

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairpersons Report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 5.00pm

Councillors Present

Baker, Marie (Chair)	Hanafin, Mary
Ahmed, Kazi	Moylan, Justin
Donnelly, Deirdre	O'Connor, Oisín
Dunne, Daniel	Grainger, Anna
Fanning, Martha	McLoughlin, Sean
Fleming, Michael	

SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Dr Josephine Browne, , Sheila Grace, Andrew Clinch

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community and Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, DLR County Librarian; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Michelle Carroll, Senior Community Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Age Friendly & Social Inclusion Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Jayne Parsons, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Shane McArdle, Co-Ordinator, Sports Partnership; Barbara Henry, Assistant Staff Officer (Acting), Community & Cultural Development; Rachel Sherratt, Clerical Officer, Community & Cultural Development.

Apologies

Brian Kavanagh; Cllr Peter O' Brien

Absent

Olivia Shaw Dunne; Pierrot Ngadi

1.Welcome & Roll Call

Cllr. Marie Baker (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and the roll call was carried out.

Cllr. Marie Baker advised all participants that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of minutes and the recording would be deleted, thereafter. She invited anyone with objections to this to inform her. No participant objected and recording of the meeting began.

2.Confirmation of Minutes from SPC Meeting

Draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Tuesday 15th June 2021 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Justin Moylan and seconded by Dr. Josephine Browne.

3.Matters Arising from the Minutes: None.

4.Information items submitted by members for written reply: No business.

5. Director's Business

(a) Community Development Update – Festival of Inclusion

Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development gave an update on the Festival of Inclusion 2021. He noted that the Festival had been scaled back this year due to Covid, but it was intended to have a mixture of "in-person" events, online events and pre-recorded videos available to view. The Festival was to run from 14-18 October 2021 and the theme was 'going forward together'.

The Community Department had engaged with a number of community groups throughout the County in order to organise the schedule of events. The details of the events are due to go live on the dlr Events page (events.dlrcoco.ie) within the next couple of days.

Following questions from Committee members, the Committee commended the Festival on the programme of events that had been organised.

(b) Draft of dlr Library Development Plan 2021-2025

Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian gave an update report on the development of the draft Library Development Plan 2021-25. The extensive consultation process was noted as well as the actions which were being drafted. It was also noted that Covid-19 had meant that the Library Service had re-examined the manner in which services were delivered, and these learnings were helping to inform the new Plan. It was NOTED that a further report will be presented at the SPC in March 2022.

(c) Update on Draft of dlr Age Friendly Strategy, 2021-2026

Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development gave a presentation on the preparation of the draft Age Friendly Strategy 2021-26. The extensive consultation process, the vision for Age Friendly, and the key issues to address in the Strategy were all noted.

Additional background to the plan was furnished by Siobhán Nic Gaoithin, Age Friendly Programme Manager, and Therese Langan, Director, in relation to the importance of volunteering in the County, the age demographic within dlr, and the plan being a collaborative piece with all of the major service providers engaged in the Age Friendly programme for older people in DLR. It was NOTED that a further report will be presented at the SPC in March 2022.

(d) Active Cities

Shane McArdle, Sports Partnership Co-Ordinator, gave a presentation on the work of the Sports Partnership and the Active Cities project. He also spoke about the Women in Sport initiative.

Following questions from Committee members, the Committee acknowledged the very important work undertaken by the dlr Sports Partnership.

6. Business Referred from the Council (if any) - None.

7. Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any) - None.

8. Items for SPC Future Works Programme

Committee members were invited to submit further suggestions on the Future Works Programme. These could be sent either to the Chair or to Therese Langan.

9. Any Other Business:

10. Date of Next Meeting:

Cllr Marie Baker expressed the hope that the next meeting could be held in person.

Therese Langan proposed that the next meeting would take the form of a bus tour of the County, highlighting the work undertaken through this Committee and visiting heritage, library and community facilities within the County.

Cllr Baker advised that the members would be advised of the date for the tour as soon as possible.