



Revision 4 of Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 - 2019

Introduction

Under Section 48 Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 41 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, a local authority shall establish by resolution Committees to be known as Strategic Policy Committees 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 local authority on those matters.

Following the Local Elections in May 2014, Dublin City Council considered a draft SPC Scheme at its meetings on the 23rd June, 7th July and 1st September 2014, in line with the Guidelines published by the DoECLG entitled “Strategic Policy Committees Guidelines for Establishment & Operation” August 1999 and the Guidelines set out in Circular LG07/2014 – both of which are now underpinned by the LG Act 2001 and the Local Government Reform Act, 2014. At its meeting on the 6th October 2014, the City Council approved the final Dublin City Council Strategic Policy Committees Scheme 2014 – 2019, setting out the full membership as agreed at that time. On the 10th November 2014, the City Council approved a revision of the SPC Scheme as set out in Report No 130/2015.

The process of setting up the PPN (Public Participation Network) in Dublin City was completed in late 2015 and the sectoral places previously held by the Dublin City Community Forum become PPN places. Elections were held and nominees were chosen to represent the PPN on the relevant SPCs. At its meeting on the 11th January 2016 the City Council considered Report No 19/2016 and agreed that as the Environmental Pillar was subsumed into the PPN the places on two SPCs previously allotted to it should be re-designated as PPN places.

Proposed Revisions

Also included in the above-mentioned (Report No 19/2016) were proposals to further revise the Scheme to realign SPC responsibilities to take account of re-allocation of responsibilities between different Council Departments. In some cases proposed changes necessitated a change in the name of the SPC. The City Council deferred consideration of these proposed changes. Following further consultation with Members of the City Council, a revised SPC Scheme (copy attached) is now being put forward for City Council approval. I refer to discussion on this issue at last month’s CPG meeting and I set out below the proposed changes and the rationale for same.

(1) Emergency Services

Emergency Services which include the Fire Brigade and the DFB Emergency Ambulance service are currently attached to the Finance SPC. It is now proposed that a new Special Committee of **15 Councillors** be established to deal with this very important issue, **3 Members each from both Sinn Fein and Independents, 2 Members each from Fianna Fail, Fine Gael & Labour and 1 Member each from PBPA, Green Party and Left Technical Group.** The Committee will report directly to the City Council. The Chairperson should be selected by the full City Council. The Committee would cover the Fire Brigade, the DFB emergency ambulance service, Civil Defence, fire prevention, and emergency planning for the City Council area.

The budget for this service is €100m and there are over 1,000 staff members. I consider that a separate Committee comprise of all Councillors is justified in the context of the importance of this service and its ancillary elements together with various reform programmes for the service currently being advanced. It will always be difficult to give adequate time to this issue if it is just part of a SPC that has many other functions to address. The Special Committee would be administered and served by Brendan Kenny, Deputy Chief Executive and by management in Dublin Fire Brigade and would report directly to the City Council by way of breviate of each meeting. **Dr Caroline McMullan of Dublin City University who has particular expertise in the area of emergency planning will be invited to attend the meetings of this new committee.**

(2) Tourism

These issues are currently attached to the Planning SPC. I consider that it is more appropriate that they be attached to the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC where there is already a Sub Committee established to work on tourism issues in Dublin. There is a close and strategic connection between these two issues and all the work being done on Events and Festivals which comes under the remit of the Arts SPC. It will be important to ensure that both SPC's link up appropriately on Tourism, International Relations, Events and Festivals. I am proposing that Tourism should move from the Planning SPC to Economic Development and Enterprise SPC but Events and Festivals should stay with the Arts SPC.

(3) Community

Currently this issue is attached to the Arts SPC, but because this SPC has a very wide range of other issues, Community does not get the time or attention that is both necessary and appropriate. In addition over recent years the Community Development function at a strategic level has become particularly focussed on the new programmes on SICAP, PPN, and LECP which are addressed on an ongoing basis by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) The more traditional role of Community Development in the City - Community Grants and local community initiatives - are handled in the main by the Area Committees and I see this situation continuing. Therefore I am proposing that Community Development issues such as SICAP, LECP, Partnership Companies, Youth/Children policies should be moved from the Arts SPC to the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) which reports directly to the City Council.

(4) Markets and Casual Trading

In the main these issues are currently handled by the Arts SPC but I consider it is more appropriate for them to be dealt with by the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

I am therefore recommending that a Committee, to be entitled the '**Special Committee on Emergency Services**', be set up as outlined above. I also recommend that certain responsibilities be transferred between SPCs or to that Special Committee as outlined above and incorporated into the attached revised Dublin City Council SPC Scheme 2014 – 2019. Some changes in the titles of certain SPCs are also included in the revised Scheme in line with the transfer of responsibilities as set out above.

The revised Dublin City Council SPC Scheme 2014 – 2019 as set out in the attached Appendix is recommended to the City Council for approval.

