Dublin City – Values Based Recruitment.**

Noted.

The Committee welcomed the attendance of Dymphna Farrell to the meeting. Dymphna discussed the report with the Members advising on progress to date with targeted recruitment campaigns in areas with socio-economic challenges in the City.

**5. Correspondence.**

Noted.

**6. Report 05 - 2024 Presentation on Summary of Works Programme 2019 to 2024**

Noted.

Kathy gave a detailed presentation on the work of the Committee over the term of the SPC to progress the funding issues of the City Council.

**7. AOB**

The Committee thanked Kathy for her hard work and commitment to the Works Programme. The Chair thanked the external and internal Members for their commitment to the SPC and to the administrative team for their commitment to the preparation of agendas and reports.

Members commented on the importance of the City Council being well financed and how important it was to follow up on any funding solutions that might improve the finances of Dublin City Council.

**Councillor Séamas McGrattan**

**Chairperson**

**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.**

**Members Present**

Cllr Séamas McGrattan

Cllr Dermot Lacey

Cllr Mary Callaghan

Cllr Anthony Connaghan

Cllr Fiona Connolly

Cllr Christy Burke

Cllr Paddy McCartan

Cllr Darcy Lonergan

Cllr Niall Ring

Philip O'Callaghan, PPN

Eric Fleming, ICTU

Alan Robinson, Docklands Business Forum

**Non-Member:** Cllr James Geghegan

**Officials**

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance

Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting

Mary Curran, Finance Secretariat

Laura Donohoe, Finance Secretariat

Zoe Flood, Finance Secretariat

Dymphna Farrell, Executive Manager, HR Dept.

**Apologies**

Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste

Sohini De, Dublin Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU

Cllr. Daryl Barron

Aidan Sweeney, IBEC