
**Finance Strategic Policy Committee
Breviate of Meeting held on 17th May 2018**

1. **Minutes – March 15th 2018**
Noted

2. **Correspondence:**

Item a) LPT review was noted. Cllr. McGinley provided a summary of the meeting attended by the representative group to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government to discuss the SPC's submission.

Agreed: An additional copy of the published report from the Select Committee on Budgetary Oversight re: Local Property Tax would be circulated to members.

Items b) – e) were noted.

3. **Review of Vacant Commercial Properties – presentation from Richard Shakespeare, ACE, Planning and Property Development Department**

R. Shakespeare made this presentation to the Committee highlighting the following:

- Update on Active Land Management;
- Updates on the Derelict Sites Register, Vacant Sites Register, Living City Initiatives and Regeneration Projects;
- Use of Compulsory Purchase Orders;
- Establishment of a new administration unit and multidisciplinary & interdepartmental teams;
- Budget in place to acquire properties.

Agreed: It was requested that a copy of this presentation would be circulated to all councillors.

Agreed: It was further agreed that R. Shakespeare will clarify if a listing of vacant sites can be circulated.

4. **Development Contributions Report 2016-2020**

Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, provided the committee with an analysis of development contributions at year end 2017 outlining projects to which development contribution funding have been applied in 2017.

Agreed: A report on the proposals for the Upgrade of the Liffey Boardwalk will be provided to the next meeting.

5. Annual Financial Statement 2017

Victor Leonov, Finance Department, made a presentation to the committee based on the accounts produced at the end of 2017. The presentation provided details of the following:

- Analysis of Revenue Income and Expenditure
- Analysis of Expenditure & Income on the Capital Account
- Listing of projects with debit balances with an identified funding mechanism
- Capital Income by source and Capital Expenditure by service
- Statements of financial position and fund flows at 31/12/17
- Analysis of loans
- Analysis of Trade Debtors
- Details of the Major Revenue Collections for 2017
- Summary of Local Property Tax

6. Debtors Balance Quarter 4 2017

This report was taken in tandem with the AFS presentation.

Agreed: At the conclusion of the discussions, it was agreed that further reports would be presented to the September SPC meeting on:

- Government debtors
- Housing rent arrears
- Housing debit balances
- Debtors aged analysis

7. LPT Review – update

An update of this matter was circulated to members. It was highlighted that the main focus of the delegation who attended the Joint Oireachtas Committee meeting was the need for the issue of equalisation to be addressed.

Agreed: It was agreed that this item would be listed for update on the November SPC meeting.

8. Development of Social Clause Measures in the Procurement Process

A report on this issue was circulated to members noting the Council's long term strategy of fully integrating social and employment related considerations into its procurement procedures. The incorporation of a social requirement into the criteria of the Council's security services contract is underway and the contract will shortly be advertised.

Agreed: A progress report in six months times will be presented to the November SPC meeting.

9. A.O.B.

Motion in the name of the Fianna Fail Group:

“To establish an affordable housing capital fund through borrowing from the Housing Finance Agency”

This item was deferred at the requested of Cllr. Tom Brabazon to the next scheduled meeting.

EURO 2020

It was noted that representatives of FAI, UEFA and Dublin City Council involved in preparations for the EURO 2020 tournament have been invited to the September SPC meeting.

Signed: **Councillor Ruairi McGinley**
 Chairperson

Date: 17th May 2018

Attendance:

Members

Councillor Ruairi McGinley (Chairperson)
Councillor Paddy Bourke
Councillor Tom Brabazon
Cllr Brendan Carr
Councillor Dermot Lacey
Councillor Paddy McCartan
Councillor Larry O’Toole
Councillor Noeleen Reilly
Councillor Nial Ring
Councillor Séamas McGrattan
Dr. Caroline McMullan, DCU
Aidan Sweeney, IBEC

Officials

Kathy Quinn, Head of Finance
Fintan Moran, Head of Management Accounting, Finance Department
Richard Shakespeare, ACE, Planning and Property Development Department
Victor Leonov, Professional Accounting, Financial Accounting Unit,
Alan Nangle, Senior Executive Officer, Central Procurement and Stores Management Unit
Maire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer, Planning and Property Development Department
Avril Feeney, Administrative Officer, Planning and Property Development Department
Fiona Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, Finance Secretariat
Lisa Nolan, Staff Officer (Secretarial)

Apologies

An tArdmhéara Micheál MacDonncha
Councillor Ray McAdam
Eric Fleming, ICTU
Aebhric McGibney, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Morgan O’Regan, Docklands Business Forum
Joanna Piechota, Irish Polish Society

Media

Olivia Kelly, Irish Times