

## **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Chairpersons Report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 5.00pm**

#### **Councillors Present**

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

#### **SECTORIAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Dr Josephine Browne, Olivia Dunne, Sheila Grace, Lyn Hagin Meade

#### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, DLR County Librarian; Michelle Carroll, Senior Community Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, DLR County Council; Siobhán Nic Gaoithín, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Barbara Henry, Assistant Staff Officer (Acting), Community & Cultural Development; Rachel Sherratt, Clerical Officer, Community & Cultural Development.

#### **1. Welcome & Roll Call**

Cllr. Marie Baker (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and the roll call was carried out. Cllr. 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 16th March 2021 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Justin Moylan and seconded by Cllr Mary Hanafin.

**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 - Network of Community Facilities & dlr Children & Young Persons Plan**

Michelle Carroll, Senior Community Officer gave an overview of the Network of Community Facilities - a structure which supports Managers, Boards of Management and Voluntary Committees who operate the 30+ dlr community facilities across the county. The Network is supported by the Community Development team and acts as a platform for shared knowledge and training on matters such as policy development, finance, fundraising,

managing Covid 19 restrictions etc. and also provides mentoring and networking opportunities.

Michelle Carroll also updated the meeting on HUB na nÓg - a centre of excellence on giving children and young people a voice in decision making and operates as part of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. A number of commitments are included in the dlr Children & Young Persons Plan relating to effective engagement with children and young people and HUB na nÓg is currently providing consultation and engagement training to over 30 dlr staff from various departments. DLRCC is the first Local Authority to work with HUB na nÓg and this model will be rolled out across other local authorities in 2022.

**(b) Final draft of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Heritage Plan, 2021-2025-SPC**

**Approval**

Deirdre Black, dlr Heritage Officer gave a presentation on the final draft of the dlr County Heritage Plan proposed for 2021-2025 and the next steps involved in the process. The draft plan, which was circulated to all the SPC members prior to the meeting, includes commitments relating to the natural and cultural heritage of the county until 2025 and has been developed with widespread consultation and engagement with various community and heritage groups since February 2021. Annual costed implementation plans and annual reports will support the strategy as well as ongoing monitoring and evaluation. Following discussions, the draft County Heritage Plan 2021-2025 was proposed by Cllr Justin Moylan and was seconded by Cllr Oisín O'Connor and Deirdre Black was congratulated and thanked for all her hard work on drafting the dlr County Heritage Plan.

**(c) dlr Library Development Plan Update, 2021-2026**

Catherine Gallagher, County Librarian gave an update presentation on the progress to date in the drafting of the dlr Library Development Plan 2021-2026. The consultation process involved a widespread communications campaign, internal and external workshops, meetings, interviews, SPC, PPN & Comhairle na nÓg engagement as well as an online public survey. Almost 800 submissions were received from the public survey and the overall feedback with relation to the services provided by Libraries was very positive. The consultation issues are currently being analysed and key priorities identified for inclusion in the plan. A draft of the Library Development Plan 2021-2026 will be circulated to the SPC members for review at the end of the summer and for approval in the autumn.

**(d) Update on Age Friendly Strategy, 2021-2026**

Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development Department informed the meeting that a consultant had been appointed to complete the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2021-2026. The Consultant will engage with all relevant stakeholders over the coming months and more details would be given at the SPC autumn meeting.

**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**

Cllr Baker gave an update on the current Future Works Programme and that work on all the items was underway and invited members to send on new items for inclusion on the programme.

**9. Any Other Business:**

Cllr. Baker informed the meeting that Lyn Hagin Meade, PPN Environmental representative will be leaving the SPC and thanked her for her contribution to the SPC and wished her well with future endeavours.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 15th September 2021 or Wednesday 6th October at 5pm – final date TBC.