## Dublin City Council

## Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare

Meeting via Hybrid Teleconferencing (Zoom) and Room 233 DCC Civic Office Building Block 2 Floor 3

Thursday 8th December 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes**

**Members In Attendance:**

Cllr. Deirdre Heney, Chair (DH)

Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy (CC)

Martina Kenny (MK) (My Lovely Horse)

Cllr. Cieran Perry (CP)

Catherine Lawlor (CL) (Department of Agriculture)

Garda Áine McQuillan (AMC)

**DCC Representatives**

David Gibbons, A/Staff Officer (DG)

Ursula Donnellan, Senior Executive Officer (UD)

**Minute Taker**: Gareth Matthews, Staff Officer (GM)

Apologies:

Cllr. Janice Boylan (JB)

Cllr. Donna Cooney (DC)

Frank D’Arcy (FD)

Pat Teehan, Administrative Officer (PT)

Garda Gillian Duffy (GD)

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|  |  | **Discussion** | **Matters Arising / Actions** |
| 1. | Minutes of last meeting | Agreed | Minutes agreed Cllr Heney and seconded by Cllr Perry. |
| 2. | Manager’s Report | Presented by U.D. Report noted.  Animal Welfare Unit invited to contribute to discussion for Control of Horse Framework 2023 | List of all dog charities used to rehome dogs to be included in next report  Committee to be updated with progress on framework |
| 3. | Issues Impacting Dog Welfare in Ireland Report | Licence numbers lower than last year-area to focus on with increased staff | Report on suspected DBE inspections and actions to be prepared for discussion at next meeting (GM) |
| 4. | Proposed Department of Transport Horse Drawn Carriage Bill/Proposed representation to the Minister for Transport | Chair to communicate to Department on behalf of Animal Welfare Unit | Horse drawn carriage multi agent inspections planned and to be continued |
| 5. | Update on temporary dog shelter facility and progress report on replacement facility closer to the city | 60% of dogs housed in kennels are restricted breed. | Hollygrove Kennels increase capacity to 30 kennels do deal with demand/number of dogs. |
| 6. | Progress update on staff complement of the Unit | Optimum Staffing Level  1 Administrative Officer (Gr. 7)  2 Staff Officer (Gr 5)  1 Clerical Officer (Gr 3)  1 Animal Welfare Inspector (Gr. 6)  1 Assistant Animal Welfare Inspector (Gr. 5)  3 Animal Welfare Officer (G.O.)  5 of the 9 posts are vacant. | 1 Animal Welfare Inspector (Gr. 6)  1 Assistant Animal Welfare Inspector (Gr. 5)  Advertised and review of applicants to take place  Interview to be within first quarter of 23. |
| 7. | Meakstown Equine Centre | Update on compliance checks and future planned checks |  |
| 8. | A.O.B |  |  |
|  |  | **Next meeting date to be confirmed** |  |