Owen P Keegan
Chief Executive
Dublin City Council

Dated this 1st day of February 2016



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

Strategic Policy Committee

Scheme

2014 – 2019

**(as revised on the 10th November 2014,
11th May 2015, 11th January 2016
and
1st February 2016)**

Appointment of Chairs Designate

Dublin City Council at its meeting on 23rd June 2014 established seven SPCs and appointed Councillors to be the Chairs Designate to each SPC as follows :

Mary Freehill	Arts, Culture, Recreation and Community SPC (replaced by Rebecca Moynihan on the 5 th October 2015)
Paul McAuliffe	Economic Development & Enterprise SPC
Naoise O Muirí	Environment SPC
Ruairi McGinley	Finance & Emergency Services SPC
Criona Ni Dhalaigh	Housing SPC (replaced by Daithi Doolan on the 6 th July 2015)
Andrew Montague	Planning & International Relations SPC
Ciaran Cuffe	Transportation SPC

Councillor Membership of the SPCs

Councillors were appointed to the SPCs at meetings on the 7th July, 1st September and 22nd September 2014. The following is the complete list :-

Membership of Strategic Policy Committees 2014 – 2019				
Name of Committee	Councillor	Cllrs	Sectoral Members	Total
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Mary Freehill			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Vincent Jackson			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Gary Gannon			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Damian O'Farrell			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	John Lyons			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Rebecca Moynihan (Chair)			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Jim O'Callaghan			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Kate O'Connell			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Séamas McGrattan			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Emma Murphy			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Greg Kelly			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Séan Haughey			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Áine Clancy			
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Claire Byrne	14	7	21
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Paul McAuliffe (Chair)			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Vacant			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Tina MacVeigh			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Deirdre Heney			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Alison Gilliland			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Brendan Carr			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Gaye Fagan			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Noeleen Reilly			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Kate O'Connell			
Economic Dev & Enterprise SPC	Noel Rock	10	5	15
Environment SPC	Naoise Ó Muirí (Chair)			
Environment SPC	Andrew Keegan			
Environment SPC	Catherine Ardagh			
Environment SPC	Ciaran O'Moore			
Environment SPC	Denise Mitchell			
Environment SPC	Declan Flanagan			
Environment SPC	Claire Byrne			
Environment SPC	Michael O'Brien			
Environment SPC	Mannix Flynn			
Environment SPC	Brid Smith	10	5	15

Membership of Strategic Policy Committees 2014 – 2019

Name of Committee	Councillor	Cllrs	Sectoral Members	Total
Finance SPC	Ruairi McGinley (Chair)			
Finance SPC	Nial Ring			
Finance SPC	Paddy Bourke			
Finance SPC	Brid Smith			
Finance SPC	Mícheál Mac Donncha			
Finance SPC	Noeleen Reilly			
Finance SPC	Larry O'Toole			
Finance SPC	Ray McAdam			
Finance SPC	Brendan Carr			
Finance SPC	Dermot Lacey			
Finance SPC	Tom Brabazon			
Finance SPC	Paddy McCartan	12	6	18
Housing SPC	Críona Ní Dhálaigh			
Housing SPC	Christy Burke			
Housing SPC	Cieran Perry			
Housing SPC	Pat Dunne			
Housing SPC	Sonya Stapleton			
Housing SPC	Ray McAdam			
Housing SPC	Anthony Connaghan			
Housing SPC	Chris Andrews			
Housing SPC	David Costello			
Housing SPC	Patrick Costello			
Housing SPC	Alison Gilliland			
Housing SPC	Noel Rock			
Housing SPC	Daithí Doolan (Chair)			
Housing SPC	Tina MacVeigh			
Housing SPC	Gary Gannon			
Housing SPC	Janice Boylan	16	8	24
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Andrew Montague (Chair)			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Éilis Ryan			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Áine Clancy			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Daithí De Róiste			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Cathleen Carney Boud			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Kieran Binchy			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Dermot Lacey			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Críona Ní Dhálaigh			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Janice Boylan			
Planning, International Relations & Property Dev SPC	Patrick Costello		10	5
Transportation SPC	Ciaran Cuffe (Chair)			
Transportation SPC	Paul Hand			
Transportation SPC	Teresa Keegan			
Transportation SPC	Frank Kennedy			
Transportation SPC	Paddy Smyth			
Transportation SPC	Paddy McCartan			
Transportation SPC	Larry O'Toole			
Transportation SPC	Ray McHugh			
Transportation SPC	Jane Horgan-Jones			
Transportation SPC	Kieran Binchy			
Transportation SPC	Ciaran O'Moore			
Transportation SPC	Mannix Flynn	12	6	18

Sectoral Membership of the SPCs

Sectoral organisations were selected by the Councillor Membership of the SPCs and were appointed to the SPCs at a meeting on the 22nd September 2014.

