

**Strategic Policy Committee  
Planning and International Relations  
Minutes of Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 Council Chamber, City Hall**

**Attendance**

Cllr. Andrew Montague (chair)  
Cllr. Kieran Binchy  
Cllr. Janice Boylan  
Cllr. Cathleen Carney Boud  
Cllr. Áine Clancy  
Cllr. Daithí De Róiste  
Cllr. Dermot Lacey  
An tArdmhéara Criona Ní Dhálaigh  
Cllr. Éilis Ryan

Mr. Patrick King  
Mr. John McGrane  
Ms. Valerin O'Shea  
Mr. Alex Sproule  
Ms. Oznur Yucel-Finn

Cllr. Mannix Flynn  
Cormac Rabbitt, CEO Metro Dublin  
Brendan Bartley, Metro Dublin  
Kevin O'Brien, Metro Dublin  
Sean Ward, Metro Dublin  
Leslie Moore, City Parks Superintendent, Culture Recreation Amenity and Community Department  
Sherry Perreault, Regulator, Lobbying.ie

**Officials**

Mr. Jim Keogan, Assistant Chief Executive  
Mr. John O' Hara, A/City Planner  
Mr. Peter Finnegan, Executive Manager, Economy & International Relations  
Ms. Maire Igoe, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. Michael Sands, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. Niamh Lambert, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Joy Watts, Staff Officer

**1. Minutes of Meeting of 8th September 2015**

**Order: Agreed**

**2. Matters Arising**

None

**3. Transportation Proposals for Dublin City**

Cormac Rabbitt, CEO Metro Dublin, presented their alternative Metro proposal, which is currently at pre-planning application stage with An Bord Pleanála. It was noted that the proposal although submitted for consideration to An Bord Pleanála had not got the support of the National Transportation Authority. Following the presentation a question and answer session followed

and the Committee agreed that the proposer of the scheme meet with the City Council Roads Department to seek their support for the proposal.

**Order: Motion agreed that the City Council explores the potential for cooperation between Metro Dublin and Dublin City Council to secure the potential benefits of Metro Dublin for the city, and that the Council Engineers would meet with Metro Dublin to further this.**

**4. Lobbying Act**

Sherry Perreault, Commissioner for Lobbying gave a presentation outlining the areas covered by the new Lobbying Act and Regulations with particular reference to the responsibility of lobbyist in the areas of planning and development matters. Following the presentation a lengthy question and answers session followed.

**Order: Noted.**

**5. UK Planning Exemptions**

John McGrane said that the report gave a useful insight into the new exemptions, and asked what learning there is for the city. It was agreed to defer this item to the next Agenda for discussion.

Also to be included on the next Agenda is an Update and Guidelines for the implementation of the Vacant Land Levy.

**6. Public Realm**

Les Moore (LM), City Parks Superintendent, Culture, Recreation, Amenity and Community Department, briefed the meeting on the City Centre Public Realm Masterplan, the draft of which is due to be completed in the next couple of weeks. The Masterplan's focus is on design and implementation. The members commented on various issues for consideration in the draft Masterplan. The Chair thanked LM and said we look forward to his return with updates at a future date.

**7. International Relations**

Mr. Peter Finnegan, Executive Manager, reported that the visit to Mexico went well. Trade missions in both directions next year. The Ireland US Sister City Summit, it's 90% certain that Vice-President, Joe Biden, will head up the US delegation to Dublin in 2016. Next week there are 20 Irish mayors accompanying An tArdmhéara Críona Ní Dhálaigh to the UK for *Ireland in London Week*. Currently there is opportunity for Dubliners to give their perspective of the city on "Your Dublin Your Voice.ie".

**8. Proposed dates for 2016 meetings**

The list of dates circulated with the Agenda were agreed.

**Order: Agreed**

**9. A.O.B:**

**Alex Sproule**

The Chair advised that this was Alex Sproule's last meeting as the PPN will be electing new members to the SPCs in the coming weeks. He thanked him for his work with the committee over the past year.

**Motion in the name of Valerin O'Shea:**

*That the City Council assess the potential of promoting Dublin as a 'City of Romance' to coincide with St. Valentine's Day given the presence of the remains of St. Valentine in White Friar Street Church.*

**Order: This SPC supports the Motion and suggests that a scoping study be carried out by International Relations, and referred on to the Arts and Culture SPC for their input.**

**Next meeting:** Scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 @ 3.30 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.