## 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 reportCommittee 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 Level1 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 placeInterview 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**  |  |