The following is a complete list :-

APPROVED SECTORAL ORGSANISATIONS	
Strategic Policy Committee	Name of Selected Applicant Body
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Public Participation Network
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Irish Sports Council
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Royal Irish Academy of Music
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Children's Books Ireland
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	The Little Museum of Dublin
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	Dublin Theatre Festival
Arts, Culture & Recreation SPC	NCBI
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	The Temple Bar Company
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Assoc. of Consulting Engineers in Ireland (ACEI)
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Inner City Enterprise (ICE)
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Small Firms Association
Economic Development & Enterprise SPC	Dublinia Ltd.
Environment SPC	Public Participation Network
Environment SPC	Public Participation Network
Environment SPC	An Taisce – the National Trust for Ireland
Environment SPC	Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI)
Environment SPC	Docklands Business Forum
Finance SPC	Public Participation Network
Finance SPC	IBEC
Finance SPC	Dublin Chamber of Commerce
Finance SPC	Dublin City Business Association
Finance SPC	ICTU
Finance SPC	Dublin City University (Dr Caroline McMullan)
Housing SPC	Alone Organisation
Housing SPC	Peter McVerry Trust
Housing SPC	Disability Federation of Ireland (DFI)
Housing SPC	Threshold Limited
Housing SPC	The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
Housing SPC	Dublin Simon Community
Housing SPC	Irish Council for Social Housing (ICSH)
Housing SPC	Ballyfermot Travellers Action Project
Planning & Development SPC	Kim Mulligan, Chambers Ireland
Planning & Development SPC	Public Participation Network
Planning & Development SPC	Irish Planning Institute
Planning & Development SPC	An Taisce – the National Trust for Ireland
Planning & Development SPC	John McGrane from the British/Irish Chamber
APPROVED SECTORAL ORGSANISATIONS (contd)	

Strategic Policy Committee	Name of Selected Applicant Body
Transportation SPC	NCBI
Transportation SPC	Public Participation Network
Transportation SPC	Dublin City Business Association
Transportation SPC	Irish Road Haulage Association
Transportation SPC	Dublin Cycling Campaign
Transportation SPC	Dublin BIDs Co

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH OF THE SEVEN SPCs

The following areas of responsibility were approved for each SPC by the City Council at its Meeting on the 23rd June 2014 :-

(1) ARTS, CULTURE, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SPC

- Area partnerships To LCDC
- Archives
- Arts
- Casual Trading To Economic Development & Enterprise SPC
- Community Development To LCDC
- Control of Horses & Dogs
- Culture
- Events & Festivals
- Galleries
- Higher Education Grants
- Libraries
- Museums
- Music
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Natural Environment
- School Meals
- Social Inclusion/Integration To LCDC
- Sports and Recreation Centres
- Sports Development
- Youth Development & Policies To LCDC

(2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SPC

- Casual Trading from Arts SPC
- Economic Development
- Enterprise Support
- Tourism From Planning SPC
- Markets (additional Item)

(3) ENVIRONMENT SPC

- Air/ Water (Raw) Quality
- Environmental Protection
- Environmental Sustainability
- Waste Management
- Surface water Drainage
- Flood Protection
- Litter Management

(4) HOUSING SPC

- Architecture

- Housing Issues – General, Supply, Refugees, Travellers, Welfare, Disability, Homeless and Standards

(5) FINANCE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES SPC

- Finance
- Motor Tax
- Rates
- Procurement
- Risk Management
- Audit Committee (minutes only)
- Corporate Governance
- Annual Financial Statement
- Budget – Capital & Revenue
- ~~Emergency Planning~~ To Special Committee for Emergency Services
- ~~Dublin Fire Brigade~~ To To Special Committee for Emergency Services
- Local Property Tax

(6) PLANNING, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SPC

- Property Management
- Strategic Projects
- Forward Planning
- Planning Services
- Development Management
- International Relations
- Regional Planning Guidelines
- Urban Renewal
- Heritage
- Conservation
- Archaeology
- Building Control
- ~~Tourism~~ To Economic Development & Enterprise SPC

(7) TRANSPORTATION SPC

- Cycling
- Environmental Traffic Planning
- Parking Control and Enforcement
- Pedestrian Facilities
- Public Transport
- Roads & Road Safety
- School Wardens
- Taxi Ranks
- Traffic Control and Management
- Public Lighting
- Fleet Management
- Commercial / Goods Movement

National Contact Points of Key Stakeholders

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	Chambers Ireland 22-24 Lower Mount Street Dublin 2	kim.mulligan@chambers.ie
Trade Unions	Fergus Whelan	01-8897777
	Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU) Head Office 31-32 Parnell Square Dublin 1	9helan.whelan@ictu.ie
Environment	Michael Ewing	071-9667373
Now included in PPN	Environment Pillar – Coordinator Knockvicar Boyle Co Roscommon	michael@environmentalpillar.ie
Dublin City Public Participation Network (PPN)	Ms Bernie Doherty, Dublin City PPN Block 3, Floor 1 Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8	01-2222855 or 01-2225081 ppn@dublincity.ie