



Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees 2009 - 2014

Scheme for the establishment and operation of Strategic Policy Committees (amended 04/10/2010, 10/01/2011, 04/04/2011 and further amended on 05/12/2011)

Under Section 48 Local Government Act 2001, a local authority shall establish by resolution committees to be known as Strategic Policy Committee to consider matters connected with the formulation, development, monitoring and review of policy which relate to the functions of the local authority and to advise the authority on those matters. The local authority must have regard to guidelines as may be issued by the Minister in relation to the establishment of SPCs.

The SPCs in Dublin City are making a substantive and positive contribution to the work of the local authority. They are operating well in relation to their policy discussion, formulation and development roles. The external members make a valuable contribution to the working of the committees.

Following the Local Elections, it is necessary for each local authority to establish new SPCs in line with the guidelines published by the DoEHLG entitled "Strategic Policy Committees Guidelines for Establishment & Operation" August 1999 and the Guidelines set out in Circular LG10-09 – both of which are now underpinned by the LG Act 2001. It is proposed to re-establish the six SPCs which are as follows:

- Arts, Culture, Leisure & Youth Affairs SPC
- Economic Development Planning & International Affairs SPC
- Environment & Engineering SPC
- Finance SPC
- Social, Housing & Community Affairs SPC
- Transport & Traffic SPC

The areas of responsibility for the each of the six Strategic Policy Committees which are indicative not exhaustive, are set out in Appendix A. The membership of each SPC, with the exception of the Social, Housing and Community Affairs SPC, shall be fifteen, comprising ten members of the City Council, one of whom shall be the chairperson and five external members to be nominated from organisations or groups recommended to and approved by the Council, following a recommendation from the members appointed to the particular SPC and endorsed by the Corporate Policy Group.

The membership of the Social, Housing and Community Affairs SPC shall be nineteen, comprising thirteen members of the City Council and six external members to be

nominated from organisations or groups recommended to and approved by the City Council.

Nominations for the SPCs were sought from sectoral interests as follows:

- The 3 Pillars of the Social Partnership - Business and Employers, Trade Unions and Environmental (see Appendix B)
- Community and Voluntary representatives in accordance with local arrangements including the Community and Voluntary Fora and Conservational/Cultural organisations or groups.

For full list of sectoral representation on the SPCs, see Appendix C.

The membership of each committee shall be for the duration of the City Council and the chairmanship of each committee shall be for a minimum period of three years.

To ensure a gender balance as recommended in government directives each successful outside agency will be asked when making a nomination to supply two names, one male and one female where possible.

Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

It is proposed to re-establish the Corporate Policy Group comprising the Lord Mayor and the chairpersons of the six SPCs. The Corporate Policy Group will continue to provide a forum for policy issues which transcend the remit of individual SPCs and where policy positions affecting the whole Council can be agreed for submission to the full Council.

John Tierney
City Manager

Appendix A

INDICATIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SIX STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

(1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Property Management
Strategic Projects
Economic Development
International Affairs
Forward Planning
Planning Services
Development Management
Regional Co-Ordination
Urban Renewal
Heritage
Conservation
Archaeology
Building Control

(2) ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINEERING

Air/ Water Quality
Drainage/Sewerage Services
Environmental Protection
Environmental Sustainability
Fleet Management
Flood Protection
Litter Management
Waste Management Services
Water Services

(3) TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

Cycling
Environmental Traffic Planning
Parking Control and Enforcement
Pedestrian Facilities
Public Transport
Road Safety
Roads
School Wardens
Taxi Ranks
Traffic Control and Management
Public Lighting

(4) SOCIAL, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Architecture
Area Partnerships
Community Issues and Information
Housing Estate Management
Housing Issues
Refugees
Travellers
Welfare
Social Inclusion/Integration

(5) ARTS, CULTURE, LEISURE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

Archives
Arts Office
Casual Trading
Control of Horses & Dogs
Culture Issues
Events
Galleries
Higher Education
Libraries
Museums
Music
Parks and Open Spaces
Natural Environment
School Meals/School Attendance
Sports and Leisure Centres
Sports Development
Youth Development
Youth Policies
Veterinary

(6) FINANCE

Finance
Claims and Risk Management
City Coroner/Morgue
Internal Audit
Motor Tax
Rates and Valuation
Procurement
Risk Management
Audit Committee
Corporate Governance
Annual Financial Statement
Budget – Capital & Revenue

APPENDIX B

Sector Contact Details

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Environment	Michael Ewing	071-9667373
Environment Pillar – Social Partnership Coordinator Knockvicar Boyle Co Roscommon		michael@ien.ie

APPENDIX C - Sectoral Representation on SPCs 2009 - 2014

Representation	Committee
Dublin County Board	Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs
Theatre Forum	Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs
Irish Theatre Institute	Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs
Visual Arts Ireland	Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs
Irish Sports Council	Arts, Culture, Leisure and Youth Affairs
Construction Industry Federation	Economic Dev, Planning and International Affairs
An Taisce	Economic Dev, Planning and International Affairs
Irish Small & Medium Enterprises Assoc.	Economic Dev, Planning and International Affairs
School of Geography, Planning & Environmental Policy	Economic Dev, Planning and International Affairs
South West Inner City Local Employment Service	Economic Dev, Planning and International Affairs
Environment Pillar - Damian Nolan	Environment and Engineering
Dublin City Business Improvement District	Environment and Engineering
Irish Planning Institute	Environment and Engineering
Irish Business & Employers' Confederation	Environment and Engineering
Project Management Society of Engineers of Ireland	Environment and Engineering
Business Pillar - Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Finance
Trade Union Pillar – ICTU	Finance
IBEC	Finance
Dublin City Business Association	Finance
Dept. of Political Science, Trinity College	Finance
Cluid Housing Association	Housing, Social and Community Affairs
Immigrant Council of Ireland	Housing, Social and Community Affairs
Threshold	Housing, Social and Community Affairs
The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI)	Housing, Social and Community Affairs
Rehab Group	Housing, Social and Community Affairs
Disability Federation of Ireland	Housing, Social and Community Affairs
AA Ireland Ltd.	Transport and Traffic
NCBI (National Council for the Blind of Ireland)	Transport and Traffic
(IRHA) Irish Road Haulage Association	Transport and Traffic
Dublin Cycling Campaign	Transport and Traffic
Environmental Pillar - James Leahy	Transport and Traffic