

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CULTURE & AGEING
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE
16TH DECEMBER, 2015

Report by Chairperson Councillor C. Smyth

The Chairperson_Councillor Carrie Smyth presided. In attendance were Councillor Mary Fayne, Councillor Mary Hanafin, Councillor Catherine Martin, Councillor Karl Gill Councillor Sorcha Nic Cormaic, Councillor Patricia Stewart, Councillor Lynsey McGovern, Ms.Geraldine Graydon and Mr.Tom Conlon

Apologies for non-attendance were received from: Ms. Michelle Relihan, Councillor Josepha Madigan & Councillor Deirdre Donnelly, and others absent included: Councillor Clare Abdel-Basit , Ms.Fiona Cummins, Councillor Neale Richmond, Councillor Grace Tallon, Ms. Victoria White

Officials present: Ms. D Lawson, Director of Services, Economic, Community and Cultural Development Department, Mr. T. Carey, Heritage Officer, Ms. M. Owens, County Librarian, Mr. P. Coffey, Social Inclusion Officer & Age Friendly Co-ordinator, Ms.D Baber, Senior Community Officer, Ms. C Hackett O'Reilly, Staff Officer

Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2015 were adopted.

Matters arising

A query was raised regarding progress on Draft Guidelines on community facility usage and when these would be reported. Officials explained that progress was being made since the last SPC meeting with a survey and workshop undertaken, and the results were being compiled and a report would be taken to the next SPC.

Business submitted by Director of Services

a. Presentation on the Library Development Plan

Ms. Owens explained the process involved in developing the Library Development Plan, which had included public and staff consultation. Members welcomed the update on the Library Development Plan, and following a wide ranging discussion, the Chairperson thanked Ms Owens for her informative presentation

b. Age Friendly Strategy, 2016 – 2020

Mr Coffey presented an outline of the Draft Age Friendly Strategy which had been shared with Members. He confirmed that the Strategy development was led by the DLR's Age Friendly Alliance, to identify what improvements could be made in the County to help ensure that DLR is a great place to live in which to grow old. Following a discussion, the Chairperson thanked Mr.Coffey for his comprehensive presentation.

c. Update on DLR Local Economic & Community Plan

Ms.Lawson informed the meeting that the Local Economic & Community Plan 2015-2021 had now been adopted at the Council Meeting on 14th December 2015

The plan itself will be published in early 2016 & made available to the public. Following a short discussion during which the Director responded to Members' questions, the Chairperson thanked Ms Lawson for her comprehensive report.

d. Presentation on 1916 Centenary Commemorations for 2016.

Mr Tim Carey informed the meeting that DLR had published a booklet of their own 1916 Centenary Commemorations, a copy of which had been circulated to members. He said the programme will continue to grow and develop over the coming months. Following a discussion during which Mr. Carey responded to Members' queries, the chairperson thanked Mr. Carey for his interesting report.

e. Work Programme

Ms Lawson informed the meeting that the Corporate Policy Group sets the SPC's work programme and that it as well as the Council can recommend issues to be considered by the Strategic Policy Committees. She confirmed that the remit of this SPC includes; Arts, Community Development, Design ,Heritage, Libraries & Positive Ageing. In 2016, the SPC is expected to consider policy matters in relation to Community, the Library and Arts. Following some questions and answers, the chairperson thanked Ms. Lawson for her update.

Business submitted by Council

It was noted that there was no business.

Business referred from Corporate Policy Group

It was noted that there was no business.

Any other business

It was noted that there was no business.

Conclusion of Meeting:

The Chair advised that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th March 2016. The meeting concluded at 7.00 pm.