

Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare

Wednesday 12th May 2021

Meeting via Teleconferencing (Zoom)

9.00 am – 9.45pm

Minutes

In Attendance:

Cllr. Deirdre Heney (DH)

Cllr. Caroline Conroy (CC)

Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)

Cllr. Cieran Perry (CP)

Sergeant Angela Bates (AB)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

Officials:

Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive (BK)

Pat Teehan, A/Senior Executive Officer (PT)

Declan Ronan, Area Housing Officer (DR)

Gareth Matthews, Staff Officer (GM)

Absent: Cllr. Janice Boylan

1. Welcome

- First official meeting of the Oversight Committee
- Terms of reference agreed previously at last Corporate Policy meeting prior to this meeting (see Appendix A) and will be sent to members of this committee.

2. Selection of Chairperson

- Cllr. Deirdre Heney elected Chairperson of Committee.
- Cllr. Cieran Perry elected Vice Chairperson of Committee.
- (DH)- All meetings to be held in camera due to the sensitivity of Animal Welfare and Tender process. Members of DCC are welcome to attend the committee meetings. Noted.

3. Update on Tender Process

- (PT)- Closing date for tender applications is 21st May 2021. Ten day evaluation for applicants will take place before a four week stand still period from 2nd June 2021. This is a statutory requirement. Currently 9 expressions of interest received, no full tender process application to date (expected to receive a day or two before closing date). Noted
- Minutes of last meeting agreed-(CP) raised the point members of this committee would meet the members of the evaluation committee. (BK) had asked (DH) to be a member on the evaluation committee. Agreed.
- valuation committee agreed & below
 - Mark Burke-Chief Quantity Surveyor-Tender administration
 - Leo Stronge - Procurement Specialist-IP Procurement
 - Eamonn Cahill - Veterinary Facility Inspector
 - Pat Teehan – Animal Welfare Unit
 - Cllr. Deirdre Heney – Local Elected Representative
 - Garda Gillian Duffy – Garda Representative

4. Meeting Schedule

- Next meeting scheduled for 14th July @ 9am – Committee agreed to schedule of meetings on a by-monthly basis. Schedule to end of year to be provided. Noted
- Schedule of meetings for 2021:
13th September 2021 @ 9am
15th November 2021 @ 9am

5. A.O.B

- Terms of reference shown and discussed,
- (DC)- A positive approach to Animal Welfare going forward educating and promoting animal owners to have a positive and educated approach in having an animal,
- (DH)- New Animal Welfare Committee to oversee what we has not been done previously in Animal Welfare,
- Members of the subcommittee can contact Pat Teehan and or Declan Ronan for out of office Animal Welfare reports. A 24/7 number for reporting an issue for Animal Welfare will be created and placed on DCC website. This website will also include Animal Welfare policies, procedures, minutes of Oversight Committee meetings and information on the Animal Welfare Unit.
- (PT) Documents sent to Senior Management of DCC for approval for the advertisement of two DCC Dog Wardens positions with a decision expected in the next one/two weeks. Vehicles used by DCC Dog Wardens will be titled and logo Dublin City Council Animal Welfare Unit
- Catherine Lawlor, Department of Agriculture, Animal Welfare Unit will be invited to attend next meeting

Appendix (A)

Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare - Sub Committee of Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Proposed Membership – Meetings will be open to all City Councillors, the Chairperson will be selected by Councillors at the first meeting of the Oversight Committee.

Also:

Two representatives from the Gardai Síochána, One South Side, One North Side.

One representative from Veterinary Inspectorate in the Department of Agriculture.

One representative from My Lovely Horse Rescue Charity.

Terms of Reference:

The role of the Committee is to oversee the following:

- The formulation of a new Animal Welfare Unit within Dublin City Council.
- Dublin City Council's role in the welfare of animals in Dublin City.
- Dublin City Council's role in the control of Horses and Dogs in line with the relevant legislation.
- The drafting of revised Bye Laws on the control of Horses and Dogs.
- The promotion of Dublin City Council's role and branding on the issue of animal welfare and control of horses and dogs.
- The ongoing operation of Dog Shelter and Horse Pound and procurement of same.
- The development of linkages and partnerships with other statutory and Charity Organisations who have an interest or a stake in this issue.
- The development of policies and practices specifically on the control and care of horses in the city.
- The drafting of Control of Horse Drawn Carriages Bye Laws (when new legislation is enacted following resolution of legal lacuna)
- assist in resolving the legal lacuna relating to horse drawn carriages

Other Matters:

An tAonad um Leas Ainmhithe, Seirbhís Tithíochta agus Pobal,
Bloc 2, Urlar 3, Oifigíná Cathrach, An Ché Admaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8

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- Management of the Animal Welfare Unit in DCC –Pat Teehan and other senior staff will report into this Oversight Committee and will attend all meetings.
- Meetings of the special committee will be held *in camera* unless otherwise agreed by the Committee.
- A short written update on the work of this Oversight Committee will be submitted to the Housing SPC after every meeting.