

Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire Ráth An Dúin
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Meeting of Community Development, Culture & Ageing Strategic Policy Committee

Annex, County Hall

28th March 2017 at 5pm

Present

Councillor Peter O' Brien, Chairperson
Councillor Dave O' Keeffe
Councillor Deirdre Donnelly
Councillor John Kennedy
Councillor Mary Hanafin
Councillor Mary Fayne
Councillor Lynsey McGovern
Councillor Grace Tallon
Ms. Geraldine Graydon

Councillor Peter O' Brien presided as Chairperson.

Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the following:

Councillor Patricia Stewart
Councillor Karen Furlong
Councillor Sorcha Nic Cormaic
Mr. Tom Conlon
Ms. Ann Cannon
Ms. Michele Relihan

Officials Present

Dearbhla Lawson, Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development
Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer
Therese Langan, Senior Executive Officer
Mairead Owens, County Librarian
Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer
Dave Lawless, Administrative Officer
Helen Griffin, Administrative Officer

1. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 29th November 2016 were agreed and adopted, having been proposed by Cllr. Hanafin and seconded by Cllr. O' Keeffe.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

3. Information items submitted by members for written reply

Written reply to item which had been submitted by Cllr. Donnelly was noted. This was proposed by Cllr. Donnelly and seconded by Cllr. O' Keeffe.

4. Director's Business

a. Presentation on Customer Service Centre and Council Chamber

Therese Langan, Senior Executive Officer, gave a presentation on the plans for the development of a Customer Service Centre and new Council Chamber. The presentation covered the short-comings of the current Council Chamber in terms of accessibility and how the improved customer service experience aimed to address these and provide a dedicated Customer Service Centre. Ms. Langan advised that the proposal was currently out for public consultation in line with the Part 8 process, and that submissions were being invited. Following this, the matter will come before Council for decision.

Ms. Langan and Ms. Lawson responded to comments and questions during the discussion which followed.

b. Report on Arts Programme 2017

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, presented a report on the Council's Arts Programme 2017. The Chairperson complemented the team on a successful Mountain to Sea festival that was held at the end of March.

c. Music Generation

Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, outlined the Council's plans to submit an application to Music Generation for funding to support the development of a Music Education Partnership in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. There was strong interest in the proposal and Ms Lawson confirmed would the details would be developed in line with the Arts Plan which had been approved in 2016. During the discussion which followed, K. Redmond and D. Lawson responded to questions from the SPC Members.

d. Cultural and Creative Plan

Mairead Owens, County Librarian, presented a report, including a short video, on the Creative Ireland initiative and the DLR Cultural and Creative Plan. Dearbhla Lawson, Mairead Owens and Mary Ruane responded to questions and comments during the discussion which followed. It was confirmed that a Stakeholder Event would be held on 26th April to help inform the development of a Cultural and Creative Plan.

e. URBACT

Dave Lawless presented a report on the URBACT Change project, an EU initiative with which this Council is involved.

5. Topics for Future Work Programme

D. Lawson reminded members of the agreed work programme for 2017 and asked if there were any other matters that needed consideration. Reference was made to Autism Awareness following the previous presentation and Ms Lawson said that an update would be provided to a future meeting on follow up from this.

6. Business referred from Council

It was **noted** that there was no business.

7. Business referred from Corporate Policy Group

It was **noted** that there was no business.

8. Any other business

It was **noted** that there was no other business.

9. Next meeting

10. Next SPC Meeting will be held on 21st June 2017

11. Venue to be confirmed.