

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairperson's Report of the Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber and via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 5.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Fleming, Michael (Chair)	Grainger, Anna
Ahmed, Kazi	Hanafin, Mary
Baker, Marie	Kivlehan, Tom
Carrie Smyth	McLoughlin, Seán
Donnelly, Deirdre	Moylan, Justin
Dunne, Daniel	O'Brien, Peter
Fanning, Martha	

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Olivia Shaw Dunne, Dr Josephine Browne, Sheila Grace, Pierrot Ngadi

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, dlr County Librarian; Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer, Arts Office; Ruairi O'Dulaing, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks; Helena McGorman, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks; Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, Parks; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Sandra Kelly, A/ Senior Community Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Lorraine O'Hara, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Parks; Marc Campbell, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Parks; Shahrz Mirmirani, Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Karl Mason, Clerical Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Tina Falkiner, Clerical Officer Community & Cultural Development;

Apologies

None

1. Welcome & Roll Call

Cllr Fleming welcomed everyone to the meeting and the roll call was carried out.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of the SPC meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022 were agreed. The minutes were then adopted, having been proposed by Cllr Kazi Ahmed and seconded by Cllr Justin Moylan.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Information items submitted by members for written reply

No business.

5. Director's Business

(a) Review of Heritage Plan Implementation 2021/2022 - Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer

Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, gave an update on the 2021 -2025 Heritage Plan and outlined its seven areas of focus and progress in relation to those areas.

Ms Black then responded to members questions in relation to the dolmen in Cherrywood, a biodiversity history of the County, the Community Monument Fund and maintenance of St. Nahi's graveyard in Dundrum.

(b) Making Change through Positive Action – Mme Roos Demol, International Community Dynamics

Mme Roos Demol, Chief Executive Officer of International Community Dynamics, gave a presentation on Making Change through Positive Action.

Mme Demol then responded to members queries in relation to how new arrivals are advised of ICD's activities and employment supports.

(c) Overview of Arts Plan 2016- 2022 - Kenneth Redmond, Arts Officer

Kenneth Redmond gave an update on the Arts Plan 2016 – 2022. The Chair thanked Mr. Redmond for the presentation and opened the floor to questions and further discussion.

Mr Redmond then responded to members' queries in relation to communities that are difficult to reach that do not use the traditional channels of communications and in relation to exhibition space.

(d) Tree Strategy - Lorraine O'Hara, Executive Parks Superintendent

Lorraine O'Hara shared a presentation on the Council's Tree Strategy 2023-2033. The Chair thanked Ms. O'Hara for the presentation and opened the floor to questions and discussion.

Ms. O'Hara then responded to members' queries in relation to tree planting locations, a dedicated position for a tree officer, protected trees, tree planting in new developments and roads with no trees and their suitability for planting.

(e) Play Policy Development Update - Marc Campbell, Executive Parks Superintendent,

Marc Campbell gave a presentation on the Play Policy.

Mr. Campbell then responded to members' queries in relation to universal design, accessibility of playgrounds and maintenance and replacement of old playgrounds and the extensive consultative process.

Ms Langan advised that the trajectory of the policy was that the policy document would be brought to a special meeting of the SPC in April 2023, Dundrum and Dun Laoghaire Municipal Service Area Committees in May 2023 and to the County Council meeting in June 2023.

6. Business Referred from the Council (if any)

None.

7. Business Referred from the Corporate Policy Group (if any)

None.

8. Item for SPC Future Work Programme

None.

9. Any other Business

None

10. Date of Special Meeting

To be determined

11. Date of Next Meeting

To be determined.

Meeting Concluded at 7.45pm.